Board of Trustees Board Meeting – June 17, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on June 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Amanda Dinsdale, Dawn Blain, Ken Adams, Kraig Krook, Jenny Ingraham and Karin Williams. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent; Mandi Hernandez, MS/HS Principal; Joey Richert, K1-5 Principal; and Felicia Smith, Business Manager/Clerk. Visitors in attendance were: Tammie Grewell.

Amanda Dinsdale called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Dinsdale welcomed guests and asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

III. Reports

a. Elementary Principal – Mr. Begger updated the Board on: elementary teacher hiring update; kindergarten enrollment numbers.

b. MS/HS Principal – Mrs. Hernandez updated the Board on: 2025-26 master schedule update; finalization of report cards and senior transcripts.

c. Testing Data – Mr. Begger reviewed the latest middle school testing data with the Board.

IV. Consent Agenda: Claims Warrants ACH 99601-99600 & 52357-52424; Payroll Warrants ACH 83573-83488 & 64860-65076; Activity ACH, transfers, checks 17712-17738; Minutes: 05/13/2025 special board meeting; 05/20/2025 regular board meeting; 05/20/2025 special board meeting; Routine Records Management; Substitute teacher list (no new subs); New/Disposed Library Book List. Ken Adams made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

V. Action Items

A. New Business

1. Goal Setting/Objective/Strategic Plan

The Board reviewed the Strategic Plan and the steps taken during the 2024-25 school year that aligned with the mission of the Plan.

Dawn Blain made a motion to establish a committee for the strategic plan to provide guidance. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

2. Personnel

Superintendent Begger recommended the Board approve the June 17, 2025 Personnel Action Report.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the June 17, 2025 Personnel Action Report. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Trustee Voting Key: (E) Elementary Vote; (H) High School Vote; (B) Both Districts Vote

3. Transfer Authority – In order to ensure the most efficient use of school district resources, transfers of expenditures and surplus balances between funds are usually necessary. Allowable transfers are defined in state law and require local trustee approval.

Ken Adams made a motion to authorize the administration to transfer fiscal year 2024-25 surplus balances and expenditures between funds as it deems necessary to ensure the efficient use of school district resources. Jenny Ingraham seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

4. Non-Resident Enrollment – The information regarding out of district students who have applied for enrollment in Joliet Public School was provided in the Board packet. Superintendent Begger is recommending that all students be admitted.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the out of district enrollment of all students listed. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

5. 2025-2026 Classified Personnel and Coaches Handbook Approval – The Policy Committee has met and reviewed the Classified and Coaches Handbooks and made appropriate changes. Redline versions of the handbooks were provided in the Board packet.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the draft 2025-26 Classified Personnel and Coaches Handbooks. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. Ken Adams and Dawn Blain expressed appreciation to the Policy Committee for their work on the handbooks. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

6. 2025-2026 MTSBA Invoice Review & Approval – The MTSBA invoices were included in the packet for the Board to review for membership and policy services.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the invoices for continued membership, policy services, HR services and legal services with MTSBA. Jenny Ingraham seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

VI. Discussion/Informational Items – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: The Board discussed the appointment of citizens/staff to review the district CAN data (2 board members, 3 community members, classified staff, 2 student board members, and admin); FY2024 Audit Findings; 2025-2026 handbook work; 6-12 master class schedule; facilities logs/master plan; 05/04/2025 transportation committee minutes; 05/13/2025 policy committee minutes; 05/20/2025 policy committee minutes; 05/30/2025 activities committee minutes; hiring/staffing update; enrollment update; and superintendent's schedule.

VII. Correspondence –None.

VIII. Suggested Topics for Next Regular Agenda:
Superintendent Quarterly Performance Review

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August Open House

IX. Next Board Meeting Date

Regular Board Meeting –July 15, 2025 in the library
Special Board Meeting—Budget Adoption and August Business – August 12, 2025 in the library
Note: because of the special Board meeting, there will no regular August Board Meeting

X. Adjournment

Ms. Dinsdale adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Approved 07/15/2025 Clerk _____

Board Chair _____

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