

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – September 8, 2014

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a Regular meeting on September 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board members present were Dawn Blain, Corie Mydland, Melvin Stene, Clinton Kramer, and Justin Oswald. Brad Stephenson and Sharon Songstad were absent. Also present were Jeff Bermes, Superintendent, Jeanne Carroll, District Clerk/Business Manager, and Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal.

Melvin Stene, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the amended Consent Agenda with the Special Ed Coop Agreement added under New Business, Basketball Uniforms added under #2, and Sharon Songstad City Meeting under Reports, with minutes and bills. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Songstad is attending the city council on schools behalf to if the district to listen to the sewer rate increase information.

Public comment was explained to public. There was none.

Reports

Item #1 Building and Grounds

Mr. Bermes said on the bills, the air conditioners top units had to be checked and recharged to be on new the controls systems. Lights are up on the football field. Russ and Dale stayed up late to get them done. He said they look good. Mr. Bermes said a few water lines were hit on the field with new owners of the property up there putting up a fence.

Item #2 Uniforms

Jeromey Burke said he got the okay to look for new uniforms at the last board meeting. A sample of brands was passed out to board members.

Jeromey asked about dark grey for uniforms for away games. Mr. Bermes said it is up to the Board whether they will be going gray at all or staying with the traditional colors

The Board asked questions. They also asked for samples and perhaps with more green and white. Mr. Bermes said we must have the order in place by October 1st, or they will not get here in time. He asked for a range of price. Mr. Bermes will let him know. The Board thanked them.

Item #3 Request for VoAg Purchase

Mr. Massar said he will be attending a National FFA trip meeting with other district advisors soon. The FFA members present said they will be going with Absarokee and some other schools. They reviewed their itinerary. They are going to take some tours in Greeley, and a grain elevator in Selene. It's one of the largest in the US. They will also stop at Three

Chimneys in Louisville and visit Louisville Sluggers factory and Churchill Downs. They talked about the general sessions. There will be 28-35 kids on the bus, with estimated costs at \$600 /kid. Mr. Massar reviewed what made up those costs. Tyrell Hoferer will fly down for the agronomy competition from Bozeman. State FFA will help with the agronomy team. The chapter will be fundraising. There will be 4 competing and 7 others with applications to attend. American FFA degrees Morgan McQuillan and Taylor Mydland may be flying down. The Board paid \$3300(\$300 each)last year. Past practice has been to help other kids with their plane tickets and costs. Justin Oswald said he would like to see the other funding first. The Board asked them to come back for the next meeting. (Sharon Songstad present at 7:20 p.m.)

Mr. Massar is asking for an automated plasma cutting system that is becoming the norm around the nation. They are using CAD programs to create drawings. The last 2 years, they have used the program from Absarokee High School and then went over and used theirs to cut the figurines. Absarokee has the Plasmacam and Harlowton has Torchmate. Mr. Massar likes Torchmate more because of the water table under the cutting surface. There's no smoke. The total cost is \$15,183.77. The initial cost is \$11,136.95. He reviewed all the components and the costs. He said it would fit in his shop. He said this is his year to have all of the Perkins \$3800, \$1500 in Advancing Ag Ed and the VoAg portion of the state money is \$3300 (and he would use about 2500) . He can come up with \$7800 from grants, so he would be asking for \$7400 approximately from the school. He can't remember the last large purchase the shop made. Corie Mydland asked about the warranty. He said there is a one year warranty on electronics and software. Lifetime on the rest. He has not used the Billings store. The Board asked questions. He has an old plasma cutter that could possibly be used for \$700 for additional live and then working back and forth between the two. Clinton Kramer said they have trade-in deals at Norco. He would prefer a dedicated one. Justin Oswald made a motion to make it happen. Mr. Bermes said that was his recommendation. Clinton Kramer said there is also opportunity to make money for fundraising through FFA. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Mr. Bermes said this is a great opportunity to use technology, etc.

Reports

Item #3 Town Council Meeting

Sharon Songstad said this meeting was to be the second reading of raising the rates amending their previous resolution. Sharon said the town council doesn't seem to want to fix the problem.

Unfinished Business

Item #1 Lawsuit Update

Mr. Bermes said he and Mrs. Vukonich met on Friday with the attorney to discuss time frames and accusations. His claims say he was forced to counsel, but there is no licensed counselor here at the school, so no one would have said that. So, the attorneys are looking to dismiss. The lawyers don't think the insurance company will settle, as there is no negligence..

