

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – June 20, 2013

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a Regular meeting on June 20, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Dawn Blain, and Clinton Kramer. Absent were Sharon Songstad, Corie Mydland and Brad Stephenson. Also present were Jeff Bermes, Superintendent, Jeanne Carroll, District Clerk/Business Manager, and Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal.

Melvin Stene, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Clinton Kramer made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with 1) GT Presentation under Reports. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Melvin Stene explained and asked for public comment. There was none.

Reports

Item #1 Gifted and Talented Presentation

Linda Hayden said she has two boys who attend school here. She thanked the Board for their dedication and efforts for our kids and community. Kathy Grewell was present also. Linda said our GT program starts here at the 4th grade. She would like to see more offered here for GT in the lower grades. She did a power point presentation. Brian Frank, who student taught here, noted Joliet is way above average @ serving 29% of our kids and he said kudos to the Board and school for their efforts. There was discussion between the Board, administration and Linda. She would like a committee to be started. Mr. Bermes will work with Mrs. Grewell for PIR days after August 1st. The Board thanked them for coming.

Item #2 Negotiations Committee

Melvin Stene said a phone meeting consensus was reached for a \$10 per teacher/month increase in health insurance paid by the district. Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the \$10 per teacher/month increase for health insurance for the 2013-14 school year for teachers. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion.

Unfinished Business

Item #1 Approval of Second Reading of the Revised Board Policies

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the Final Reading of the Revised Board Policies. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #2 Approval of Negotiation Committee Settlement on Health Insurance

Motion made above under reports.

New Business

Item #1 Approval of School Nurse Contract

Mr. Bermes explained that this is an on-call contract for \$1500-\$1800 per year. Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the school nurse contract for the 2013-14. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #2 Resolution to Dispose of School Property

Mr. Bermes recommended that the Board approve a resolution to dispose of the following school property that is obsolete or non-functioning: School Bus #4 Seized Engine, School Van (Old Maintenance Van) transmission is out, obsolete technology (old computers, parts and printers) and outdated textbooks. Justin Oswald made a motion to approve that resolution to

dispose of items as listed above. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #3 Year-end Budget Projections

Mr. Bermes reviewed the year end budget projections for the high school and elementary districts. He said he and Mrs. Carroll have been working on a better estimate, but we are sitting very similar to last year's year end funds. He and Mrs. Carroll feel very confident that the numbers are very close to \$134,643 in the elementary and \$133,966 in the high school general funds. Some of the following approved Board purchases have already come out of that and others have not yet. (see list below) Mrs. Carroll felt rather than encumbering purchase orders at year-end, it would be easier to transfer these funds to the Multi-District Coop fund and then pay the rest of the approved items from there as they are completed. Mr. Bermes recommended moving those year-end fund balances from the general funds to the Multi-District fund. He said this will allow us to make our purchases given approval without the requirement of other meetings to spend out those accounts. Justin Oswald asked about localizing the entry. Mr. Bermes said the short list of some of the items we need to purchase are about \$21,000 for a used bus for a spare, \$6,000 on carpets, \$21,000 for a newer van with a small percentage out of Driver's Ed, \$25,000 left on the roof project, \$38,000 for the doors and locks on all doors, and \$35,000 to \$45,000 to add a supply shed 16 x 40 to the pole barn. Also technology updates are needed. Student computers, teacher computers, new district server, printers, Title I notebooks and software renewals and updates at a cost of \$27,000. The student computers are to be placed in both labs and the library. Our current server does not have enough space to house all of our programs and IP addresses. Title notebooks are stepping into the future with technology to run educational applications without books. Also needed are student desks in the elementary and high school. Justin Oswald made a motion to approve these expenses and the unexpended balances from the general funds are to be transferred to the Multi-District Coop funds for the rest of the projects. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #4 Approve Hirings/Resignations/Wages

The following new staff members Mr. Bermes recommends are:

High School/Middle School/Elementary Music is Karen McKay, Elementary teachers Tesa Sironen for 5th grade and Lindsay Mahoney for Kindergarten, Allison Evertz for High School English, Jessica Arlian for High School Science. Head Middle School Track Patty Bergum, Assistant Middle School Track Betsy Suckow, Pep Band Karen McKay, and Student Council Marcie Peters. Clinton Kramer made a motion to hire the above listed staff as per Mr. Bermes recommendation. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Mr. Bermes said he will need to wait on the Athletic Director position as he is still working on the split of duties and a possible candidates.

Item #5 Approve School Meal Price Increase:

Mr. Bermes said we are all aware of the increases in the price of food. He said add that in with the USDA cutbacks on school lunch assistance and we are looking at major shortfalls in funding our current lunch program with current pricing of student and adult lunches. He recommends increasing the lunch prices by .50 and the breakfast prices .50 as well or a flat fee of \$2.00 for all breakfasts. He asked the Board for their thoughts and ideas. After discussion, Clinton Kramer made a motion to increase lunch prices by .50 and breakfast by .25, with extra milk at .10. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #6 Increase Rev-Trak Convenience Fee

This is the program we use so that parents can purchase student meals on line. We have been tracking the cost of this program and we need to increase the per transaction fee from \$2.00 to \$3.00 to cover the administration costs of the program. Usage has increased three-fold. Dawn Blain made a motion to increase the convenience fee to \$3.00 per transaction. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #7 First Reading of Student Handbook for 2013-14

Mrs. Vukonich handed out the changes for the middle school and high school handbooks and reviewed them with the Board. The first reading is complete.

Item #8 Approval of Transportation Purchasing

This item increase was approved in earlier business this meeting.

Item #9 Approval of Property Insurance Renewal

Clinton Kramer made a motion to approve the property insurance renewal for 2013-14. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Superintendent's/Principal's/AD's/Business Manager's Reports

Mr. Bermes said the elementary teachers have been working in committees to help find ways to help our students in improving reading skills and at the same time help advance our more skilled readers. He said we are working on instituting a Walk to Reading time slot every day in the normal day to help all students. He may change this to Math or do both. All teachers and specialists will work with small groups of students to improve their skills. They will use data from the classroom, MAPS, Dibels and Aimsweb to group kids in their appropriate levels of need or achievement. This is in addition to regular classes. He said this is an RTI model.

He also said we have received our preliminary determination for AYP and all schools have made the cut. They have changed the requirements so it is not solely on CRT scores, but a combination of accreditation, test scores, graduation rates, and attendance rates. He also reported on CRT scores for each grade level.

He said Athletics bought some new football equipment and uniforms. The Volleyball uniforms have been changed to meet codes. He will explore more options for storage for the kitchen. The gym floors will be done the first week of August.

Items for the Next Agenda – July 29 , 2013 at 7 PM—Regular Meeting

- Item #1 Approve Transportation
- Item #2 Building Additions
- Item #3 Hirings/Resignations
- Item #4 Second and Final Reading Student Handbooks

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on June 29, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

Justin Oswald made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved _____

Clerk _____

Chairman_____