

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – July 18, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on July 18, 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 and Karin Williams. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Barry Rowilson, Stacie Nardinger, Tammie Grewell, Mike McKay, Sam Smith, Rob Newton, Chad Massar, Kaci Jansma and Scott Blain.

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. Mr. Begger explained that because the AD report was left off the agenda, Mr. Rowilson would give his report during public comment. Mr. Rowilson recently attended a 2 day Class B athletic director's meeting; the crow's nest bid has been received for \$8,500; the contractor believes the crow's nest will be ready for the 2023 football season; GBB coach interviews were held; the middle school volleyball schedule is being reworked; high school schedules are set. Dawn Blain asked about the sports fundraiser—Mr. Rowilson stated there will be BBQ, pasture golf, cow pie bingo, corn hole and more details will be provided at the meeting in August. The fundraiser is set for August 12th. Kathy Grewell asked where the raised funds will be deposited—Mr. Rowilson indicated they will be put into the Athletics Activity Account.

III. Reports

- a. Transportation – Mr. Smith stated that there are three potential new bus drivers, who are working on their training and CDL; other districts have been contacted regarding requests to enter the Joliet School District; and our underground fuel tank is now fully complaint.
- b. Facilities – Mr. McKay updated the Board on the following: football field painting; water pump on the football field has been repaired; lobby roof leaks have been repaired and he is currently working on the old gym roof; pole barn has been cleaned out; classroom modification in the high school is in progress. The custodial crew is working hard, as well as the grounds crew. Jason Stene inquired about the burn pile—Mr. McKay stated that it has been burned down.
- c. Business Manager/Clerk – Monthly reports were included in the Board packet. Once the fiscal year end books are finalized, reports will be provided to the Board

IV. Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants ACH 99668-99670 & checks 50863-50917; Payroll Warrants ACH 84993-85038 & 63698-63791; Activity Warrants ACH & Interfund transfers; 16981-17011; Minutes: 06/20/2023 regular board meeting. Ken Adams made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

V. Action Items

A. New Business

1. Montana Career Pathways Course Offerings – Mr. Begger provided information to the Board on potential new course offerings to further the District's CTE program. Pros and cons were discussed.

Karin Williams made a motion to adopt the Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics AND Design & Construction Pathways and direct the superintendent to reasonably target resources towards implementation. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. Kathy Grewell asked about the number of students per class, senior enrollment

potential, and the Red Lodge CTE option. Ken Adams asked about year-long vs. semester courses; expressed concern about finding a qualified teacher, space limitations, and liability; he believes the District is going in the right direction, but worries about pulling from the ag program. Public comment: Scott Blain stated he is in favor of expanding CTE options in a thoughtful way. He is concerned about finding a teacher. He would like to see the ag program expanded and also offer other programs such as FCS and medical courses. He would like more planning to take place. Tammie Grewell is supportive of the expansion of course offerings and believes those courses would support our ag community. She believes our students are at a disadvantage compared to other schools and she is most interested in what is best for our students. Rob Newton is 100% behind new offerings, but does not feel the school is ready yet and needs the facilities updated for these courses. Jason Stene voiced a question on the motion, which was clarified. Justin Oswald voiced that he believes we are capable of making the new programs work in our current facilities. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (H).

2. Policy

First Reading of Policy 2050 — Student Instruction Innovations – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023. It passed the first reading at the May 2023 board meeting, but was tabled at the second reading at the June board meeting because MTSBA provided a new version of this policy due to legislative changes.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2050. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 2170 & 2170P — Digital Academy Classes – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023. It passed the first reading at the May 2023 board meeting, but was tabled at the second reading at the June board meeting because MTSBA provided a new version of this policy due to legislative changes.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2170 & 2170P. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 3100 — Early Childhood Education Enrollment Exceptional Circumstances – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on April 18, 2023. It passed the first reading at the May 2023 board meeting, but was tabled at the second reading at the June board meeting because MTSBA provided a new version of this policy due to legislative changes.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3100. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 4330, 4330F and 4330P — Community Use of Facilities – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy update on June 20, 2023. 4330 is being

