

## **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – August 18, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on August 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Justin Oswald, Melvin Stene, Doug Whitehead, Kathy Grewell and Karin Williams. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger, Elementary/MS Principal, and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Mandi Hernandez, Toni Bergstrom, Ben Lombardozzi, Melissa Lombardozzi, Stacie Nardinger, Gina Schaible, Shane Warehime, Stacie Warehime, Brandy Feller, Riley Killion, Scott Blain, Jesse Branger, Mariah O'Dell, Sara Bailey, Ryan Bailey, Cynde Cole, Jason Stene, and Terra Rockhold-Stene.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Blain welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment. Melissa Lombardozzi offered public comment on the COVID 1900 policy series.

Melvin Stene made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **IV. Reports**

- a. Athletic Director – Ms. Hernandez indicated that the number of athletes for fall high school sports are as follows: Football-24, Cross Country-10, Volleyball-30, Cheer-16. There are enough participants in the volleyball program that a third coach will be needed. Middle school football will begin practices this Friday; all other middle school sports will start practices next week. District volleyball has been voted on by the A/B districts and is now at MHS. On October 20, 2021 there will be middle school and high school football games even though this is over the MEA break. That evening will also be senior night. Fromberg has asked for a one-year co-op with Joliet for football since they do not have enough participants to field a team. The Board set a meeting for Friday to discuss the co-op. Once approved by the Board, it will go to MHS for approval.
- b. Building Report – A building report was provided in the Board packet for review.

### **V. Correspondence – Correspondence was provided to the Board.**

### **VI. Unfinished Business**

- a. District Open House – The Board finalized plans for the open house scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5pm to 7pm.
- b. Superintendent Budget Authority – This Board reviewed the dollar limits for the superintendent.

### **VII. New Business**

- a. American Rescue Plan (ARP) Update – The ARP (ESSER III) grant the District received is being utilized to upgrade many aspects of the facilities to provide a healthy learning environment. The ventilation system in the shop where welding takes place, needs to be upgraded. The Ag Ed teacher will coordinate the upgrades.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the ventilation upgrades in the welding shop. Melvin Stene seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Committee Devised School Action Plan – A committee composed of 2 administrators, 1 data specialist, 1 board member, 1 teacher and 1 parent went over the stakeholder surveys and devised an action plan based on those results. The first meeting was held on July 9<sup>th</sup> and the second on July 30<sup>th</sup>. The committee driven action plan will be presented to the entire staff during staff orientation, and then will be presented to the School Improvement Committee for further discussion and minor amendments.
- c. Annual Review of Goals and Objectives – To date the Board has not been able to review its annual goals and objectives due to the chaotic nature of the state of emergency this District is operating under. The Board will review its goal and objectives during the November 29, 2021 Annual Board Retreat/Training meeting.
- d. Offsite Provision of Educational Services – The District will continue to offer remote learning instruction for students during the 2021-22 school year. The vendors being utilized will continue to be Apex for middle school and high school, and Greenways for K-5 students.
- e. Budget Adoption – Supt. Evertz presented the Board with information relative to the budget for the 2021-22 school year.

Melvin Stene made a motion to approve the 2021-22 budget. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Sara Bailey offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- f. Out-of-District Appeal – The Board heard comments from Toni Bergstrom on her request to admit her student for the 2021-22 school year. This student was previously denied out-of-district enrollment at the June 14, 2021 Board meeting.

Justin Oswald made a motion to deny the appeal of the out-of-district enrollment denial. 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 Tiffany Shine effective immediately.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to accept the resignation of Tiffany Shine effective immediately. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Annie Olson as a paraprofessional for the 2021-22 school year effective immediately.

Karin Williams made a motion to accept the resignation of Annie Olson as a paraprofessional for the 2021-22 school year effective immediately. Melvin Stene seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

### b. Hiring

**Board member Sharon Songstad joined the meeting via phone for the following hiring item of business.**

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Allie Blain as the assistant middle school volleyball coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Allie Blaine as the assistant middle school volleyball coach for the 2021-22 school year. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. Vote: In favor: Justin Oswald, Melvin Stene, Sharon Songstad, Doug Whitehead, Kathy Grewell and Karin Williams; Abstaining: Dawn Blain.

**Board member Sharon Songstad left the meeting.**

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Terra Rockhold-Stene as the assistant cross country coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Karin Williams made a motion to hire Terra Rockhold-Stene as the assistant cross country coach for the 2021-22 school year. Justin Oswald 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 McQuillan as the assistant middle school football coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to hire Josh McQuillan as the assistant middle school football coach for the 2021-22 school year. Karin Williams 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 Paige Smith as the head middle school boys' basketball coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Melvin Stene made a motion to hire Paige Smith as the head middle school boys' basketball coach for the 2021-22 school year. Justin Oswald 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.

Melvin Stene made a motion to hire Kevin Kriskovich as the 5/6 grade volleyball 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 Ben Ray as the second assistant high school football coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Justin Oswald made a motion to hire Ben Ray as the second 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 Annie Olson as a teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Melvin Stene made a motion to hire Annie Olson 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 list of those persons who are interested in substitution in the absence of a regular classroom teacher for the 2021-22 school year.

Melvin Stene made a motion to approve the utilization of those persons interested in substitute teaching and listed on the substitute list presented by the Superintendent contingent upon receipt of a satisfactory criminal background check in the sole discretion of the District for each person identified on the substitute list for the 2021-22 school year. Kathy Grewell 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: Ford Expedition repairs; traffic education; thank you note to Roberts School District; annual county transportation meeting; PPE from DES update.

Principal – Mr. Begger provided the Board with an update on: scheduling; learning loss/ICU; JMG; K-5 education; Expedition Yellowstone; and middle school athletics.

Business Manager – Ms. Smith provided the Board with reports of all claims paid, payroll disbursements, the preliminary Trustee’s Financial Summary, and a financial statement.

**X. Items for Next Agenda**

Exterior Grounds Walk; Interest Based Bargaining; Parent-Teacher Conferences.

**XI. Safe Return to School and Continuity of Services Plan**

The Board reviewed Policy 1905. Public comment was offered by: Melissa Lombardozzi, Shane Warehime, Brandy Feller, Mariah O’Dell, Sara Bailey, Ryan Bailey, Terra Rockhold-Stene, and Scott Blain.

Melvin Stene made a motion to make no changes to Policy 1905, which states face coverings will be optional. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no discussion, Melissa Lombardozzi offered public comment. Vote: In favor: Justin Oswald, Melvin Stene, Dawn Blain, Kathy Grewell and Karin Williams; Opposed: Doug Whitehead.

**XII. Next Board Meeting Date**

The next regular Board meeting will be held September 13, 2021 in the Joliet School Library.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Karin Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 08/13/2021  
Board Chair *Dawn Blain*

Clerk *[Signature]*