Board of Trustees Board Meeting – May 20, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on May 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Amanda Dinsdale, Ken Adams, Kathy Grewell, Kraig Krook, Jason Stene and Karin Williams. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent; Mandi Hernandez, MS/HS Principal; Joey Richert, K1-5 Principal; and Felicia Smith, Business Manager/Clerk. Visitors in attendance were: Tammie Grewell, Julie Patterson, Jennifer Ingraham, Chalee Richert, Emily Fanus, Jeremy Dewell, Reuben Miller, Anna Dewell, Elizabeth Schlemmer and Barry Rowlison.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Blain welcomed guests and asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

III. Reports

a. BPA – Chalee Richert, Elizabeth Schlemmer, Anna Dewell and Rueben Miller provided the Board with a recap presentation of this trip to BPA Nationals competition. The students thanked the Board for their support.

b. Testing Data – Mr. Begger reviewed the latest testing data with the Board.

c. Elementary Principal – Mr. Richert updated the Board on: SOAR assemblies; Ag Day; elementary concert; field day; field trips; 2nd grade publishing party; and testing.

d. MS/HS Principal – Mrs. Hernandez updated the Board on: the middle school and high school concert; Lions Club banquet; FFA banquet; activities banquet; Honor Society banquet; field trips; high school graduation; 8th grade gradutation; 2025-26 schedule; 12 students received their CNA certification; senior projects; 5th grade to middle school introduction luncheon; and track.

e. Athletic Director – Mr. Rowlison updated the Board on: state track qualifiers; district and division track results; middle school track (high school students were excellent in helping with the meet); middle school and high school schedules for the 2025-26 year are completed. Mr. Rowlison expressed appreciation to the Board, administration, and Mr. Counter for their work this year. He indicated that many school have expressed that they like how Joliet splits the AD duties.

IV. Consent Agenda: Claims Warrants ACH 99603-99602 & 52288-52356; Payroll Warrants ACH 83663-83574 & 64837-64859; Activity ACH, transfers, checks 17681-17711; Minutes: 04/15/2025 regular board meeting; Routine Records Management; Substitute teacher list (no new subs); New/Disposed Library Book List. Ken Adams made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

V. Action Items

A. New Business

1. Personnel

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Felicia Smith as the Business Manager for the 2026 fiscal year.

Trustee Voting Key: (E) Elementary Vote; (H) High School Vote; (B) Both Districts Vote

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Felicia Smith as the Business Manager for the 2026 fiscal year. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

The Hiring Committee recommend hiring of Natalie Cook as the 6-12 Guidance Counselor for the 2025-26 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Natalie Cook as the 6-12 Guidance Counselor for the 2025-26 school year. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

The Hiring Committee recommend hiring of Jodi Milton as the Agriculture Education Teacher and FFA Advisor for the 2025-26 school year.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Jodi Milton as the Agriculture Education Teacher and FFA Advisor for the 2025-26 school year. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

(Kelly Carrington joined the Board meeting via phone at 7:02 p.m.).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Kaleb Price as the Head High School/Middle School Cross Country Coach for the 2025 season.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Kaleb Price as the Head High School/Middle School Cross Country Coach for the 2025 season. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Bobbie Bushman as the Head High School Volleyball Coach for the 2025 season.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the hiring of Bobbi Bushman as the Head High School Volleyball Coach for the 2025 season. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of George Warburton as the Head High School Football Coach for the 2025 season.

Kraig Krook made a motion to approve the hiring of George Warburton as the Head High School Football Coach for the 2025 season. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Kendall Denham as the Head High School Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 season.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the hiring of Kendall Denham as the Head High School Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 season. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Ahnna Goodrich as the Head High School Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 season.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Ahnna Goodrich as the Head High School Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 season. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Bob Reed as the Head High School Speech and Drama Coach for the 2025-26 season.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Bob Reed as the Head High School Speech and Drama Coach for the 2025-26 season. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring of Tammie Grewell as the Assistant Middle School Volleyball Coach for the 2025 season.

Ken adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Tammie Grewell as the Assistant Middle School Volleyball Coach for the 2025 season. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried with 6 trustees voting yea: Dawn Blain, Kraig Krook, Ken Adams, Amanda Dinsdale, Jason Stene and Karin Williams; and Kathy Grewell abstaining (E).

(Kelly Carrington let the meeting at 7:09 p.m.)

Superintendent Begger recommended the Board approve the May 20, 2025 Personnel Action Report.

Kraig Krook made a motion to approve the May 20, 2025 Personnel Action Report. Ken Adams seconded the motion. Ken Adams asked about the need for an aide on the YBGR route. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

2. Activities Cooperative Agreement with Fromberg Schools – Information was provided in the Board packet regarding surveys and potential student participation in the cooperative with Fromberg.

Ken Adams asked about Fromberg providing football helmets (Fromberg recently bought white football helmets and will provide them for the co-op). Jason Stene asked if we will stay in 11 man football and about golf participation (we will stay in 11 man

football, Joliet students may participate in the Fromberg golf program under the same parameters of the co-op).

