

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – April 12, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Sharon Songstad, Doug Whitehead, Dawn Blain, and Kathy Grewell. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger, Elementary/MS Principal, and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Mandi Hernandez, Cody Dworshak, Stacie Nardinger, Shalyn Lind, Russ Salo, Dale Limberhand, Katie Brasher, Peyton Whitehead, Mary Bousamra, Tom Bousamra, Chloe Evertz, and Mike Creeden.

Melvin Stene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Stene welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment. Mike Creeden offered public comment regarding online board meetings.

Dawn Blain made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mike Creeden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. Reports

- a. Student Council – Cody Dworshak reported that the Student Council organized a high school fun day for April 16th. Applications for next year’s Student Council will be sent to all juniors this month.
- b. Athletic Director – Mandi Hernandez reported that there were 22 teams at the Park City track meet last Saturday. Middle school had 27 participants at their first meet last week. There will be 6th grade track meets in Harlowton this year. The 2021-22 sports schedules are complete for fall and winter sports. Joliet will be hosting the 2021-22 district volleyball tournaments. Softball is going well. All ADs are hoping that 2021-22 is a normal year for sports.
- c. Building Report – A building report was provided in the Board packet for review. It was noted that bids are coming in for HVAC and plumbing projects for the summer break.

V. Correspondence – Correspondence was provided to the Board.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Student Council Policy Proposal – The Joliet Student Body Representatives want a change to handbook policy and are lobbying for approval to drive off campus for lunch. Cody Dworshak provided comments to the Board regarding particulars of the changes they are seeking. Several questions were asked of Mr. Dworshak, which he fielded. The Board will have a policy committee meeting to review drafts of the proposed policy.
- b. Bus Disposal Update – The district received verbal interest from one gentleman for the bus. Once the bid is officially submitted, the administration will work to transfer the property upon receipt of the funds.
- c. Tractor Purchase – Mr. Limberhand presented the bids that have been received for a new tractor. After discussion of the options available and the needs of the facilities crew, the Board asked for revised bids to accommodate changes to options to be purchased with the tractor. Mike Creeden offered public comment.
- d. Model Red Lodge CTE Multidistrict Agreement -- Red Lodge, Bridger and Joliet have been working collaboratively since February of 2020, and have discussed the possibility of creating

an interlocal agreement for the purpose of student growth and development. The possibility of extended Career and Vocational/Technical Education with Red Lodge may be possible due to the flexibility Joliet will get with our transformational learning grant. Included in the packet is a model multidistrict agreement that we could enter into with Red Lodge when their Career Tech Center is officially open. The model agreement comes out of the MTSBA Flexibility and Efficiency Policy Series. The cost per student estimates in the packet are based on the “state per pupil rate” for fiscal year 2022. The proposal includes the breakdown of what a semester long class could potentially cost the district. Mike Creeden offered public comment.

- e. Todd Scholarship Update – The subcommittee met April 6, 2021 at 10 am to decide on the recipient of the Todd Scholarship. The scholarship will be announced right before graduation.

VII. New Business

- a. Review Certified Ballot – Resolutions were made on January 11, 2021 calling for elections for Elementary Trustees and a High School Trustee to be held May 4, 2021. All deadlines have passed for submission of required forms for individuals to run for trustee and the Election Administrator certified the ballot on April 2, 2021. A certified ballot was provided to the Board for its review.

- b. Softball/Wrestling Cooperative Renewal – The Billings Catholic Central and Joliet High School entered an MHSA sanctioned cooperative for wrestling and softball in 2019. We are up for renewal, so both boards need to submit paperwork this spring to maintain the partnership.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to renew the Billings Catholic Central and Joliet High School wrestling and softball cooperative for another three years. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Peyton Whitehead and Katie Brasher offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. YWCCSSC Interlocal Agreement – There is a revised and updated agreement with the co-op that requires Board approval. Upon request, Karen Underwood highlighted the changes which were provided in the Board packet.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with the Yellowstone-West Carbon County Special Services Cooperative. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- d. Montana Job Corps MOU – This is an interlocal agreement between Trustees of Joliet School District and Montana Anaconda Job Corps relative to SB 394, codified as an integral part of 20-9-7, MCA. The program serves 16-18 year old students, and has occasionally served Joliet as a wonderful, alternative placement for students.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with Montana Job Corps by signing the MOU. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- e. Summer School – Joliet Elementary usually offers summer school to K-8 students who require extra academic time. The summer session is tentatively planned for June 7 through June 25th. The classes will be from 9 am to noon, Monday through Friday. Teachers are given 4 hours per day plus and extra 8 hours to prepare for the session. The total contract would be for 68 hours, creating a stipend of \$1,700 per teacher. ESSER II & III funds are to be spent, in part, on

