

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – December 10, 2018

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on December 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Justin Oswald, Sharon Songstad, Dawn Blain, Doug Whitehead, and Kathy Grewell. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger, K-8 Principal and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were Sam Anttila, Chloe Evertz, Gavin Evertz, Russ Evertz, Karin Williams, Brandon Williams, Lee Stevenson, Nate Anderson, Jake Grove, Chrissy Frank, Sidney Frank, Cooper Frank, Crystal Wright, Kyler Lind, Russ Salo, Dale Limberhand, Rachelle Bennett, Paige Smith, Shalyn Lind and Logan Atkins.

Justin Oswald called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Oswald welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment. Kathy Grewell presented information on a VFW award presented to Patty Bergum-Nafts.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried. Kathy Grewell made a motion to accept the bills. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment.

IV. Reports

- a. Student Council Report: Logan Atkins reported on the student council activities which included Flakesgiving, being Santa helpers for the elementary concert, and the sing along. The winter formal has been cancelled due to lack of interest in attending. The council will look for other ways to increase student participation. There is a ski day set for March 25, 2019.
- b. Athletic Director Report – Sam Anttila stated Middle School Girls' Basketball started December 8th and Middle School Boys' Basketball will begin after Christmas. The Speech and Drama mock meet went well. There are 14 athletes in Girls' Basketball with the 8th grade being moved up by petition. Boys' Basketball has 20 participants, there will be some C games.
- c. Expedition Yellowstone – Participants in the Expedition Yellowstone field trip gave a presentation to the Board which included comments from Kyler Lind, Khloe Evertz, Sidney Frank and Brandon Williams. Mrs. Crystal Wright also gave a slide show presentation highlighting the outdoor experiences and educational activities.
- d. Wrestling – Nate Anderson and Jake Grove discussed the current programs in Carbon and Stillwater Counties in which Joliet could participate. They discussed the financial and time investments that would be associated with any potential partnership.
- e. Classroom Centers – Rachelle Bennet and Paige Smith reported to the Board on how they utilize Centers in their classroom, highlighting the benefits of this type of learning environment.
- f. Building Report – Russ Salo and Dale Limberhand briefed the Board on a recent discovery of deficiencies in the current electrical system that will need to be upgraded in the elementary/kitchen/middle school in order to provide necessary power to that section of the building. The initial estimate of those repairs is approximately \$57,000.

- V. Correspondence – Supt. Evertz reviewed the correspondence provided to the Board.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Softball/Wrestling Co-op – Supt. Evertz presented a proposal from Billings Central to engage in a co-op to help with their falling softball numbers. In an effort to offer equal opportunity for boys, Central has extended the same offer for wrestling. Co-ops are usually a three year commitment. There would be no financial contribution required for the first year. If our numbers grow substantially in years to come, Billings Central may ask for some small financial contribution. Softball season is from March through May and wrestling season is November through March.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of the co-op and how it would impact students, families, other sports programs, and the budget.

Doug Whitehead made a motion to approve the cooperative between Joliet Schools and Billings Central for softball and wrestling. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. Votes were canvassed, and the motion carried.

- b. Joint District – There are plans for legal counsel and administrators to meet in February to discuss the particulars of the joint district and the viability of a possible dissolution of the joint district.

VII. New Business

- a. Scoreboards – The new scoreboards have been installed and are operational. The Board can elect to sell or donate the old scoreboards which are now stored in the bus barn. Since the scoreboards are not fully functional, it is the recommendation of Supt. Evertz that the scoreboards be donated.

Dawn Blain made a motion to donate the old scoreboards. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Snow Removal – The Board discussed the issues involving snow removal and overall management of snow accumulations.
- c. Legislative Session 2019 – Supt. Evertz discussed MTPEC's agenda for the upcoming legislative session with the Board.

VIII. Personnel

Paige Smith – Superintendent Evertz recommended the Board hire Paige Smith as an elementary teacher for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Paige Smith as an elementary teacher for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Josiah Gibson – Superintendent Evertz recommended the Board hire Josiah Gibson as a part-time custodian.

Doug Whitehead made a motion to hire Josiah Gibson as a part-time custodian. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Dylan Smith – Superintendent Evertz recommended the Board hire Dylan Smith as the Middle School Boys’ Basketball assistant coach for the 2018-19 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Dylan Smith as the Middle School Boys’ Basketball assistant coach for the 2018-19 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

George Warburton – Superintendent Evertz recommended the Board hire George Warburton as the Middle School Head Track Coach for the 2018-19 school year.

Doug Whitehead made a motion to hire George Warburton as the Middle School Head Track Coach for the 2018-19 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IX. Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports

Superintendent – Ms. Evertz advised the Board on: elementary classroom Chromebooks, honor band results, blood drive success, November athletic banquet, John Deere Ag Expo, mammography coach participation, a fund set up for dyslexia testing with private donor funds, MBI youth days, an anti-bullying campaign, the annual holiday sing-along, electrical issues, standing of LED marquee in partnership with Coke, committee work, a concessions request regarding hours and number of workers, and the school backpack program.

Principal – Mr. Begger presented the Board with updates on each of the grades K-8, along with information regarding the Gifted & Talented and Title programs. Mr. Begger also discussed the school backpack program.

Business Manager – Ms. Smith provided the Board with reports of all claims paid, payroll disbursements, and a financial statement.

X. Items for Next Agenda

Superintendent Evaluation
Additional Middle School Boys’ Basketball Coach

XI. Next Board Meeting Date

The next regular Board meeting will be held January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

XII. Adjournment

Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 01/14/2019

Clerk 

Chairman 