

### **Board of Trustees Special Meeting – April 29, 2013**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a Special meeting on April 29, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Corie Mydland, Clinton Kramer, Sharon Songstad, Brad Stephenson and Dawn Blain. 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 6:00 p.m. Corie Mydland made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

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

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Item #1 Approval of Retirement Incentives**

Mr. Bermes said he would like to be able to post the openings for staff members wishing to accept the retirement incentives offered. He said we have looked at the numbers and both meet the 10 years requirement. The District will save money on both he and he recommends going ahead with both retirement incentives being offered at a cost of \$21,044 for two years for both. It will be no more than \$511.14 for Joni Bell per month for two years and no more than \$430/month for Shelly Turk for two years for health insurance. Justin Oswald made a motion to offer the retirement incentives to Joni Bell and Shelly Turk as presented above. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. The health insurance premium will be the only amount paid for, no flex dollars are included. It was unanimously carried.

### **New Business**

#### **Item #1 Teacher Negotiations**

Melvin Stene read the teachers' proposal to the negotiations committee. They are asking for the 6.8% increase or increasing the district's health insurance payment to \$587.40 from \$550. The Committee responded with staying at the \$550 per month current payment as it pays the single premium. The teachers will take it back to their organization.

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

Mr. Bermes said as soon as he has the above incentive's signed, he will open the positions. He said we will definitely need a Kindergarten teacher. He plans to move Carol Sherman to Math and Reading and help with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading in the afternoon, as well as splitting with Mrs. Sanford to 13 students each. Then they will both help with title or 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Rewards or keyboarding. Miss Sherman will be a floater. The Board asked questions. Mr. Bermes predicts 28 kindergarten students. He said he is looking at the kindergarten being team teaching in one large room. This will alleviate the need for so many specialists. He said there have been a huge number of kids referred to Special Ed because of not meeting the new standards. He is still working to figure it all out. He said part of this is the RTI modeling. There will be increased reading time in the Middle School to five days a week also. He is also looking for an upper elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Mrs. Sanford would still like to be part-time.

He said for the computers for testing, he now has to have sound cards that he had not purchased with them. He said it is also time to look at heated storage inside the pole barn for canned goods. He needs that classroom back. Mr. Bermes said he will explore options for the next Board meeting.

In the extra-curricular, he's asked for recommendations for assistant coaches from the head coach. One each is asking for Will Stoval and Rob Robinson has asked for John Nelson. Mr.

Bermes asked how the Board wants to handle the interviewing. He said it will still be open until the official Board meeting. Mr. Kramer doesn't feel the current applicants need to be interviewed again. Mr. Bermes will try to have all the coaches finalized at the next meeting.

Melvin Stene asked if there had been a response from the Fire District. Mr. Bermes said there had been none. May 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 pm will be the scholarships meeting.

Mrs. Vukonich said Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Alberta Bair will be our band playing with the Billings Community band. It is \$7.00 per ticket for Cinco De Mayo. She went on the Honor Band tour with 12 students, with a total of 88 people on the tour. She said our students were so well-behaved. She talked about the trip and its agenda.

Mrs. Carroll reminded the Board of election deadlines and that 106 of 418 permanent absentee ballots sent out, had come back.

Items for the Next Agenda – May 14 , 2013 at 7 PM—Regular Meeting

- Item #1        Approve Blue Cross/Blue Shield as Health Insurance Carrier
- Item #2        Recommendations for Classified Staff
- Item #3        Canvass Election Results
- Item #4

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on May 14, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

Corie Mydland made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_