

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – September 9, 2019

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on September 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Doug Whitehead, Kathy Grewell and Dave Schaible. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger K-8 principal, and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Russ Salo, Dale Limberhand, Aaron Dantic, Carl Easthouse, Nikki Easthouse, Lucas Easthouse, Jordan Grewell, Alyssa Taborsky, Janice Ward, Mandi Hernandez, Hailey Metcalf, Shayla Webber, Brooke Miller, Caleb Bailey, Rachel Herrington and Sam Anttila.

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. Carl Easthouse had public comment on his son's senior year experience last year. Lucas Easthouse had public comment on the availability of the work study program. Superintendent Evertz stated that no student has approached her regarding the work study program.

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

IV. Reports

- a. Athletic Director Report: Sam Anttila updated the Board on middle school participation in volleyball, football and cross country. The new uniforms for cross country/track have been received. There will be a South Central AD meeting coming up, which will be reported at the next Board meeting.
- b. Washington DC Field Trip: Rachel Herrington provided the Board with information regarding a field trip she would like to offer to the juniors and seniors to visit Washington, D.C. The trip will be 5 days and cost approximately \$2,295 per student. The trip would take place May 6-10, 2020. Fundraising would begin in October after a meeting with parents and students to assess the level of interest. The students will raise all funds for the trip, there will be no request for the District to contribute funds.
- c. Student Board: Brooke Miller informed the Board about homecoming week activities regarding a bonfire and candidates for homecoming royalty. The student council relayed information to the board about the fashion show the senior boys put on each year. In order to assess the level of interest in the fashion show, the student council sent out a survey to let individuals be heard on their thoughts of appropriateness and necessity of the fashion show. The results showed that the overall interest level was high. The student board discussed the fashion show with specific students to ensure that they did not feel the show was insulting to the LGBTQ community. The Board noted that this is an administrative decision, and not something that would require Board approval.
- d. Kiosk Presentation: Aaron Dantic showed the Board the new kiosk that has replaced the scholarship and memorial wall information in the high school hallway. This kiosk is multi-purpose and can also be used in the classroom. The advantage of going to a digital kiosk is that information will be updated in a timely fashion, and the kiosk can be moved to different locations, which will make the information available to more of the public. Janice Ward offered public comment/suggestions on the process of notifying families and/or individuals about the transfer of information from the wall to the kiosk.

- e. Building Report – The Board was updated on the latest indoor projects by Russ Salo. Dale Limberhand updated the Board on the outdoor projects.

V. Correspondence – Supt. Evertz reviewed the correspondence provided to the Board.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Joint District Resolution – Supt. Evertz provided the Board with a draft resolution about the joint district from Lance Melton of MTSBA with updated language. This resolution addresses boundary/tuition issues between the Laurel and Joliet school districts.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the Joint District Resolution for consideration at the Delegate and General Assembly in October 2019. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Gym Wall Pad – The wall pads at the north and south ends of the gymnasium are marred, look tattered and don't match the rest of the new gym floors and bleachers.

This item was tabled until samples of the colors for the mats can be obtained.

- c. Date for Board Retreat – After confirmation of availability of legal counsel, the Board retreat has been set for Monday, December 2, 2019.

VII. New Business

- a. Classified Vacation Payout – Administration is unable to utilize acquired vacation time. Per auditor request, Board approval should be sought for any payout. Superintendent Evertz is asking for a 40-hour payout.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the vacation payout for Superintendent Evertz. Dave Schaible seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Building Reserve Projects Prioritization– The Board was updated on projects that need to be completed that fall under the building reserve levy funds schedule. The concrete entry to the gymnasium parking lot has been sent out for bid. Two bids were returned with the most reasonable bid being provided by Custom Concrete for \$9,312.00.

The high capacity water heaters also need to be replaced. There is only once company who is able to fill this need, and that is Ferguson. Their bid came in at \$19,304.92 which is significantly less than the estimated cost of \$40,000.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the concrete work be performed by Custom Concrete, with the caveat that the question of the sidewalk being included, is resolved. Dave Schaible seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the replacement of the high capacity water heaters by Ferguson. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. Reflex Protect – Reflex Protect is a non-lethal, self-defense spray to use as a response tool in the workplace. It is a non-violent alternative for violent situations. Superintendent Evertz and Principal Begger attended a demonstration of this product at a recent South Central MASS meeting. After discussing the potential of this product's use on the Joliet campus with the Safety Committee, the District would like to purchase several units to have at key locations throughout the building.

Dave Schaible made a motion to approve the purchase of 12 canisters of Reflex Protect for the District. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- d. National Agricultural Association of Educations (NAAE) President Elect – Chad Massar plans to run for the president elect of the NAAE. He would like Board approval to run for president elect now that his term as vice president and treasurer of the western and northwestern regions is now complete. Mr. Massar anticipates missing anywhere from 10-15 days of school. A memorandum of understanding is included in the Board packet for review and approval.

Dave Schaible made a motion to agree to pay the costs incurred by the potential absences of Mr. Massar as he assumes the new position. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

VIII. Personnel

Hiring

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Beth DeRueHagen as a part-time custodian for the 2019-20 school year.

Justin Oswald made a motion to hire Beth DeRueHagen as a part-time custodian for the 2019-20 school year. Dave Schaible seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Kimberly Belcourt as a part-time elementary aide/part-time roving substitute teacher for the 2019-20 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to hire Kimberly Belcourt as a part-time elementary aide/part-time roving substitute teacher for the 2019-20 school year. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of John Counter as the head middle school girls' basketball coach for the 2019-20 school year.

Doug Whitehead made a motion to hire John Counter as the head middle school girls' basketball coach for the 2019-20 school year. Dave Schaible seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IX. Superintendent/Business Manager Reports

Superintendent – Ms. Evertz advised the Board on: Upcoming Data Use Culture Conference; O'Dore's donation of a SmartBoard display; Junior Class requesting to use the Community Center for prom this year; Ticket taking practice at the gate for home games and new software that will be implemented to better track sales and money received; MTDA weight of classes and college classes (will bring these to the Board for approval next month); MHSA hardship waiver for a football athlete; Patriot's Day

assembly; New Concessions Stand Update; PIR day on September 30th; new exchange student, Andrea Icelic.

Principal – Mr. Begger updated the Board on Language Arts instruction throughout the elementary and middle schools; standards based reporting; district testing; gifted and talented; and the art program.

Business Manager – Ms. Smith provided the Board with reports of all claims paid, payroll disbursements, and a financial statement. She also provided information regarding upcoming audits, by the Legislative Audit Division for the TRS retirement system and an OPI Transportation audit.

X. Items for Next Agenda

Exterior Ground Walk
MTDA class weighting
Gym Wall Pads

XI. Next Board Meeting Date

The next regular Board meeting will be held October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. With a maintenance walkthrough beginning at 6 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

Justin Oswald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Dave Schaible seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved

10/14/2019

Clerk



Chairman

