

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – December 12, 2016

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on December 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Doug Whitehead, Kathy Grewell, Dawn Blain and Sharon Songstad. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent and Sheryl Roberts, District Clerk/Business Manager and Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal. Visitors included Ryan Workman, Darlene Hartman-Hallam, Roberta O'Connor, Maelyn Kisthard, Carly May, Carson May, Melissa Daily, Sheri Beckwith, Tayler Beckwith, Deidrah Beckwith, Russ Salo and Kevin Kriskovich.

Melvin Stene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Stene welcomed guests and explained and asked for public comment. There was none.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz introduced Darlene Hartman-Hallam, the new .25 FTE elementary principal. She was welcomed by the trustees.

IV. Reports

a. Student Reports

Student Council – Melissa Daily reported that the halls are decorated for Christmas and invited the trustees to come in and look at the decorations; the sing along will be December 22; January 28 is the date for the winter formal in the old gym. The coffee and donut fundraiser was a big success.

Rachel's Challenge – A little over \$1,000 was raised for the Joliet Food Bank which was matched by Town Pump for a total of approximately \$2,200 for the fund raiser.

Moved to Item c.

c. Athletic Director Update – Basketball season started this week. Joliet will be 8-man football for next year.

Moved to Item b.

b. Accelerated Reader Recognition – Kevin Kriskovich provided a PowerPoint presentation about Accelerated Reader.

d. Maelyn Kisthard Senior Portfolio Presentation – The Senior Portfolio Presentation was presented to the trustees because Maelyn is graduating early.

e. Building Update – Supt. Evertz reviewed several items from the maintenance log.

Chairman Melvin Stene moved to Item VII c. and closed the meeting because the right to privacy outweighs the public right to know on this student issue.

Item VIIIc. School Attendance Review – Executive Session began at 7:42 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 7:59 p.m.

Motion made by Dawn Blain to allow Student to make up work and get back on track. Motion seconded by Sharon Songstad. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Correspondence – Supt. Evertz read a thank you from Western Floors, a letter from GATE and reviewed the process to identify student for the Gifted and Talented Program. Carla Amerson will be working with students in the afternoon after the Christmas break. Three people are interested in the Head Track position. A thank you from the Joliet Food Pantry was read.

VI. Old Business

d. E-rate RFP Extension

The deadline for official bids has been extended to January 4, 2017.

VII. New Business

a. Health and Safety Bureau – The Health and Safety Bureau stopped in and did an inspection. They have provided a list of items that need to be fixed.

b. Microphone System – A better microphone system is needed so that every student can be heard during plays and music performances.

Motion made by Justin Oswald to contribute \$5,000 toward a new microphone system. Motion seconded by Dawn Blain. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. School Attendance Review – Action taken earlier.

d. First Reading of Joliet Health and Safety Policy Manual

Motion made by Kathy Grewell to accept the first read of the manual. Motion seconded by Sharon Songstad. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Superintendent Evaluation – Melvin Stene asked that the trustees return their evaluations to Marlaina Myers or Sheryl Roberts by December 31.

f. Call for Levy Action Deadline – Trustees need to call for an election by February 21.

g. Security Upgrade Approval – Supt Evertz would like approval to upgrade the keypad locks to locks Kenco services as the old ones fail rather than replacing them with the same hardware.

Motion made by Doug Whitehead to move to the Kenco door lock system as it is needed. Motion seconded by Sharon Songstad. Justin Oswald would like assurance that the Kenco locks are upgradable and have a warranty. There was no discussion or comments from the public. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Personnel

a. Reaffirmation of Part-Time Game Night Custodian

Motion made by Dawn Blain to re-affirm the hiring of Alex Songstad. Motion seconded by Sharon Songstad. There were no public comments or discussion.

Voting Yes: Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Corie Mydland, Dawn Blain, Doug Whitehead and Kathy Grewell
Voting AGAINST: None
Abstaining from Voting: Sharon Songstad because she is related.
Motion passed.

b. Hire Chad Massar for FFA Advisor

Motion made by Sharon Songstad to hire Chad Massar as FFA Advisor for the July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 school year. Motion seconded by Corie Mydland. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Karen McKay for Concert Band, HS Play, Honor Band, Swing Choir

Motion made by Dawn Blain to hire Karen McKay as the extracurricular music instructor for the July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 school year. Motion seconded by Sharon Songstad. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Josiah Gibson for Crosswalk Monitor

Motion made by Corie Mydland to hire Josiah Gibson as a Crossing Guard for \$5.00 per day for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 school year. Motion seconded by Dawn Blain. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Part-time Assistant Principal

Assist. Principal Darlene Hartman-Hallam will be working 410 hours during the remaining school year with a salary of \$12,000.

IX. Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports

Supt. Evertz reviewed the items in the board packet.

Marilyn Vukonich handed out her report and reviewed it with the trustees.

Sheryl Roberts asked for approval to pay the credit card by electronic check. She will do further research.

X. Items for Next Agenda

- a. Second Reading of Health and Safety Policy Manual
- b. Levy Decision
- c. Acoustic Panels
- d. Supt. Evaluation

The next regular board meeting date will be January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Corie Mydland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved 1-9-2017

Clerk Sheryl Roberts

Chairman Darlene Hartman-Hallam