Ken Adams made a motion to approve an activities cooperative agreement with Fromberg Schools with parameters outlined in Option 1 provided in the Board packet, with the specifics of golf to be decided at a later date. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no further Board discussion. Tammie Grewell asked who would hire the coaches (Joliet will hire all coaches except for golf, which will be run by Fromberg, and they will hire that coach). The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

3. Exterior Lighting Bid – The Facilities Committee met on March 25 to reveiew FY25 expenditures from both voted and permissive building reserve funds. The committee discusse FY 26 projects and decided to bring an exterior lighting bid to the full board for consideration.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the Hi-Altitude Electric bid for exterior lighting. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. Dawn Blain asked about the brightness of the lights so we are courteous to our neighbors (that will be discussed with the contractor when the project begins). There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7*-0 (B).

4. Non-Resident Enrollment – The information regarding out of district students who have applied for enrollment in Joliet Public School was provided in the Board packet. Superintendent Begger is recommending that all students except #16, #40 and #49 be admitted.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the out of district enrollment of all students listed except for students #16, #40 and #49. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

5. 2025-2026 Bus Driver Handbook Approval – Driver and administration met to review the handbook and make suggestions for 2025-26. Present at the meeting were Rod Biorn, Bob Reed, Scott Dove, Mr. Begger and Mr. Richert.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the draft 2025-26 Bus Driver Handbook, with the addition of the building principal to the 2nd meeting regarding bus behavior. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

6. Resolution for County Election Office to Administer School Elections for 2026 – Superintendent Begger and Clerk Smith recommend that the Board approve the resolution requesting the County Elections Office to administer upcoming school elections.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the resolution requesting the county to conduct the 2026 school elections. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

7. Policy –

First Reading of Policy 1130 & 1130P1 — Committees – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 8, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 1130 and 1130P. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 2310 — Selection of Library Materials – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 8, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Kraig Krook made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2310. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 2311 — Instructional Materials – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 8, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2311. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 2320 — Field Trips, Excursions, and Outdoor Education – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 8, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2320. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Removal of Policy 2312P1 — Copyright Compliance – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 8, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the removal of Policy 2312P1. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

B. Unfinished Business

1. Policy – In light of discussion held at the policy committee and full board levels, the following policies are grouped into a single motion because they had unanimous support at the first reading.

Second Reading of Policy 1130 & 1130P1 — Committees – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 8, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 2310 — Selection of Library Materials – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 8, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 2311 — Instructional Materials – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 8, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Second Reading of Policy 2320 — Field Trips, Excursions, and Outdoor Education – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 8, 2025 Trustee Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the second readings of 1130, 1130P1, 2310, 2311 and 2320. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

VI. **Discussion/Informational Items** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: 2025-2026 handbook work; Milligan survey; 6-12 master class schedule; facilities logs/master plan; 04/08/2025 policy committee minutes; 04/15/2025 facilities committee minutes; 04/22/2025 transportation committee minutes; 04/25/2025 activities committee minutes; 04/30/2025 hiring committee minutes; hiring/staffing update; enrollment update (Mr. Stene asked if the District would still hire a 5th grade teacher in light of the failure of the general fund levies. Mr. Begger indicated that a 5th grade teacher is necessary, however, we may not hire an additional kindergarten teacher because of the failed levy. Mr. Stene suggested that a teacher could be paid out of Fund 182. Julie Patterson made public comment that she is not in favor of using Fund 182, which is not funded every year, for a permanent expenditure like a teacher. Those types of budgeting decisions lead to cuts in personnel and programs once the money runs out.); and superintendent's schedule.

VII. **Correspondence** – MDOT re: crosswalk at Highway 212.

VIII. **Suggested Topics for Next Regular Agenda:**
Fund Transfer Authority
Goal Setting/Strategic Plan/Annual Goals
Review/Update Organization Chart
2025-26 Out of District Enrollment
Hire Middle School and Assistant Coaches

IX. **Suggested Topics for Special Board Meeting Following Regular Meeting**
Swear-in Trustees
Reorganize the Board
Committee Assignments
Appoint the Clerk

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X. **Canvass Votes of 2024 School Election** – The Board was provided with the results of the 2025 school election provided by the Carbon County Elections Office. Ken Adams, Amanda Dinsdale and Jennifer Ingraham were elected by acclamation as elementary trustees; and neither the elementary general fund levy nor the high school general fund levy passed.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to accept the results of the elementary school trustee election by acclamation. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to accept the results of the elementary general fund levy election. Kraig Krook seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to accept the results of the high school general fund levy election. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (H).

XI. **Next Board Meeting Date**

Regular Board Meeting – June 17, 2025 6:30 p.m. in the library
Regular Board Meeting –July 15, 2025 in the library
Special Board Meeting—Budget Adoption and August Business – August 12, 2025 in the library
Note: because of the special Board meeting, there will no regular August Board Meeting

XIII. **Adjournment**

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Approved 06/17/2025 Clerk _____

Board Chair Amanda Adams

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