

## **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting –November 12, 2012**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a Regular meeting on November 12, 2012, at 7:09 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Corie Mydland, Dawn Blain, Sharon Songstad, Clinton Kramer and Brad Stephenson. Also present were Jeff Bermes, Superintendent, Jeanne Carroll, District Clerk/Business Manager, and Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal.

Melvin Stene, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Melvin Stene explained and asked for public comment. There was none.

### Reports

#### Item #1 FFA National Trip Report

The entire group that attended nationals was present to speak to the Board: Lisa Stevenson, Kyle Hoferer, Cody Atwood, Megan Sweeney, Tonya Seymour, Taylor Mydland, Emily Jones, Alex Cole, Teal Hatten, John Crawford, Jess Ruggles, Dani Dewell, Shaylee Hildebrand, Brittany Wetstein and Jada Thompson. Dani Dewell was in the National FFA Band with 90 members from 36 states. Shaylee Hildebrand was competing in the speaking competition with 16 kids out of 50. She advanced to the semi-finals and stopped there. The students thanked the Board for their very generous gift helping them to go to Nationals. They brought gifts back to the Board. Mr. Massar also talked about the Case-New Holland factory. He said \$464 per student driving, minus food, was cheaper than plane tickets. There were 56,410 members registered at the conference. The Board asked questions. Feed America was the theme. The Board thanked the FFA team for coming to report back to them.

#### Item #2 Building Update

Mr. Bermes reported that the insurance company has determined that they will cover the costs of the replacement of the air conditioners in the new wing. There are three bids to review. We will need to make a choice on which bid to accept. The delay in getting this done has been that the Independent Adjuster has misplaced all the paperwork so we had to start over. He said we are on track now.

#### Item #3 Policy Committee

Mr. Bermes would like to get a member from the policy committee together to meet with Joe Brott to go over some of the policies we need to work on. He said a time to complete this task needs to be scheduled. He will get in touch with Joe and find out what works for him. He will be available in early December.

#### Item #4 Fall Concessions Report

Linda Mickle was present to give a report on the fall season. She said after expenses, only \$1500 was made. Mr. Bermes mentioned that quite a few larger items were purchased to make the Concession stand easier for Linda to cook in, which affected her bottom line. The Board asked questions and visited with Linda.

#### Item #5 Lunch Report

Mr. Bermes talked about the new regulations and how some of the area schools are dealing with them. Some are charging a minor amount for seconds when students ask for them, etc. The Board wants our students to be fed well and not go away hungry. It was discussed and suggestions were made.

## Unfinished Business

### Item #1           New Gym Advertising

Mr. Bermes said there was a lot of confusion as far as what we can do for advertising in the new gym. . He wants to make sure he is on the same page before we start moving forward. According to a past motion of the Board, we cannot advertise on the walls of the new gym so will we will be okay with the score bench without changing the original motion? There is a lot of confusion regarding this situation, so he would recommend that we formulate a new motion that states what we would like to do either way – no advertising in the new gym or limited advertising on movable fixtures in the gym such as the scorer’s bench. He has attached the layout for the scorer’s bench design for advertising for the Boards’ review to determine if that is something we want to continue. He would recommend that we at put our logo on the front of the scorer’s bench with the Home of the J-Hawks. Prices to be charged were discussed and where would the money go. Mr. Bermes said he and Mrs. Vukonich and Mrs. Carroll would get together and figure it out and bring it back to the Board. Dawn Blain made a motion to advertise on the portable scorer’s bench and Cabotvision. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

### Item #2           Board Retreat

The Board Retreat will be December 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m. with a catered dinner in the multipurpose room and then an hour and half boardsmanship/responsibilities of a board member from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Jeff Weldon will be here to give the workshop in the library. We will have to post the retreat as we will have a quorum that evening but will be doing no official business. This retreat will be for all board members, administration and the district clerk.

### Item #3           Strategic Plan

In September I gave every board member a copy of a strategic plan I had put together for the future of the district with goals and objectives for the future. I have not received any feedback, so I am asking the board if this is something they want to me to continue with or not. I am enclosing the plan again in the packet just in case you do not have one. I feel that this plan is one of the documents we need to have in place so we can move forward as a unified team for the education of our students.

