

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – August 12, 2019

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on August 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Sharon Songstad, Dawn Blain, Doug Whitehead, Kathy Grewell and Dave Schaible. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger K-8 principal, and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Sam Anttila, Shayla Webber, Hailey Metcalf, Rachel Herrington, Ben Herrington, Jen Jessen, Aaliyah Jessen, and Mike Creeden.

Melvin Stene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Stene welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment.

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

IV. Reports

- a. Student Board: Shayla Webber and Hailey Metcalf stated that the student board was meeting to plan the first day of school activities; class officers, once elected, will be invited to join the student board.
- b. Dual Credit Program: Ben and Rachel Herrington provided the Board with information regarding a new program offered in the high school where students may obtain dual credit from Joliet and also MSU-B for classes in history and math. Both teachers have worked over the summer months on obtaining the credentials from MSU-B to be considered adjunct professors qualified to teach the dual credit courses. They will be working closely with advising professors at MSU-B throughout the program. Credits will be awarded to students who successfully complete the courses and pass as exams necessary to obtain credit. A representative from MSU-B will be on campus to discuss the program with students who are enrolled so students fully understand the university system and how this program can benefit them.
- c. Athletic Director Report: Sam Anttila updated the board on parent meetings and first day of practice dates for both high school and middle school. Joliet will be participating in a 9 team bracket for volleyball and basketball. There will be three teams that advance, with one team being a “play in” participant. There is an ongoing issue with obtaining new cross country/track uniforms. The supplier informed the school that their choice of uniforms was no longer available. The AD is working with coaches and a new vendor to obtain uniforms as quickly as possible.
- d. Building Report – The Board was advised by Supt. Evertz that the air conditioning units in the middle school are still not functioning properly. Administration is considering having legal counsel get involved to reach a resolution.

V. Correspondence – Supt. Evertz reviewed the correspondence provided to the Board.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Out of District Approval – Jennifer Jessen and her daughter Aaliyah Jessen asked the Board to reconsider the denial of her acceptance as an out of district student. The Jessens gave

background information to the Board to help them understand extenuating circumstances from the past school year.

Doug Whitehead made a motion to accept Aaliyah Jessen as an out of district student for the 2019-20 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 Out-of-District Students for the 2019-20 school year except numbers 7, 66 and 71 due to classroom size.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the Out-of-District Students for the 2019-20 school year except numbers 7, 66 and 71 due to classroom size. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Joint District – Supt. Evertz provided the board with a draft resolution about the joint district from Lance Melton of MTSBA. The Board requested that the draft be returned to Mr. Melton for revisions to include reciprocal language regrading tuition.
- c. Gym Wall Pad – The wall pads at the north and south ends of the gymnasium are marred, look tattered and don't match the rest of the new gym floors and bleachers. New options will be provided by Ms. Meyers, upon her return after summer break. These options will be available at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.
- d. Date for Board Retreat – The Board discussed several dates for the Board retreat. Supt. Evertz will contact the district's counsel to find a date that works for both parties.

VII. New Business

- a. Resolution to Dispose of School Property – There are 12 dilapidated bicycles in the trailer which were needed for the FFA Officer Retreat. Upon inspection, it would not be financially feasible to return the bicycles to a serviceable condition. The bikes could be given to interested stakeholders during the open house of August 21st.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the Resolution to Dispose of School Property. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Laurel School District Bus Request – The transportation director in laurel sent a letter requesting permission for their bus to travel into the Joliet District on US Hwy 212. They do not pick up students, but approval is needed to enter.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to authorize the Laurel School District to enter the Joliet School District. Dave Schaible seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. YWCCSSC Agreement – After discussion of the potential, unknown changes for the Co-op the Board chose to table this agenda item until further information is available.
- d. Open House Preparation – The Board discussed preparations for the upcoming open house held annually prior to the first day of school. The Board asked Supt. Evertz to purchase a grill

for the District in order to alleviate the need to find community members willing to loan the District their grills for the various events held during the year.

VIII. Personnel

Hiring

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Aly Nardinger as the Assistant High School Cross Country Coach for the 2019-20 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Aly Nardinger as the Assistant High School Cross Country Coach for the 2019-20 school year. Dave Schaible seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IX. Superintendent/Business Manager Reports

Superintendent – Ms. Evertz advised the Board on: Status of the middle school A/C units; arrival of the new bus; bus inspections, asphalt refinishing; carpet installation; maintenance door repair; employee matters; new pump for football field; YBGR student; REAP award; and arbitration dates.

Business Manager – Ms. Smith provided the Board with reports of all claims paid, payroll disbursements, and a financial statement. She also provided information regarding the audit, Trustee's Financial Summary preparation and budget progress.

X. Items for Next Agenda

Budget Adoption
Hire middle school volleyball coaches.

XI. Next Board Meeting Date

A special Board meeting will be held August 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to adopt the 2019-20 budget in the Joliet School Library.

The next regular Board meeting will be held September 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

XII. Adjournment

Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 09/09/2019

Clerk 

Chairman Melvin J. Stevens