

Board of Trustees Special Meeting – March 16, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a special meeting on March 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Sharon Songstad (by phone), Dawn Blain, Kathy Grewell, Doug Whitehead and David Schaible. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger, K-8 Principal, and Felicia Smith, Clerk/Business Manager. There were no visitors in attendance.

Melvin Stene called the meeting to order at 6:00 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. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. New Business – In light of Governor Bullock’s recent order to close schools, the Board was updated on the following:

- a. Pandemic Language: The Board reviewed the language currently in the Joliet Public School’s Emergency Procedure Manual.
- b. Diploma for Exchange Student: Due to the dismissal of students from the exchange program, the administration is working to supply our current exchange student with the necessary paperwork regarding graduation and transcripts to present to her educational facility upon return to her home country.
- c. Expedition Yellowstone: The Expedition trip is currently under scrutiny and updates will be given based on the status of school closures and limits on number of people allowed to gather.
- d. Classified Staff During Closure: HR 6201 was introduced to the US House of Representatives on 03/11/2020 which would offer some relief to classified staff members impacted by the school closure with additional sick leave pay and emergency family leave pay. More information will be forthcoming.
- e. Continuity of Operations: The Board discussed the following: effects of the loss of instructional time; implementation of risk mitigation, prevention, and/or control measures; fortifying threatened areas and other facilities or locations that are potential sources of disruptions or threats; increasing physical security; providing sufficient information to protect against identified threats; plans to ensure students receive appropriate services in the event of a long closure.
- f. Distance Learning Contingencies: The Board discussed: use of facility by teachers; what FAPE looks like during extended closure; ensuring continuity plans for educational services with accessibility to all students; continuity plans to continue social and medical services for students.
- g. Lunch Provisions: OPI is opening access to their summer nutrition program so that schools can apply for free meal reimbursement for delivering meals to students during school closure. We have started serving free lunch to all, but service may need to be suspended until approval from OPI is secured. The head cook believes approval may come as soon as tomorrow.

- h. MHSA Statement: MHSA has issued a statement that all spring activities are indefinitely suspended until further notice. If spring activities resume, practice requirements will be reduced. Post season formats will be adjusted.

XII. Adjournment

Kathy Grewell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved 04/13/2020

Chairman *Alicia Letona*

Clerk *[Signature]*