

## **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – July 8, 2019**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on July 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Sharon Songstad, Dawn Blain, Doug Whitehead, Kathy Grewell and Dave Schaible. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitor in attendance was Mike Creeden.

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.

Mr. Creeden offered public comment on the school online bullying form and a personnel matter.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **IV. Reports**

- a. Athletic Director Report: Superintendent Evertz provided information from Ms. Anttila regarding the Hoop Camp that is currently being held and provided an interscholastic 19-20 calendar for all sports.
- b. Building Report – The Board was advised by Supt. Evertz that Hi-Altitude Electrical will be here the week of July 15<sup>th</sup>. The parking lot refinish will be the 1<sup>st</sup> week of August. The playground equipment donated from the Joliet Community Center has been installed. New mats have been placed in the weight room. Some of the A/C units in the middle school are not working properly and management will be working with Mechanical Technology to resolve the issues.

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

### **VI. Unfinished Business**

- a. Handbook Review – The Board was provided revised handbooks, reviewed them, and provided comments to administration.

### **VII. New Business**

- a. Transfer Authority for Fiscal Year End – At the end of the fiscal year, the District typically transfers money between funds in order to stay within MCA guidelines.

Dawn Blain made a motion to authorize administration to transfer fiscal year 2018-19 cash balances and expenditures between funds as it deems necessary to ensure the efficient use of school district resources in accordance with the Joliet School District Multi-District Agreement and 20-3-363 MCA. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion, Mike Creeden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Gymnasium Wall Pads – The wall pads at the north and south ends of the gymnasium are marred, worn, and need to be replaced. The green pads that are available through Red Rock do not match the floor or bleachers, so quotes have been provided for a black backdrop with graphics.

The Board asked Superintendent Evertz to obtain new quotes with different graphics for the Board to review.

- c. Bus Request – The Town of Joliet is planning an open house in July for residents to learn more about how the town business is run. The town would like to use a Joliet school bus to transport people on a tour of the town. The mileage would total 6.3, and the proposed bus driver, Bob Reed, is already hired and background checked by the District.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the Town of Joliet to use a Joliet school bus for a town tour of the facilities based on the parameters outlined in their letter (no expenses to be incurred by the District). Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- d. Joint District – Laurel Superintendent Linda Filpula called Friday, June 28, 2019. The two superintendents spoke previously regarding a joint board meeting to discuss splitting the Laurel/Joliet district. As an alternative to land-swapping, the Laurel and Joliet school districts could work collaboratively with MTSBA to draft language for legislative presentation so that students moving from Laurel's elementary to high school could attend tuition-free. This impacts the Laurel district more discernibly since Joliet does not charge out-of-district tuition. However, if the District experiences growth, and changes its tuition, those residing in the Laurel elementary district could attend Joliet High School without penalty of tuition.

- e. Memorandum of Understanding – Clark Begger was hired as an administrator in Joliet for the 2018-19 school year. His contractual duties started prior to his official administrative certification being attained. Upon hire, Mr. Begger did possess a Master's Degree of Curriculum and Instruction, but did not possess the administrative endorsement. He is currently taking classes, while simultaneously doing his administrative internship here in Joliet. He is legitimately working under a provisional license approved by OPI.

The purpose of this MOU will clarify financial commitments by both parties. The Joliet School District will pay for Mr. Begger's internship and the remainder of his classes through University of Montana. If, upon discretion of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Begger is not offered a subsequent contract for the 19-20 school year, Mr. Begger fails to complete his administrative endorsement, or fails to complete the second contract year, he will reimburse the District for the classes (not the internship).

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Clark Begger for the second year. Dave Schaible seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- f. National FFA Representation – ATMS Team (agriculture, technology, mechanical systems) and The Conduct of Chapter Meetings Team are going to compete at the National level. They will represent Montana in Indianapolis from October 29 through November 2, 2019. This opportunity presented itself because ATMS won State and Conduct came in second. The first place Conduct team cannot go to the convention, so the opportunity was offered to Joliet. In the past, the District has contributed \$200 per student. This is the same trip as normal, but usually Joliet attends every other year. This would be the off-year; however, Joliet students have earned the trip. The rest of the trip expenses will be covered through fundraising and donation.

Justin Oswald made a motion to donate \$200 per student to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.



- g. Resolution to Dispose of School Property – There are 15 computers from the high school lab that are 11 years old, and 6 from the middle school lab that are 7 years old. The industry standard is to replace computers every three years. However, schools cannot keep up with technological recommendations due to limited budgets; therefore, we try to update every five to seven years. Microsoft will cease to support Windows 7 in January 2020. We are utilizing tech levy funds, per the five-year tech plan, to upgrade the labs. Aaron Dantic, IT contractor, will take all serial numbers off the computers, put the numbers into a spreadsheet, pull the District stickers off, and wipe the hard drives. The District will then donate the computers to families in need. The recipients will sign a waiver absolving the District.

Dave Schaible made a motion to approve the Resolution to Dispose of School Property. Justin Oswald 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 Shay Lind as the Assistant High School Volleyball Coach for the 2019-20 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Shay Lind as the Assistant High School Volleyball Coach for the 2019-20 school year. Doug Whitehead 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: English teacher search; Drivers' Ed; summer school; acoustic sound shells replacement; pole vaulting equipment needs; stage for next year; and Range Days.

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

**X. Items for Next Agenda**

Out-of-District Acceptance  
Budget Adoption

**XI. Next Board Meeting Date**

The next regular Board meeting will be held August 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

**XII. Adjournment**

Sharon Songstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:126 p.m. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 08/10/2019

Clerk 

Chairman 