

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – February 10, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Sharon Songstad, Dawn Blain, Doug Whitehead and Kathy Grewell. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger K-8 Principal, and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Sam Anttila, Zac Golden, Jennifer Ingraham, Caleb Bailey, Cody Dworshak, Hal Lewis and Toni Atkins.

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.

Dave Schaible made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. Reports

- a. Student Board: Caleb Bailey reported that the student board is preparing for the fun day on February 24, 2020. Activities will include skiing/snowboarding, bowling, trampoline park and escape room options. There will be a pep rally for the basketball teams when they head to Districts along with spirit days that week. The board will also be doing valen-grams for Valentine's day.
- b. Athletic Director Report: Ms. Anttila reported that middle school boys' basketball will finish tomorrow night. For 6th grade boys' basketball we have 12 athletes, and they will begin practice on Tuesday. Senior Night will be held on Friday at the last home basketball games for seniors involved in basketball, speech and drama, and pep band. Depending on the outcome of the Friday and Saturday games, girls will enter Districts between 3rd and 6th place and boys will be 4th or 5th place. Ms. Anttila provided the board with a bracket schedule. There were some concerns voiced prior to the Lodge Grass game about security. Ms. Anttila reported that the experience at Lodge Grass was excellent and Lodge Grass went out of their way to provide extra security and communicate with the athletic directors and coaches on a frequent basis. Middle school coaching positions for next year have been posted on the school website, along with the assistant cross country coach position.
- c. Prom Committee: Cody Dworshak asked the Board's permission to hold the prom at the Joliet Community Center on April 4, 2020. The students feel the JCC is easier to decorate and more enjoyable for the dance because the floor is not covered by tarps like is required in the gym.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the prom being held at the Joliet Community Center. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- d. Building Report – A building report was provided in the Board packet for review. Superintendent Evertz discussed the new proximity security system that is being installed by Dale & Jax.

V. Correspondence – Correspondence was provided to the Board.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Suicide Prevention Training – The teachers had a suicide prevention training on January 22, 2020. The Board was provided with a copy of the certificate from that training as well as a copy of HB381.
- b. Reflex Protect – The second staff training on use of the non-lethal self-defense spray was held February 7th. The product has been disbursed throughout the school. In order to obtain access to this product, interested parties will need to make alternate plans for training from this point going forward.

VII. New Business

- a. Dual Credit Stipend – After discussion on the requirements for dual credit teaching and various ways to calculate the stipend, the Board tabled this agenda item until more information on the amount of the stipend and calculation could be attained by administration.
- b. Early Transition—Kinder 1 – The Board was provided information about requirement for the District to provide services to special needs students ages 3-5 in light of the closure of the Yellowstone West Carbon County Special Services Cooperative pre-school. After discussion, the Board tabled this agenda item until more information about potential numbers of students, costs, state entitlements, options, and sustainability could be assessed by administration.
- c. Interquest Detection Canines – Supt. Evertz provided the Board with information about an outside vendor to provide comprehensive detection and deterrence services. The Board asked the Superintendent to proceed with gathering information about the service.
- d. Title IX Training – Supt. Evertz discussed the upcoming Title IX training that will be held March 24, 2020 in the school library. Several schools in the region have expressed interest in sending representatives to the training. The training will be conducted by Marilee Duncan.
- e. RL Community Career Tech Center – Supt. Evertz, Supt. Phillips from Bridger and Supt. Fitzgerald from Red Lodge, visited Northwest College's Center for Training and Development for a tour of their facility and to gather information regarding their course offerings. There is potential for Red Lodge School District to build a Community Career Tech Center through a bond on the ballot this spring. There is potential for an interlocal agreement that would allow students from Joliet and Bridger to attend the center in Red Lodge due to the flexibility we received with our transformational learning grant.
- f. Academic Calendar Adoption: The calendar committee met on January 24th, 28th and 31st to propose options for the 2020-2021 academic calendar. There were three calendars devised, and the entire classified and certified staff voted for Calendar C.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to adopt Calendar C for the 2020-2021 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

VIII. Personnel

Retirement

Carri White notified the Board of her intention to retire at the end of the 2019-2020 school year effective May 21, 2020. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mrs. White for her years of dedicated service to the students of Joliet Schools.

Dawn Blain made a motion to accept the retirement of Mrs. White. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Hallie Rowison notified the Board of her intention to retire at the end of the 2019-2020 school year effective May 21, 2020. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Rowison for her years of dedicated service to the students of Joliet Schools.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to accept the retirement of Mrs. Rowison. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IX. Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports

Superintendent – Ms. Evertz advised the Board on: federally funded vouchers; the success of the “Grab and Go” breakfast program; book fair; issues with the bus barn; State speech and drama results; middle school mini courses; senior night; District FFA; upcoming PIR day; close of the district secretary position (02/15/2020); and spring student count numbers.

Principal – Mr. Begger updated the Board on happenings in the Elementary and Middle School; Math Curriculum textbook adoption; book fair; “I Love to Read” month; and the Masons generously donating 8 Kindles this year.

Business Manager – Ms. Smith provided the Board with reports of all claims paid, payroll disbursements, and a financial statement.

X. Executive Session - Melvin Stene 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.

Executive Session began at 9:00 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 9:13 p.m.

XI. Items for Next Agenda

SB 307 Permissive Levy Notice
Dual Credit Teacher Stipend
Early Transition—Kinder 1

XII. Next Board Meeting Date

The next regular Board meeting will be held March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

XIII. Adjournment

Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 03/09/2020

Chairman *Halvin L. Stone*

Clerk *[Signature]*