## New Business

### Item #1           Student Credit Issues

Mr. Bermes said every effort has been made with this high school student who should have been here to visit about the reasons they have been absent 19 days and counting already this school year. We have notified this student of the board meeting and their guardian. It will be up to the board to determine if this student should be allowed to continue with credit or not. Mr. Bermes recommended removing the credit. As the student did not appear at the meeting, the issue is tabled.

### Item #2           Transportation—Changing Bus Routes

Due to changes in student needs, ridership, and full buses, Mr. Bermes needs to recommend some changes to our routes. These changes will affect 4 of our routes. He is recommending that we alter Route 4(Preshinger) to the following: Change Route to Bus 6 (Handicap bus), the route will now leave Joliet proceed up Cole Creek, return and then proceed North towards Rockvale to pick up Bus 5’s students along 212 to Bridle Estates where we pull in and make the loop and proceed back towards Joliet along 212 picking up students along the way to Freeman Lane to make the loop then up to Mydland’s to turn around and proceed back to school. I would run the route in reverse after school. Up Cole Creek and then down 212 to Mydland’s and Freeman Lane to Bridle estates and back along 212 to

Joliet. Route 2 (Hogg) would switch to bus 4 or 2, leave Joliet and pick up students along 212 toward Boyd and proceed along normal route back to Carbonado and pick up students along Carbonado and Granite and Montaqu. (Dee Dee's previous route) and back through Joliet to School. Fischer's and Smith's Route would not be shortened by much but would have students removed to other buses giving them more room. Upon approval I would send out an official letter notifying parents of route changes and times. He said Bus #6 is an electrical nightmare. Bluebird says they have a 2008 All American Special Ed bus with the 2 doors, 72 passengers, with 52 student seating for \$37,500. He said if we could purchase this then it allows for an 84 passenger pusher for the highway route and then use it for traveling as well. The Board gave their okay to proceed.

#### Item #3 Surveillance Equipment

We have asked for bids to equip a portion of the school with video cameras. We have only had one company get back to us with bids after contact two others. Mr. Bermes has enclosed the bids for the Board to review. The three bids are related to the type and size of the equipment. The higher dollars allow us to add on equipment and services. Mr. Bermes would recommend that we strongly consider the surveillance equipment. He said, if we do choose to purchase the system, he feels that we would not need the new locks on the locker rooms as the cameras will video those in and out of the area. For \$14,900, we can photo ID and installs 4 exterior heated cameras that are DVR recorded and can be watched from any computer. There would be two cameras in the building. This is the only company that has responded.

#### Item #4 Approve Hirings/Resignations

Brad Stephenson made a motion to hire Megan Bleile as Head Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, Marcie Peters as Assistant Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, Will Stovall as Head Middle School Boys Basketball Coach, and George Warburton as Assistant Middle School Boys Basketball Coach. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

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

Mr. Bermes reported that there are 20 girls out for Middle School Basketball. Scheduling is half of A school teams part of rotation for the Division. Parental meetings are tomorrow night. He will be attending a workshop on Special Education Rules and Guidelines on November 13<sup>th</sup>. He also will be driving the 5<sup>th</sup> graders on the Yellowstone Expedition the 16<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. He asked the Board if he could have a half-day off instead of getting paid. They gave their approval. The Middle Schoolers first game is against Red Lodge. Also, the Fall Sports Banquet will be November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Joliet Community Center. He also reviewed how parent/teacher conferences went and discussed some discipline issues we are having on the buses and in the school.

Mrs. Vukonich handed out her calendar of events. There were 40 students out of 71 in the middle school on the honor roll and 83 out of 130 in the high school.

Corie Mydland made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

#### Items for the Next Agenda – December 10, 2012 at 7 PM—Regular Meeting

Item #1 Special Meeting December 4, 2012—Board Retreat at 6:00 p.m.

Item #2 School Bus Surveillance

Item #3 Activities Committee at 6 p.m.

The next meeting is December 10, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_