learning loss and recovery. The District would utilize these funds to pay for the summer school program. The District will need to employ teachers as needed, keeping in mind that each summer class is capped at 10 students.

Dawn Blain made a motion to open at least two summer school positions for 2021. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- f. Dyslexia Screening & Training Update – Mr. Begger informed the Board that a local family has stepped forward and offered to pay for training for a district employee to identify students who may have dyslexia. The funds will be deposited with the District, and the vendor providing the training, will then invoice the District directly for their services.
- g. ESSER II & III Fund Usage – The ESSER II & III funds have yet to arrive in our account, but have been estimated at \$299,938 for Elementary and \$132,097 for High School. The Board was provided a copy of permissible uses and a summary of the differences between ESSER I, II & III.
- h. Interior and Exterior Facility Projects – The Board was provided an updated list of projects based on the prioritization of the last facility walkthrough. Due to emergency operations and meetings conducted through live digital streaming, the lists are based off of last year's facility and grounds tour. This list will act as a guide moving forward.
- i. Driver's Education – We have a large number of students this year, currently 34, who have signed up for this program. To get all students the required driving time, the District may need to extend the driver's education instructor's contract. Changes do occur in the number of students as we get closer to the start date of the program, and some students may withdraw. Mike Creeden offered public comment.
- j. Graduation Ceremony Attendance – This year's graduating class has 22 students who will walk across the stage. The Board discussed whether to open graduation up to the public or to offer tickets to each graduate.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to control the 2021 Commencement Ceremony by granting tickets to each graduate, with the number of tickets to be determined by the administration. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- k. MOU with Joliet Little League – The district enters into an MOU each year with the Joliet Little League. There are no fundamental changes from previous years.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the MOU with the Joliet Little League. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

VIII. Personnel

- a. Resignations
Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board accept the resignation of John Nelson effective immediately.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to accept the resignation of John Nelson. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

b. Hiring

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Nicole Juhnke as summer help for the 2021 summer season.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Nicole Juhnke as summer help for the 2021 summer season. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Riley Simons as summer help for the 2021 summer season.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to hire Riley Simons as summer help for the 2021 summer season. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Morgan Bray as summer help for the 2021 summer season.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Morgan Bray as summer help for the 2021 summer season. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Kendall Denham as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Kendall Denham as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Emily Fanus as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to hire Emily Fanus as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of John Counter as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire John Counter as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Kristen Goodwin as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to hire Kristen Goodwin as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Jenny Ingraham as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Jenny Ingraham as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Shay Lind as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. This will be a tenure year for Mrs. Lind.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Shay Lind as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Anna Killebrew as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to hire Anna Killebrew as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Jodi Milton as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Jodi Milton as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Sydney Nelson as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Sydney Nelson as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. Melvin Stene, Dawn Blain, Kathy Grewell and Doug White head voted yea; Sharon Songstad voted nay. The motion carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Kaleb Price as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Kaleb Price as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Molly Shoenleben as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Molly Shoenleben as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Judy Smith as a .72 FTE teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Judy Smith as a .72 FTE teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Eleah Wend as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Eleah Wend as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Crystal Wright as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. This will be a tenure year for Mrs. Wright.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Crystal Wright as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of the following tenure teachers (in alphabetical order by last name): Patty Bergum-Nafts, Cynde Cole, Gloria Hardy, Mandi Hernandez, Rachel Herrington, Lucy Jensen, Mary Koon, Kevin Kriskovich, Chad Massar, Karen McKay, Stacie Nardinger, Alane O'Dore, Marcie Peters, Carol Sherman, Hallie Spoklie-Luoma, Kayleen Torbert, Brice Turk, Colette Webber and George Warburton for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the list of tenure teachers for the 2021-22 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Mandi Hernandez and John Counter as the athletic directors for the 2021-22 school year.

