

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – April 16, 2024

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on April 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Amanda Dinsdale, Ken Adams, Kelly Carrington, Kathy Grewell (via phone), Justin Oswald, Jason Stene and Karin Williams. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent; Mandi Hernandez, MS/HS Principal; Joey Richert, K1-5 Principal; and Felicia Smith, Business Manager/Clerk. Visitors in attendance were: Tammie Grewell, Kayla Cline, Ashley Nelson, Kinley Erickson, Cynde Cole, Cloee Blain, Jack Cline, Adelynn Urenda, Keith Frank and Stacie Nardinger.

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. There was no public comment.

III. Reports

- a. Student Council – Kinley Erickson updated the Board on volunteering at the community play; the popcorn fundraiser, a Bozeman student council trip, staff/student basketball game, applications for the 2024-25 student council; and the video announcements.
- b. Athletic Director – Mr. Rowilson updated the Board on the track meet that was co-hosted with Park City—24 teams participated, and seniors were honored; middle school track will be hosting a meet on May 2nd—volunteers are needed; high school track team is doing well; middle school and high school schedules for next year have been finalized.
- c. Transportation – Mr. Begger gave an update on the new bus purchases.
- d. Elementary Principal – Mr. Richert updated the Board on PIR day work; kindergarten roundup; and testing.
- e. MS/HS Principal – Mrs. Hernandez updated the Board on Biomechanics day 4/4; GATE field trip to the career center 4/10; BPA Carnival last Friday-4/12; Career Fair for juniors in Laurel 4/17; Senior Skip Day 4/10 to Bozeman Hot Springs and Escape Rooms; ACT 4/10; WCTM in Powell 4/3-11-12 grade team won 1st, 9-10 grade team won 3rd, 8th gr team took 2nd; Q4 Midterm is Friday 4/19; HS Musical Play this Friday 4/19; Prom is April 20th; Honor Band Tour is 4/24-4/28 to Denver; State Music Festival is 5/3-5/4; National Honor Society Induction is 5/1 @ 5:00 in the gym lobby; FFA Banquet is 5/7 @ 6:00 @ the Community Center; FFA Officer Applications went out yesterday, due 4/29. Interviews are scheduled for 5/2; NHS Hwy Cleanup is 5/8; Lions Club Banquet is 5/8 at 7:00 at the Community Center; 31 seniors elected to do the job shadow activity for their senior project, they will present on 5/9 & 10. The remaining 3 seniors chose the SNL skit and will present on 5/11; Graduation update-34 seniors on track to graduate; BPA Nationals is 5/10-5/14; MS Choir-Annie the Musical 5/10 @ 7:00; 7th Gr SS and Math Field Trip to Bearcreek and Carbon County cemetery 5/13; Winter/Spring Activities Awards on 5/13 @ 6:00; Ecology to Zoo Montana on 5/15; 6th Grade Science is going to the Cooney Conservation days on 5/15; HS Spring Concert 5/15 @ 7:00; 8th Grade class trip on 5/17; HS Graduation is 5/19; 8th Grade graduation on 5/20 @ 5:00; Scheduling meetings have been ongoing.

- IV.** Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants ACH 99635-99633 & checks 51440-51500; Payroll Warrants ACH 84523-84453 & 64115-64156; Activity ACH, transfers, and checks 17323-17338; Minutes: 03/19/2024 regular board meeting, 03/26/2024 special board meeting. Jason Stene made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

V. Action Items

A. New Business

1. BPA Funding Request – The BPA presented their projects to the Board for their upcoming trip to Nationals. BPA is requesting financial support from the Board of Trustees. Last year, the Board approved \$300 per student for BPA to attend Nationals. There are 6 BPA students traveling to Nationals, and they would like \$1,800 to support their trip.

Ken Adams made a motion to support the BPA students with \$1,800 to travel to Nationals. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (H).

2. Superintendent Contract -- The Negotiations Committee met on April 2nd to negotiate the superintendent's contract. The Committee recommend approving Mr. Begger's contract for the 2024-2027 school years.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve Mr. Begger's contract for the 2024-2027 school years. Ken Adams seconded the motion. Justin Oswald asked about comparisons with other district's, Mr. Begger indicated Joliet is comparable. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

3. Annual Leave Payout -- Per MCA 2-18-617 and District Policy 5334P employees may request a payout of their unused vacation over the allowable accrual amount.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the payout of annual leave to Marlaina Myers. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

4. Personnel

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Mandi Hernandez as the 6-12 principal for the 2024-2025 school year.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Mandi Hernandez as the 6-12 Principal for the 2024-2025 school year. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Joey Richert as the K1-5 principal for the 2024-2025 school year.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the hiring of Joey Richert as the K1-5 Principal for the 2024-2025 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Marlaina Myers as the administrative assistant for the 2024-2025 school year.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the hiring of Marlaina Myers as the administrative assistant for the 2024-2025 school year. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Jill Brookings as the K-12 attendance secretary for the 2024-2025 school year.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Jill Brookings as the K-12 attendance secretary for the 2024-2025 school year. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Superintendent Begger recommended the hiring of Tamera Grewell as a teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Tamera Grewell as a teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried with 7 trustees voting yea: Dawn Blain, Justin Oswald, Ken Adams, Amanda Dinsdale, Jason Stene, Kelly Carrington and Karin Williams; and Kathy Grewell abstaining (B).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Tracy MacArthur as the summer school teacher for the 2024 summer session.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the hiring of Tracy MacArthur as the summer school teacher for the 2024 summer session. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

5. Policy –

First Reading of Policy 1420 — School Board Meeting Procedure – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on March 19, 2024 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 1420. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 3141, F1, F2 & F3 — Nonresident Student Enrollment – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on March 19, 2024 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3141, F1, F2 & F3. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

VI. **Discussion/Informational Items** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: High School and 8th Grade graduation; Carbon County school resource officer; 2024-25 handbook work; Facilities Master Plan; Building Reserve Levy; Review certified ballot; Review preliminary budget data sheets; Maintenance Logs; Enrollment Update; Hiring/staffing update; 03/08/2024 Hiring Committee Minutes; 03/15/2024 Hiring Committee Minutes; 03/19/2024 Budget Committee Minutes; 03/19/2024 Policy Committee Minutes; Superintendent’s Schedule.

VII. **Correspondence** – None.

VIII. **Suggested Topics for Next Regular Agenda:**

- Nonresident Enrollment
- Hire Classified Staff
- Hire Fall/Winter Extra/Co-Curricular
- Canvass Votes
- Certify Election

IX. **Suggested Topics for Next Special Agenda Following Regular Meeting:**

- Swear in Trustees
- Reorganize the Board
- Committee Assignments
- Appoint Clerk

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. Mr. Richert was excused from the meeting.

Executive Session began at 7:43 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 8:01 p.m.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to grant credit to Student 1142. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (H).

XI. **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. Hernandez was excused from the meeting.

Executive Session began at 8:05 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 8:23 p.m.

XII. **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 were excused from the meeting.

Executive Session began at 8:24 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 8:45 p.m.

XIII. **Next Board Meeting Date**

Regular Board Meeting – May 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

XIV. **Adjournment**

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Approved 05/16/2024
Board Chair Laura Blair

Clerk Jen