

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – December 9, 2013

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a Regular meeting on December 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board members present were Justin Oswald, Dawn Blain, Corie Mydland, and Clinton Kramer. Melvin Stene, Sharon Songstad and Brad Stephenson were absent. Also present were Jeff Bermes, Superintendent, Jeanne Carroll, District Clerk/Business Manager, and Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal.

Justin Oswald, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Corie Mydland made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with bills, warrants, and minutes. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. Corie Mydland made a motion to approve the void warrant list for Activities. Clinton Kramer seconded the list. It was unanimously carried.

Justin Oswald explained and asked for public comment. There was none.

Reports

Item #1 Buildings and Grounds Update

Mr. Bermes said the doors for the pole barn addition are still not here. They should be here this week. The heat is on, but is not being used yet. The freezing rain we had was an issue. He is looking at adjustments with the cameras. There is also one installed on a bus. Mr. Bermes can watch the cameras off-site. He asked for permission to give the IP address to law officials in case of an incident. The Board granted him permission. He has someone coming in to give an estimate on keeping up the newer parking lot and to look at the elementary parking lot's trouble spots. The elementary boiler had issues with a check valve and it will be rebuilt.

Item #3 Safety Committee

The safety meeting was cancelled as Mr. Bermes and Mrs. Vukonich will be gone.

Mr. Bermes said next month, Expedition Yellowstone will be reporting.

Correspondence

Item #1 Thank You's

There was a thank you to the Board from Expedition Yellowstone and one from Teal Hatten for the FFA Nationals Trip.

Unfinished Business

Item #1 Bus Route Changes

Mr. Bermes is asking to change two of our bus routes. The first route is Route 2, Amber Hogg's route. With the reopening of Montaqu Bridge, we will no longer need to back track down Granite. The new route will be a loop down Granite, Montaqu and back up the highway to the school. The second route is Dee Dee's route. I would like to reverse the drop off order in the afternoon to get our special needs student off the bus earlier to reduce time on the bus. The morning route would remain the same for Dee Dee. This would start the 16th of December if the Board approves it. The parents of the Cole Creek route will be notified of the changes. There also has been problems with the new handicapped bus with the block heater. Clinton Kramer made a motion to approve the proposed route changes. Dawn Blain seconded them. It was unanimously carried.

Item #2 Extracurricular Hirings/Resignations

Mr. Bermes said there are two openings, one for middle school boys basketball and also the head track coach. He recommended Jessica Arlian as the assistant middle school boys basketball coach. Dawn Blain made a motion to approve hiring Jessica Arlian as the assistant middle school boys basketball coach. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Also, Mr. Bermes said George Warburton has verbally resigned as the head football coach. Clinton Kramer made a motion to accept that resignation. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

New Business

Item # 1 Evaluations

Evaluation forms for both the District Clerk and Superintendent were handed out to the Board. They need to have them back for the January meeting.

Item #2 Cell Phones

Mr. Bermes said one issue is personal cell phones are being used for business. He said if the school owns the cell phones, the cost can be paid through e-rate. Some employees are expressing concerns. Mr. Bermes recommends about four of them. It was discussed. Cellular One, Verizon and AT&T are the main three run through e-rate. Justin Oswald asked about cost. Clinton Kramer advised there should be rules. He also mentioned that his employer gives the employees deemed necessary \$100 every two years toward whatever phone the employee purchases. If the employee wants something fancier, they pay the difference. Mr. Bermes will get back to the Board at the next meeting

Item #3 School Day Missed

If the Board's decision is to declare the school day missed because of weather and no heat, an emergency day, then it doesn't have to be made up. Mr. Bermes recommended that this is what they do and pay the hourly staff as a regular day of pay. He said if instead, they decide to make up the day, it would be March 10th. Corie Mydland made a motion to declare the day of school missed, an emergency and pay hourly and other staff as usual. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Mr. Bermes said that if there is another snow day, however, it will have to be made up.

Superintendent's/Principal's/AD's/Business Manager's Reports

Mr. Bermes said that with our health insurance, Blue Cross/Blue Shield cannot adjust premiums in January since we are under contract. It is illegal. They probably will when our renewal comes around. He handed out new basketball schedules. He talked about them. Twenty girls are out for basketball, so they probably will have a C squad team. There are 17 out for boys, so there will not be a C squad. There will be two teams each, JV and Varsity. Senior night is Valentines' Day February 14th. Mr. Bermes talked about MHSA issues briefly. The girls did get travel gear same as the boys.

Mrs. Vukonich handed out her principal's report with a listing of calendar events, which she briefly reviewed. She also talked about grades for high school students.

Mrs. Carroll handed out the American Health Values healthcare discount cards to the Board members. She told them how they work and that they are free to anyone to use, do not have to be associated with our school.

Items for the Next Agenda – January 13 , 2013 at 7 PM—Regular Meeting

- Item #1 Activity Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Item #2 December Count Day
- Item #3 Cell Phones
- Item #4 Expedition Yellowstone
- Item #5 Evaluations

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on January 13, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved _____

Clerk _____

Chairman _____