Doug Whitehead made a motion to hire Mandi Hernandez and John Counter as the athletic directors for the 2021-22 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Collette Webber as the head high school volleyball coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to hire Collette Webber as the head high school volleyball coach for the 2021-22 school year. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of George Warburton as the head high school football coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Doug Whitehead made a motion to hire George Warburton as the head high school football coach for the 2021-22 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Caleb Gee as an assistant high school football coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Caleb Gee as an assistant high school football coach for the 2021-22 school year. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Kendall Denham as the head high school girls' basketball coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Kendall Denham as the head high school girls' basketball coach for the 2021-22 school year. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Shay Lind as the assistant high school girls' basketball coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Shay Lind as the assistant high school girls' basketball coach for the 2021-22 school year. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of George Warburton as the 5/6 Grade boys' basketball coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire George Warburton as the 5/6 grade boys' basketball coach for the 2021-22 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Josh Cook as the head middle school football coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Josh Cook as the head middle school football coach for the 2021-22 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Crystal Wright as the head middle school girls' basketball coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Crystal Wright as the head middle school girls' basketball coach for the 2021-22 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Kevin Kriskovich as the 5/6 grade volleyball coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to hire Kevin Kriskovich as the 5/6 grade volleyball coach for the 2021-22 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Karen McKay as the director for concert band, high school play, honor band, swing choir and pep band for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Karen McKay as the director for concert band, high school play, honor band, swing choir and pep band for the 2021-22 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Bob Reed as the speech and drama coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Bob Reed as the speech and drama coach for the 2021-22 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Mandi Hernandez as the student council advisor for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Mandi Hernandez as the student council advisor for the 2021-22 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Patty Bergum-Nafts as the yearbook advisor for the 2021-22 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Patty Bergum-Nafts as the yearbook advisor for the 2021-22 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Chad Massar as the FFA advisor for the 2021-22 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Chad Massar as the FFA advisor for the 2021-22 school year. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Cynde Cole as the BPA advisor for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Cynde Cole as the BPA advisor for the 2021-22 school year. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Patty Bergum-Nafts as the concessions manager for the 2021-22 school year.

Doug Whitehead made a motion to hire Patty Bergum-Nafts as the concessions manager for the 2021-22 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Clark Begger as the elementary and middle school principal for the 2021-22 school year. This is a tenure year for Mr. Begger.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Clark Begger as the elementary and middle school principal for the 2021-22 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Felicia Smith as the district clerk and business manager for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Felicia Smith as the district clerk and business manager for the 2021-22 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz had an evaluation with the Board. Chairman Stene recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Allison Evertz as the superintendent and high school principal for the 2021-22 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Allison Evertz as the superintendent and high school principal for the 2021-22 school year. Sharon Songstad 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: envirothon; prom (April 24, 2021); senior class video; art awards from Carbon County Arts Guild; high school fun day; baby gifts; ag construction; Lion's Club awards; and high school instruction.

Principal – Mr. Begger provided the Board with an update on: K-8 instruction; art awards; kindergarten roundup; technology platform usage; and standards based grading.

Business Manager – Ms. Smith provided the Board with reports of all claims paid, payroll disbursements, and a financial statement. An update was also provided on the upcoming election.

X. Executive Session - Melvin Stene determined that the discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy that clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure and closed the public meeting and went into Executive Session. Mr. Begger was excused from the meeting.

Executive Session began at 9:24 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 9:43 p.m.

XI. Items for Next Agenda

Summer School

Campus lunch policy
Rock Creek Associates Contract
Graduation Plans
Election
2021-22 Contracts

XII. Next Board Meeting Date

The next regular Board meeting will be held May 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

XIII. Adjournment

Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 05/10/2021

Chairman *Alicia Lettina*

Clerk *[Signature]*