

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – January 17, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on January 17, 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, 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: Barry Rowilson and Stacie Nardinger.

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. Athletic Director – Mr. Rowilson indicated that basketball is going well. At the MHSAA meeting he attended there were indicates that some changes may be forthcoming. The Joliet athletic passes will be honored at Billings Catholic Central. Speech and Drama is going well. Jason Stene asked about our appeal on 8 man football. Mr. Rowilson indicated that the appeal failed.
- b. High School Principal – Ms. Hernandez updated the Board on high school and middle school academics. Eleven students are participating in work study for the second semester. There are discussion about utilizing the Red Lodge career center. Mrs. Nardinger is working with junior and seniors regarding post high school plans. AIM Higher will be happening on January 25th, where our students will present on our mentoring program. Sophomores will be taking a CPR class next week. Middle school will be participating in mini courses in February.
- c. K-5 Principal – Ms. Keel updated the Board on elementary academics. There was a SOAR assembly on January 31st. Grades 3-5 teachers will be traveling to Lockwood to see the CK ELA curriculum that is being utilized there. MAPs testing for reading and math are almost completed. IAT meetings are going well, with good solutions coming from teachers. Ms. Keel will be providing small group instruction workshops for teachers. 2nd and 3rd grade went to the symphony. February 21-24 is the Yellowstone Expedition trip for the 5th grade. The spelling bee for 3-8 grades will be Friday at 1:00 p.m. The top ten performers will advance to the County spelling bee on February 7th. The new playground basketball hoop has been installed.
- d. Business Manager/Clerk – Monthly reports were included in the Board packet.

- IV. Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants 99693-99696 & 50487-50546; Payroll Warrants ACH 85412-85488 & 63280-63351; Activity Warrants ACH & Interfund transfers; 16750-16792; Minutes: 12/12/2022; 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. Action Items

A. New Business

1. Strategic Plane – The District’s Strategic Plan is the culmination of nearly one year’s work to help define the future direction of Joliet Public Schools. Strategic Planning sessions were held in February, March and September of 2022.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the January 2023 version of the Strategic Plan. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. Jason Stene commented on the

accountability of the Board with the Strategic Plan. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

2. Personnel – The Activity Committee recommend hiring Annie Olson as the head varsity high school volleyball coach for the 2023 season.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Annie Olson as the head varsity high school volleyball coach. Ken Adams 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 3210 — Equal Education Opportunity, Nondiscrimination, and Sex Equity – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on December 12, 2022. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3210. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

4. First Reading of Policy 3225, 3225F, 3225P — Sexual Harassment of Students, Sexual Harassment Reporting Form, Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure-Students – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 12, 2022. 3225 is an update to the current policy. 3225F updates the District’s reporting form. 3225P is the new policy that outlines procedures. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3225, 3225F and 3225P. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

5. First Reading of Policy 3226 — Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation/Hazing – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 12, 2022 which is an update to the District’s current policy. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3226. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

6. First Reading of Policy 3300 — Suspension and Expulsion – Corrective Actions and Punishment – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 12, 2022 which is an update to the District’s current policy. The new 3300 combines the current 3300 and 3300P into a single policy. This policy must be reviewed annually. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3300. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

7. First Reading of Policy 3311 — Firearms and Other Weapons – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 12, 2022 which is an update to the District’s current policy. The Policy Committee is recommending Option 3 on page 1. This policy must be reviewed annually. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3311. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

8. First Reading of Policy 3415, 3415F, and 3415P — Management of Sports Related Concussions – The Policy Committee reviewed these policies on December 12, 2022 which are updates to the District’s current policies. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3415, 3415F, and 3415P. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

9. First Reading of Policy 3417 — Communicable Diseases – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 12, 2022 which is an update to the District’s current policy. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Doug Whitehead made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3417. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

10. Levy Discussion – The Board discussed if it wanted to run any levies in the May election. The Board decided that, at this time, there is no need to run an additional levy.

11. Election Resolution – The District needs to take action to hold an elementary trustee election. There are two open elementary trustee seats. The deadline to file an Oath of Candidacy is March 23, 2023. There are no open high school trustee seats. As a result, there is no high school trustee election.

Justin Oswald made a motion to pass a resolution to declare an elementary trustee mail ballot election. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

12. Retirement Incentive – The Joliet Board of Trustees may elect to offer an early retirement incentive package to its teacher(s) based upon the years of service as an educator. If the Joliet Board of Trustees elects to offer an early retirement package to the teacher’s organization, the Board will use the earliest date of teacher hire and a minimum of ten continuous years of teacher experience in Joliet to determine

teacher(s) that would be eligible for the incentive. The number of incentives granted will be dependent upon the budget available, to be determined solely by the Board. The Board was provided a draft retirement incentive in the board packet.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve two retirement incentives consisting of one year's paid health insurance for teachers with 10 years of service in the Joliet District, and who are eligible for TRS retirement at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion carried 8-0 (B).

B. Unfinished Business

1. Second Reading of Policy 3305 — Use of Restraint, Seclusion, and Aversive Techniques for Students – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on November 14, 2022 which defines and outlines district protocols if/when it becomes necessary to utilize restraints, seclusion, and aversive techniques for students. This model policy is being recommended with a change to how parents are contacted in such circumstances. Most of the time, parents will be notified via phone call. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3305. Amanda Dinsdale 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 3510 — School Sponsored Student Activities – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on November 14, 2022 which defines and outlines district protocols for school sponsored student activities. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3510. Karin Williams 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 3530 — Student Fund Raising Activities – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on November 14, 2022 which outlines district protocols for student fundraising activities. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3530. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

4. Second Reading of Policy 3550 & 3550F — Student Clubs – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 14, 2022 which is an update that outlines district protocols and defines student clubs. 3550F introduces a standard form for the student club approval. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee's discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3550 and 3550F. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

VI. Discussion Items

The Board discussed student drug testing, and decided to move the discussion to the Policy Committee. The Board also discussed appointing citizens and staff to a schedule/calendar committee. The Board appointed: Ken Adams, Stacie Nardinger, Brice Turk, Kayleen Torbert, Chad Massar, Nathan Oren, Nichole Juhnke along with the administration. A notice will be sent to all parents through the Infinite Campus system asking for participation.

VII. Informational – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: Transportation, Policy, Facilities/Grounds, Activities and Hiring Committee Minutes; Hiring Update; Superintendent’s Schedule; Facility Logs; Current Enrollment; and K-8 ELA Curriculum Adoption.

VIII. Correspondence – There was no correspondence.

IX. Suggested Topics for Next Agenda:

Administrative Contracts
Hire Head HS Track Coach, Terra Stene
Hiring Spring Coaches and Activity Sponsors
Permissive Levy Notice

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 8:34 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 9:07 p.m.

Justin Oswald made a motion to open contract negotiations with Mr. Begger on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

XI. Next Board Meeting Date

Hiring Committee Meeting – January 25, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.
Negotiations Committee Meeting – February 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
Policy Committee Meeting – February 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting – February 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Approved

2-21-23

Board Chair

Dawn Blain

Clerk

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