

## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – May 16, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on May 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Justin Oswald, Ken Adams, Amanda Dinsdale, Kathy Grewell, and Jason Stene. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent; Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager; Mandi Hernandez MS/HS Principal and Theresa Keel, K1-5 Principal. Visitors in attendance were: Tyson Cook, Stacie Nardinger and Cynde Cole.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 – Tyson Cook reported on the student council trip to Rapid City, South Dakota. There are 16 applicants for next year’s student council. The staff/senior basketball and softball games are set for May 17<sup>th</sup> which will also include a pep rally for the track team. The final video announcement will be this week from the student council.
- d. Athletic Director – Mrs. Hernandez state that the Joliet/Central softball team is undefeated, and will play at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday. Divisional Track is this Thursday in Laurel, with 15 athletes attending. The boys are currently 4<sup>th</sup> in the District and we had 4 district champions: Bryce Williams (400m), Kaden Juhnke (Long Jump), Brandon Williams (Triple Jump) and Cori Coombe (100m and 400m).
- c. MS/HS Principal – Mrs. Hernandez updated the Board on MS/HS academics; Lions Club Banquet; FFA Banquet, the middle school concert, the musical theater play; senior presentations and skits; activities banquet; community scholarship committee interviews; senior v. staff game; high school concert; high school graduation is set for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m.; 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m.; 6/7 grade awards will be May 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.. The MS/HS schedule is almost complete and a mock registration will take place to see how it works for students. The top 8 from each events at divisional track will move on to State next week in Butte.
- d. K1-5 Principal – Ms. Keel updated the Board on the SOAR assembly; end of year awards assembly to be held May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.; ACT score are in; finishing SBAC testing; MAP and iReady tests are finishing up this week; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade held their book publishing party, Heroes Take the Uncommon Road; teachers are calling parents for Summer School; PAX Kernal Share will be Wednesday to discuss celebrations and year-long PAX data; Field Trips: Kindergarten—Wise Wonders Museum, 5<sup>th</sup> grade—Huntley Museum, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade—Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary/Silver Strike, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade—Zoo Montana, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade—Buffalo Bill Museum of the West; field day will be May 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-3.
- e. Business Manager/Clerk – Monthly reports were included in the Board packet.

**IV. Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants ACH 99675-99679 & checks 50731-50793; Payroll Warrants ACH 85113-85185 & 63489-63526; Activity Warrants ACH & Interfund transfers; 16933-16950; Minutes: 04/18/2023; Personnel Action Report. Jason Stene made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).**

V. Action Items

A. New Business

1. Personnel – The Hiring Committee recommend hiring of John Counter as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of John Counter as a teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend approving the hiring of Barry Rowilson as the Administrative Activities Director for the 2023-2024 school year.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the hiring of Barry Rowilson as the Administrative Activities Director for the 2023-2024 school year. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. Jason Stene asked about the duties of the position. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend approving the May 16, 2023 Elementary Coach Personnel Action Report.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the May 16, 2023 Elementary Coach Personnel Action Report. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (E).

Superintendent Begger recommend approving the May 16, 2023 High School Coach Personnel Action Report.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the May 16, 2023 High School Coach Personnel Action Report. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (H).

Ressa Herta has declined the District's Contract. Superintendent Begger recommend accepting the resignation of Ressa Herta as a teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the resignation of Ressa Herta as a teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

2. Policy

MTSBA has provided information on the termination of Temporary Emergency Policies 1900-1912, which was included in the packet. The Policy Committee is recommending that the following policies be adopted to replace the 1900-1912 policies to ensure the district has the necessary polices in place. The Policy Committee will then recommend in June the termination of policies 1900-1912 after the below policies have been adopted.

First Reading of Policy 2050 — Student Instruction – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2050. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 2170 & 2170P — Digital Academy Classes – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2170 & 2170P. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 3100 — Early Childhood Education Enrollment Exceptional Circumstances – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3100 utilizing Option B with conditions 4, 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D and 9E present in the community. 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 5230 — Prevention of Disease Transmission – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 5230. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 5130 — Staff Health – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 5130. 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 1310 — District Policies and Procedures – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 1310. 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 2221 — School Emergencies and Closures – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2221. 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 8131 — Indoor Air Quality – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8131. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 8303 — Facility Cleaning and Maintenance – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8303 with the exception of Option L in the model policy. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Safe Return & Continuity of Services Plan – The Policy Committee reviewed the changes to the Plan on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the changes to the updated Plan. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 5122 — Fingerprints and Criminal Background Investigations – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on April 18, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 5122. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

3. Request for County Election Office to Administer School Elections – The Carbon County Election Office is offering all county school districts the option to have their office conduct school elections. Superintendent Begger is recommending the Board approve a Resolution Requesting the County Conduct Elections.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve a Resolution Requesting the County Conduct Elections. Jason Stene 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

Second Reading of Policy 5334P — Vacations – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on March 21, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 5334P. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Second Reading of Policy 8301 — District Safety – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on March 21, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 8301. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Second Reading of Policy 5232 — Abused and Neglected Child Reporting – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on March 21, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 5232. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Second Reading of Policy 4550 — Registered Sex Offenders – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on March 21, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 4550. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Second Reading of Policy 4340 — Public Access to District Records – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on March 21, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 4340. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

Second Reading of Policy 4320 — Contact with Students – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on March 21, 2023 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 4320. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

2. Canvass Votes of 2023 School Election – The Board was provided with the results of the 2023 school election, which was cancelled per MCA 20-3-313 because the number of candidates for trustee positions were equal to or less than the number of positions open. Dawn Blain and Karin Williams were elected by acclamation.

Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the results of the election by acclamation. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (B).

**VI. Discussion/Informational Items** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: High school and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation; Draft hand book language on drug testing for extra & co-curricular activities; 04/17/2023 Building/Grounds Committee Minutes; April 18, 2023 Policy Committee Minutes; 04/18/2023 Transportation Committee Minutes; 04/20/2023 Hiring Committee Minutes; Hiring update; Superintendent’s Schedule; Facilities Logs; Current Enrollment; Calendar/Schedule Committee Update; and Facilities Master Planning.

**VII. Correspondence** – The District will be sending thank you letters to the following: Tavern Association.

**VIII. Suggested Topics for Next Agenda:**

Handbook Revisions  
Transfer Authority  
Multi-District Agreement  
Update Organization Chart

**IX. Next Board Meeting Date**

Policy Committee Meeting – June 20, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.  
Building/Grounds Committee Meeting – June 20, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.  
Regular Board Meeting – June 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Board Meeting – July 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.  
Special Board Meeting and Budget Adoption – August 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

**X. Adjournment**

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_



Board Chair \_\_\_\_\_



Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

