

## Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – September 12, 2022

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on September 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, 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: Samuel Smith, Sarrah Walstad, Kaleb Price, Barry Rowilson, Maya Roginske, Jenny Harris and Stacie Nardinger.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Blain welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants 99707-99709 & 50133-50200; Payroll Warrants ACH 85708-85720 & 63135-63152; Activity Warrants 16623-16627; Minutes: 08/08/2022 and 08/18/2022; Resignation: Ben Ray, Assistant High School Football Coach; Hiring: Nathan Oren, Assistant High School Football Coach; K-12 Paraprofessional position approved. Kathy Grewell made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

### **IV. Reports**

- a. High School Principal – Ms. Hernandez updated the Board on high school and middle school academics. There are five work study students this semester, along with 2 flight study students. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be adopting a highway with clean up planned in the fall and spring in association with JMG.
- b. K-5 Principal – Ms. Keel stated that PAX is going well. She is meeting with teachers to discuss priority standards. There was a testing “test run” for 6/7 math MAPS, with some minor technology issues that were remedied by Mr. Dantic. MAPs testing begins September 13<sup>th</sup> and should be complete by the end of September. Juniors will be doing the PSAT on October 12<sup>th</sup> and the AP test will be administered in April. Ms. Keel is also working on coordination of Title services.
- c. Business Manager/Clerk – Nothing to report.
- d. Transportation – Mr. Smith stated that the bus evacuation drill went well. There are only minor mechanical issues currently, with two buses in the shop. Drivers are happy and subs are working well. The administration and facility crews have been great to work with. Bluebird is again accepting bids, a proposal for a new bus purchase will be coming in the near future. If Board members or administration would like to ride along on routes, they are always welcome.
- e. Athletic Director – Mr. Rowilson indicated that we have great participation: Football-30; Cross Country-18/12; Volleyball-30/18; and 5/6 Volleyball-17. We are still in need of a basketball coach and track coaches. The football schedule is proving to be ever-changing with forfeits, cancellations and rescheduling.
- f. Student Council – Jenny Harris relayed the activities on the first day of school, which included: games, puzzle pieces individualized by students, and an ice cream social. The Council received good feedback on the activities. Homecoming will be the week of September 19<sup>th</sup> with dress

up days Monday through Friday and floats for the parade following an “iconic tv shows” theme. The Council did a video announcement one morning, to try something new.

**V. Informational** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: Review of meeting with the Masons; Policy Committee Minutes from 08/08/2022; Superintendent Schedule; Montana Cook Fresh Initiative; School Wellness Process; School Safety and Security Update; and Safe Return to School & Continuity of Services Plan.

**VI. Action Items**

**A. Unfinished Business**

1. Second Reading of Policies 6110, 6140, 6210, 3235, 3410, 3413, 3630 and 3420 – The Board completed a first reading of these policies at the August 18<sup>th</sup> special Board meeting.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the second reading of Policies 6110, 6140, 6210, 3235, 3410, 3413, 3630 with the addition that students in grade 9-12 may use cell phones during the passing periods, and 3420. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. Karin Williams stated that she is opposed to the audio provision in Policy 3235, there was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

**B. New Business**

1. Personnel

- a. Hiring

Supt. Begger recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Crystal Wright as the Assistant 5/6 Volleyball Coach for the 2022 season.

Ken Adams made a motion to hire Crystal Wright as the Assistant 5/6 Volleyball Coach for the 2022 season. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion carried 6-0 (E).

- b. Retirement

Supt. Begger recommended that the Board accept the retirement of Carol Sherman effective December 21, 2022.

Jason Stene made a motion to accept the retirement of Carol Sherman effective December 21, 2022. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (E).

2. Retirement Incentive – The Board was provided a retirement incentive for Carol Sherman, recommended by Superintendent Begger.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the retirement incentive for Carol Sherman. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (E).

3. FFA Donation Request – Students from the Agronomy and Conduct teams presented the Board with a request to provide a donation to help fund their travel to the FFA

National Convention. There are 11 students competing and 1 student who has qualified to attend the National Convention. Historically, the Board has helped to support with a \$250-300 donation per attendee.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the donation of \$3,600 for the FFA National Convention attendees. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion carried 7-0 (H).

4. Proclamation for Budget Amendment – Current enrollment at JPS is 413. Montana School Accreditation Standards require 1 counselor for every 400 students. The District currently only has one counselor on staff. In light of the need to provide necessary resources for student and staff safety and security by offering mental health services, Superintendent Begger is recommending that the Board approve a Proclamation for a Budget Amendment to transfer \$35,000 from Fund 110 to Fund 161 in accordance with 20-9-161(6a) MCA, and Policy 1006FE to provide funds to pay for an additional .5FTE school counselor.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the Proclamation for Budget Amendment to transfer \$35,000 from Elementary Transportation Funds to the Elementary Building Reserve Funds to be used for a .5FTE K-8 Counselor for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion carried 6-0 (E).

5. Yellowstone-West/Carbon County Special Services Co-op Joint Advisory Board – Per the interlocal agreement with YWCCSSC, one representative will be selected by the Board of Trustees from every District to serve on the Joint Advisory Board.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve Superintendent Clark Begger to serve as the JPS Joint Advisory Board Member. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion carried 7-0 (B).

6. Bus Route Recommendations/Approval of New Route & Student Crossings – Mr. Begger provided the new bus route and updated crossings to the Board in the packet. The new route will run between Joliet and the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch and the crossings have been updated based on changes suggested by drivers.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the new bus route and designated student crossings. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion carried 7-0 (B).

#### VIII. Discussion Items

Policy Committee – Annual Review of Policies, next meeting set for October 10, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Hiring Committee – Review of Hiring Procedures, next meeting set for September 28, 2022 at 8:00 am

#### VIII. Correspondence – No Correspondence.

#### IX. Items for Next Agenda

Hire bus and special education aide

Review exterior grounds information

**X. Next Board Meeting Date**

Strategic Planning – September 20, 2022 at 4 pm in the Library  
MTSBA Board Training – September 21, 2022 at 5pm in the Library  
Special Meeting for Budget Amendment Adoption – September 26, 2022 at 5:15 pm via Zoom  
Regular Board Meeting – October 10, 2022 at 6pm in the Library

**XI. Adjournment**

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Approved 10/10/22

Board Chair Jawn Blain

Clerk