recommended with “District Administrative Assistant” in paragraph 4, and 4330P is being recommended without item 13.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 4330, 4330F and 4330P. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 4315 — Visitor and Spectator Conduct – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on June 20, 2023. This is an update to current policy and is being recommended to be in line with model policy.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 4315. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 4332 — Conduct on School Property – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on June 20, 2023. This is an update to current policy and is being recommended to be in line with model policy with Option 7 under “General Conduct” and Option 1 under “Definitions”.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 4332. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 1650 — Public Charter Schools – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on June 20, 2023. This is a new required policy in response to legislative action during the 2023 legislative session.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 1650. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 1007FE — Multidistrict Agreements – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on June 20, 2023. The District has been advised by MTSBA to adopt this policy because of the multidistrict agreement between the Elementary and High School Districts.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 1007FE. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 1005FE — Proficiency Based ANB & 1006FE – Transfers for School Safety – The Policy Committee reviewed these policies on June 20, 2023. These updates have been included due to new legal references and expanded definitions.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 1005FE and 1006FE. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

3. 2023 MTSBA Membership Electronic Ballot – Board Chair Blain and Superintendent Begger reviewed the information and have completed a draft of the potential vote.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the draft ballot of the MTSBA membership Electronic Ballot and direct Board Chair Blain to submit the ballot. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

4. 2023-2024 MTSBA Invoice Review & Approval – Copies of the invoices were provided in the packet.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve invoices for continued membership with MTSBA for the 2023-2024 school year. Karin Williams seconded the motion. Jason Stene asked about the benefits of membership. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

5. Out of District Student Requests – The District is currently experiencing growing in-district enrollment, staffing difficulties and physical spacing constraints. Superintendent Begger is recommending that the District accept only previously enrolled students and siblings of previously enrolled students.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to accept all out of district student requests except for students 1, 14, 19, 21, 45, 58, 61, 63, 64 and 68. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. Amanda Dinsdale, Dawn Blain and Jason Stene all commented that the District would like to take all students who want to attend Joliet, but unfortunately, there are too many constraints to accept all out of district students. Kaci Jansma offered public comment requesting that the Board approve her out of district kindergarten student. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

6. 4 Year-Old Kindergarten Enrollment – Per MCA 20-7-117, the Trustees of an elementary district shall establish or make available a kindergarten program capable of accommodating at a minimum all of the children of the district who will be 5 years old on or before September 10 of the school year for which the program is to be conducted or who have been enrolled by special permission of the Board of Trustees.

Ken Adams made a motion to enroll the attached students who are not 5 years of age before September 10, 2023. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

7. Laurel Bus Entry – Laurel has requested permission to enter the Joliet School District for the 2023-24 school year for student transportation.

Justin Oswald made a motion to allow Laurel to enter the Joliet School District for the 2023-2024 school year. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

8. Personnel

Superintendent Begger recommended the hiring of Clay Sluggett as a teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the hiring of Clay Sluggett as a teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

The Activities Committee has recommended the hiring of Troy Meier as the Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2023-2024 season.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Troy Meier as the Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2023-2024 season. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (H).

B. Unfinished Business

Second Reading of Policy 3551 — Extra/Co-Curricular Student Drug Testing – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on May 16, 2023 and the first reading was at the June 20, 2023 Board meeting.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3551. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

- VI. Discussion/Informational Items** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: 06/12/23 Hiring Committee Minutes; 06/20/23 Policy Committee Minutes; 06/20/23 Building/Grounds Committee Minutes; 06/28/23 Activities Committee Minutes; 06/29/23 Transportation Committee Minutes; 2023-24 Property & Liability Insurance Premium; Crow’s Nest Bid; Hiring Update; Superintendent’s Schedule; Facilities Logs; Calendar/Schedule; Facilities Master Planning/Appointment of Citizens & Staff to Committee; July 13th Property Disposal; Open House Plans
- VII. Correspondence** – Correspondence was provided to the Board.
- VIII. Suggested Topics for Next Agenda:**
Review of District Annual Goals & Objectives – Strategic Plan
Review Trustee Financial Statement
Final FY24 Budget Adoption
Substitute Teacher Approval
Open House Plans
- IX. Next Board Meeting Date**
Special Board Meeting and Budget Adoption – August 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- 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. Mrs. Smith was excused from the meeting.

Executive Session began at 8:23 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 8:37 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Approved 8/8/23
Board Chair Karen Blain

Clerk [Signature]