New Business

Item #1 Bus Route Option-Edgar

Mr. Bermes said asked the Fromberg Board about adding a bus stop at the post office in Edgar. Fromberg would want the ANB they are losing. They want to keep their tax base if people are wanting to petition in to the Joliet District. Mr. Bermes recommends dropping the idea for a bus stop there. He said he feels for the people who would have liked it. He said Fromberg is not willing to help and we can't afford it. School of attendance is still parent's choice and they bring in about \$185,000 to us.

Item #2 Proposal for Control System

Mr. Bermes said Russ and he have been talking about the need to get the last two areas on the control system. This would be the Middle School wing and locker rooms. His recommendation is to get it done for \$7800. Sharon Songstad made a motion to complete the last two areas on the control system for \$7800. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #4 Approval of 2014-15 Chain of Command Flow Chart

Mr. Bermes said this is a update of the chain-of-command flow chart, with a couple of changes: the coop needs to be removed as we have no jurisdiction over that and also, this does not change immediate supervisors for anyone. This is If something happens to Mr. Bermes, or he is gone, Mrs. Vukonich would be next in command if there is an incident or if something catastrophic happens. If both of them are gone, then they appoint someone to be in charge. Corie Mydland made a motion to approve the new flow chart. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #5 Hirings/Resignations

Mr. Bermes said they interviewed possible aides today. He recommended hiring Venita Eckley as aide for 3rd grade and special ed one-on-one at \$9.25/hour at 7.5 hrs/day. Justin Oswald made a motion to hire Venita Eckley as stated above. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Mr. Bermes said there has been an issue with the Middle School coaching. Jimi Brastrup stepped up and is helping as assistant coach. He said we don't have the numbers, but we can't have one person in two places so she is necessary. This would be through the year. Clinton Kramer made a motion to hire Jimi Brastrup as assistant middle school volleyball coach. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried

Item #6 Proposed Extra-curricular Bus Driving Rate Increase

Mr. Bermes said he planned to increase the driving rates across-Board at \$10/hour for extra-curricular driving, active from this day forward. He said it is not fair to Russ, Dale after putting in a 45 hour week or himself to expect them to drive.

These routes are volunteer only. Dawn Blain made a motion to approve increasing the extra-curricular driving rate to \$10 an hour straight across. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #7 Approval of Sp Ed Coop Ccommitment for 2014-15

This is so we will continue to be part of Yellowstone West Carbon County Coop. Mr. Bermes recommends approving this agreement.

Dawn Blain made a motion to continue to belong to the Special Ed Cooperative. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Superintendent's/Principal's/Athletic Director's/District Clerk/Business Manager's Reports

Mr. Bermes said he offered a big apology on 117 high school enrollment he reported. It wasn't all updated yet. The high school enrollment is actually 122. There are 52 middle school students and 183 K-6. He showed last year's numbers, and they are down in the high school from 128. The trend, when he calculates it, is to drop 11-12 students each year. He said we are in the number area to petition at 122 to stay in B. Or we can petition if the Board feels we need to go back to C. Mr. Bermes said we could coop with Columbus or Red Lodge for football to remain in B. He said there is a huge dropoff in sports numbers if we go back to C. Fromberg is co-oping with Belfry.

Football was discussed in Class C. Travel would be huge for football for 8 man teams. Basketball and VB would be in this area.

Coke put in \$1800 from their contract and then \$1000 from all-class reunion was put in activities to send kids in activities. There will be Agate Differentiation grant training from 9-3 on Monday and Tuesday. It will be the schedule for Fridays. We will be out at 2:30 on Tuesday. Mr. Bermes will be gone the 14th, 15th and 16th for his Superintendent conference.

Mrs. Vukonich handed out her principal's report. The Homecoming schedule was reviewed. She said 9/11 was named Patriot's Day and there will be an assembly and small program K-12 on that day at 8:30 am..

Mrs. Carroll reported that we brought in \$12,000 in cash for the lunch fund the first week of school, plus another \$920 on RevTrak for the month of August. RevTrak is becoming more and more popular with the parents.

Also, she received the "rewards" money from Masbo of \$711.35 which she deposited into the Flex funds.

She also included the amended Trustees and Budgets in the packet for Board reference.

Items for the Next Agenda – October 13, 2014 at 7 PM—Regular Meeting

Item #1 FFA

Item #2 Petitioning the MHSA Discussion
Item #3 Basketball Uniforms

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on October 13, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Library. Corie Mydland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved 10/13/14

Clerk *James P. Carroll*

Chairman *Alvin L. Stone*