

## **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – November 14, 2022**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on November 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Justin Oswald, Ken Adams, Amanda Dinsdale, Kathy Grewell, Jason Stene, Doug Whitehead and Karin Williams. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent; Mandi Hernandez, 6-12 Principal; Theresa Keel, K-5 Principal; and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Samuel Smith, Jenny Harris, Maya Roginske, Kenzie Wilm, Grace Collins, Allyn Carpenter, Allyson Kowalczyk, Cloee Blain, Barry Rowilson, Kaleb Price, Shay Lind, Chad Massar, Hanah Bazaldua, Trey Bazaldua, and Stacie Nardinger.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Blain welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

### **III. Reports**

- a. Student Council – The student council relayed the activities for senior nights for cross country, cheer, football and volleyball. The Council held pep assemblies for volleyball and football, as well as a send off for the state cross country team. Student Council will again be attending Flakesgiving to help prepare meals for those in need. Upcoming activities are: a clothing drive, Thanksgiving dinner, and the 12 days of Christmas for the staff.
- b. FFA – The teams that went to Nationals presented a recap to the Board, highlighting competitions, classes and other activities conducted during the trip. Bozeman Ag days went well with our students who participated.
- c. Faculty – Mrs. Lind gave the Board a review of what is happening in her 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class.
- d. Athletic Director – Mr. Rowilson indicated that cross country, football and volleyball have all finished their respective seasons. Basketball begins this month, with a parent meeting scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-three athletes have expressed interest in basketball, which means the cut policy may need to be utilized due to a lack of coaches. Speech and Drama is going well. Shot clocks have been installed. Joliet had many athletes selected for all conference and all state.
- e. Transportation – Mr. Smith stated that there were 18 extracurricular bus trips in October. Mr. Rowilson has been good to work with for the many athletic events that need transportation. Driver recruitment is in progress. Bus repairs and maintenance continues, with all major issues completed at this time. The extended stop arms seem to be working well and making a difference with traffic. Mr. Smith will monitor snow drifting and road conditions with the county for the upcoming winter months. The Board was invited to do ride-along trips.
- f. High School Principal – Ms. Hernandez updated the Board on high school and middle school academics. There was a 50% attendance rate of parent-teacher conferences. Choir day will be happening on November 15<sup>th</sup>, with a concert that evening. The mentor program is up and going with the high school students and their elementary age buddies.
- g. K-5 Principal – Ms. Keel updated the Board on elementary academics. The BPA students put on a Red Ribbon Week for the elementary students. K-3 English Language Arts curriculum were provided to teachers for review. K-2 dyslexia screenings are complete. Parent-teacher conferences were well attended.

h. Business Manager/Clerk – Monthly reports were included in the Board packet.

IV. Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants 99700-99702 & 50339-50410; Payroll Warrants ACH 85567-85642 & 63173-63214; Activity Warrants ACH & Interfund transfers; 16674-16712; Minutes: 10/10/2022 and 10/26/2022; Hiring: A. O'Rourke as MS/HS Winter Cheer Coach; M. McQuillan as assistant Speech & Drama Coach and S. Hereim as HS Boys Basketball C Squad Coach. Resignations: B. Turk as HS Track Coach and S. Matlock as Bus Route Driver. Ken Adams made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

V. Informational – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: Policy and Hiring Committee Minutes; Hiring Update; Superintendent's Schedule; School Wellness Process; Veteran's Day Events; Safe Return to School & Continuity of Services Plan; and Facility Logs.

VI. Action Items

A. Unfinished Business

1. Second Reading of Policy 3110—Entrance, Placement & Transfer – The Policy Committee reviewed the change to this policy which allows for preliminary enrollment of children of relocated military families. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3110. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

2. Second Reading of Policy 3120— Compulsory Attendance – The Policy Committee reviewed the change to this policy which includes a provision that excuses students from enrollment pursuant to Section 2 of MCA 20-5-103. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3120. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

3. Second Reading of Policy 3125 & 3125F —Education of Homeless Children – The Policy Committee reviewed the change to this policy which establishes a formal process for dispute resolution, with 3125F being the form to be submitted. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3125 & 3125F. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

B. New Business

1. Personnel – Superintendent Begger provided the Board with information on the following hiring recommendations: Jon Croft for the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball

Assistant Coach; George Warburton as the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach; and Melissa Daly as the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Assistant Basketball Coach.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the hiring of Jon Croft, George Warburton and Melissa Daly. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

2. First Reading of Policy 2335 — Health Enhancement / AIDS Education & Prevention – The Policy Committee reviewed the change to this policy which includes an update to reflect new requirements of SB99. The District’s proposed annual notice was included for review. It is important to note that JPS has not changed any content related to human sexuality standards. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2335. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

3. First Reading of Policy 1400 — Time of Regular School Board Meetings – There was previous discussion at the October regular school board meeting regarding a possible change to the date and time of the regular board meetings.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 1400 to change the day and time of the regular school board meetings to the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. After discussion by the Board, Ken Adams made a motion to amend the current motion to change the day and time of the regular school board meetings to the third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., Dawn Blain seconded the motion to amend. There was no board discussion on the motion to amend, and no public comment. The motion to amend was carried 7-1, with Karin Williams voting no (b). Kathy Grewell amended her original motion. Dawn Blain seconded the amended motion to approve the first reading of Policy 1400 to change the day and time of the regular school board meetings to the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. There was no more board discussion and no public comment. The motion was carried 7-1, with Karin Williams voting no (B).

4. Live Streaming of Board Meetings – There was previous discussion at the October regular board meeting regarding live streaming of regular board meetings. Trustees discussed that commenting on the live stream would be disabled and the live stream would not be recorded. If members of the public wish to provide comment, they must attend the meeting, and provide their comments in person, or through written comment per Policy 1441.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the live streaming of regular school board meetings with set parameters as trustees best see fit. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion. Hana Bazaldua offered public comment on online comments. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

5. Resolution of Intent to Dispose of District Property – During the 2021-22 school year ELA teachers inventoried all District ELA materials. All materials currently in use have

been secured by teachers. Lot 1 supplies on the attached Resolution have been designated as obsolete.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the Resolution of Intent to Dispose of District Property. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion carried 8-0 (B).

6. MTSBA Dues Review – The information regarding MTSBA dues for the 2023-24 fiscal year were provided to the Board for their review.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the FY24 MTSBA dues estimate. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was board discussion and no public comment. The motion carried 8-0 (B).

**VII. Discussion Items**

The Board discussed the appointment of citizens and staff to serve on the K-8 ELA Textbook Adoption Committee and the Activities Drug Testing Policy.

**VIII. Correspondence** – Correspondence was provided in the board packet.

**IX. Next Board Meeting Date**

Hiring Committee Meeting – December 2, 2022 at 9 am in the Board Conference Room  
Transportation Committee Meeting – December 8, 2022 at 5 pm in the Board Conference Room  
Policy Committee Meeting –December 12, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.  
Facilities Committee Meeting – December 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.  
Regular Board Meeting – December 12, 2022 at 6pm in the Library

**X. Executive Session** – Dawn Blain determined that the discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy that clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure and closed the public meeting and went into Executive Session. Ms. Keel, Mrs. Hernandez, and Mrs. Smith were excused from the meeting.

Executive Session began at 8:18 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 9:06 p.m.

**XI. Adjournment**

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Approved 12/12/2022

Board Chair

Dawn Blain

Clerk

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