

## **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – January 14, 2019**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Sharon Songstad (for the later portion of the meeting), Dawn Blain, Doug Whitehead, and Kathy Grewell. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger, K-8 Principal and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were Sam Anttila and Carri White.

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. Kathy Grewell informed the Board that Chad Massar has made it through to the national level for VFW Teacher of the Year.

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 notified the Board that Speech & Drama will be attending divisionals this weekend in Missoula with 6 participants. The Cheer boot camp will perform at Saturday's basketball game. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls' Basketball has had 10 practices and will play Belfry Tuesday. Girls' Basketball is currently 5<sup>th</sup> in the District, Boys' Basketball is 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are C games for the Boys' Basketball team when other schools have enough players. The South Central AD meeting was held and the spring track schedule was outlined. Ms. Anttila outlined the subjects for the upcoming MHSA Annual in Butte; she and Supt. Evertz will attend. A coaches meeting will be held to discuss tournament meal plans, uniforms for track/CC/volleyball for the 19-20 school year, gym floor refinishing, and coaches evaluations, which will happen in the spring. Mark Beckman from MHSA is scheduled to be here this spring.
- b. Student Council Report: Supt. Evertz read an update from the Student Council. The Christmas sing-along went very well with a lot of participation. The Council is preparing for a ski day scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will begin soon; they will play Bridger, Laurel and Red Lodge.
- c. Building Report – Supt. Evertz directed the Board to review the notes in the packet for building update.

**V. Correspondence** – Supt. Evertz reviewed the correspondence provided to the Board which included two letters from MHSA regarding a student waiver petition and the participation of 8<sup>th</sup> grad in the JV basketball program. There was a letter discussing a student matter and two positive letters about the leadership of Supt. Evertz and Principal Begger. A letter was hand delivered to Mr. Begger regarding Ms. Spoklie-Luoma's concern about an administrative decision regarding use of the gym. The Board agreed that Mr. Begger has the ability to make those determinations.

### **VI. Unfinished Business**

- a. Softball/Wrestling Co-op – The Billings Catholic School Board of Trustees has approved the softball and wrestling co-op. Minutes will be provided at next month's Board meeting. The next step is to seek approval from MHSA even though we are past the deadline to apply.

- b. Joint District – There are plans for legal counsel and administrators to meet in February to discuss the particulars of the joint district and the viability of a possible dissolution of the joint district. Supt. Evertz is attempting to find a neutral location for the meeting.

## VII. New Business

- a. 2019 School Election – There are two trustee positions open for election this year. The Board discussed the possible need to run a levy election for building reserve funds to address major repairs to an aging facility. The Board is required by law to call for an election at least 70 days prior to the election.

Dawn Blain made a motion to call for a mail ballot trustee and levy election. Dave Schaible seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Legislative Session 2019 – Supt. Evertz discussed MTPEC's agenda for the legislative session with the Board. Updates will be provided at the next Board meeting on the progress of over 200 bills which could impact public education.
- c. Focus Group Goals – The focus group met January 9<sup>th</sup> to review the results of the stakeholder survey. Once the group has established goals, they will be presented to the Board.
- d. Custodial Equipment – The current equipment used to maintain the hard surface floors is 15 years old, worn, and difficult to get replacement parts for due to that model having been discontinued. The Board discussed several options and tabled this agenda item so that rental and/or lease options may be explored for this equipment.
- e. MOU with Yellowstone West-Carbon County Special Services Co-op – Each year the Joliet School district must enter into an agreement, via a memorandum of understanding, to engage the services of the Co-op. Changes impacting the Co-op will be discussed on January 16<sup>th</sup> with regard to where the co-op will operate during the 2020-2021 school year.

Justin Oswald made a motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the YWCCSS Co-op for the 2019-20 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- f. Re-hire Superintendent – Mr. Stene recommended that the Board re-hire Allison Evertz as the Superintendent of Joliet Schools for a 2 year contract. The compensation package will be determined at the next Board meeting.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to re-hire Allison Evertz as the Superintendent of Joliet Schools for a 2 year contract. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

## VIII. Personnel

Rachelle Bennett – Superintendent Evertz recommended the Board hire Rachelle Bennett as a Middle School Boys' Basketball assistant coach for the 2018-19 school year.

Dave Schaible made a motion to hire Rachelle Bennett as a Middle School Boys' Basketball assistant coach for the 2018-19 school year. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Superintendent Evaluation – Supt. Evertz requested a closed session to discuss the results of her evaluation.

Board Responsibilities – Mr. Stene reminded the trustees that in accordance with School Law, each trustee must be in the school for the equivalent of 8 hours per year.

**IX. Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports**

Superintendent – Ms. Evertz advised the Board on: Driver's Ed vehicle possibilities; gym floor refinishing project Distinguished Schools Award and upcoming ESEA Conference; MHSAA annual meeting; need for new bus; purchasing tablets for use by trustees at Board meetings; Masons sponsoring one male and female basketball player each week; new art mural in the hallway; negotiations meeting reminder for January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Principal – Mr. Begger presented the Board with updates on each of the grades K-8, along with information regarding the Gifted & Talented and Title programs. Mr. Begger also discussed the middle school ICU program, use of the gym floor and upcoming PAX training.

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

**X. Executive Session** - Melvin Stene 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.

Executive Session began at 8:37 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 9:07 p.m.

**XI. Items for Next Agenda**

Scholarship committees to meet  
Lending a bus for the USO show in Roberts

**XII. Next Board Meeting Date**

The next regular Board meeting will be held February 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

**XIII. Adjournment**

Justin Oswald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 02/11/2019

Clerk 

Chairman 