

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – October 8, 2012

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a Regular meeting on October 8, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Corie Mydland, Dawn Blain, Sharon Songstad and Clinton Kramer. Brad Stephenson was absent. 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. Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda without minutes. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

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

Reports

Item #1 Student Board

President Carson Kane said Homecoming went well. They plan to do a haunted house for the community for Halloween. They also plan to do a food drive for hungry students on the weekend, within the school. They will perhaps fill a bag with non-perishable items. They are calling this the Backpack for Students program for students who are hungry on the weekends. Mrs. Peters said this will all be done confidentially to determine who needs them. Clinton Kramer suggested visiting with the cooks and teachers. They will have an application.

Item #2 Building Update

Mr. Bermes talked about the air conditioning compressors. The first bid received is for \$26,000 with surge protectors for four boilers. He is still working with the insurance company on this. He submitted the documentation that the specialists say it was a power surge. Refrigerant will be a huge expense for us. Clinton Kramer asked questions. He suggested putting on filters to contain contaminants to avoid changing the refrigerant as often as suggested. Mr. Bermes said he is waiting for another bid.

Item #3 Cook's Report

Mr. Bermes said on behalf of the school nutrition program, he said at the last superintendent's meeting they had an OPI person there that said there are no mandates or taking away funding for not following the new USDA rules. She said they are simply guidelines to follow for health eating. He said the additional six cents being offered is an incentive by OPI and that none of the superintendent's are interested. There will be a Superintendent's Board meeting to try to make changes. Mrs. Carroll clarified that all the clerks/business managers and all the cooks were told something totally different at their summer conferences. Mr. Bermes said OPI is backtracking now. Clinton Kramer said there are some areas that could be better.

Patty Rushton was present to talk about her program. She said they are using mostly whole grain breads and they are going over really well. Seconds everyday are done or two pieces are given right away and then there are no seconds. Salads and vegetables and two choices of fruits are being offered every day. They have pre-proportioned salads out as well as extra on the salad bar. There is pre-buttered bread with margarine and jelly packets. Peanut butter doesn't go over very well because it is government peanut butter. The Board suggested honey butter. Mrs. Rushton said the salads, etc. are going over very well. They served 330 today, with an average of over 300 per day. There is an average currently of four staff plus Mrs. Rushton as she is not released to do heavy duty until December. In answer to questions, she is already working with Mr. Bermes between Food Services and Sysco for the

best prices. Clinton Kramer said sometimes it's about the quality of the product. Melvin Stene said he has the October menu and how much of it is prepared food. Mrs. Rushton said everything the first week, except the pizza was homemade. They had to order the pizza because the stove quit working. She said today's meal was pre-prepared and it was the extra pizza she had ordered from the day the stove went out. She said the week of the 9th, everything is homemade all the rest of the week. Chili is made from scratch. Dawn Blain asked about the Shirley J's stuff they learned about in the workshop they went to. She suggested having her come in and give her ideas as per the workshop. Mrs. Rushton said a lot of Shirley J's ideas are to buy her stuff as well. Mrs. Rushton said they also made homemade cookies. Justin Oswald asked about the cost of the containers used for food served in containers for kids to choose from. Mrs. Rushton said foam is 6 cents each and they also use little plastic cups. Clinton Kramer said he feels the Board has to let Patty do it. He said they can't keep bugging Patty about this. The cooks know best. Melvin Stene asked Mrs. Rushton to come to the November meeting for a little update. Mrs. Rushton will call Shirley J and ask her about doing her presentation to the kitchen staff. The Board thank Mrs. Rushton.

Unfinished Business

Item #1 Board Retreat

Mr. Bermes said he will set up the Board Retreat for December 4th, which is a Tuesday night, if that night is okay. He will go ahead and plan it. He suggested the Board meet here at 6 p.m. and go up in a bus to eat and then have an hour presentation by Jeff Weldon.

New Business

Item #1 Approve Hirings/Resignations

Mr. Bermes recommends hiring Bob Reed as the Head Speech and Drama coach. Justin Oswald made a motion to hire Bob Reed. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. There are no others to hire at this time.

Item #2 Approve Advertising

Mr. Bermes would like ideas on selling advertising on the new scorer's table. He suggested a 6 x 12 inch spot or 8 x 12 inch spot for \$150-\$200/year. Clinton Kramer asked why there is no advertising in the gym. Melvin Stene said a motion was made by the Board when the new gym was build to not have advertising because it takes away from the event. Mr. Bermes will get a proposal together for the Board to look at.

Item #3 Enrollment Update

Mr. Bermes reported on the numbers submitted to OPI for the official fall count: K-18; 1st-25; 2nd-27; 3rd-31; 4th-22; 5th-28; 6th-29 for a total of 180. In the 7th-30 and 8th 39 for a total of 69. The high schools numbers are 9th-36; 10th-35; 11th-28; and 12th-33 for a total of 132. The total for K-12 is 181 students.

He also gave some other interesting information on enrollment. K - 2 out of district; 1st - 4 out of district; 2nd - 2 out of district; 3rd - 1 out of district; 4th - 1 out of district; 5th - 1 out of district who will be leaving at the end of this month, also have one other student moving so total number will be 26; 6th - 4 out of district students; 7th - 3 out of district, 8th - 2 out of district; 9th - 4 out of district; 10th - 2 out of district; 11th - 1 out of district; 12th - 3 out of district.

Total K - 6 out of district students 15 ANB share \$5,034 = \$75,510

Total 7 - 8 out of district students 5 ANB share \$6,444 = \$32,220

Total 9 - 12 out of district students 10 ANB share \$6,444 = \$64,440

Out of district students bring in \$172,170 to our general fund. I then weigh that number by the outcomes of overcrowding, staffing, and supplies to see if we are giving the best possible education to our students. For example, in the high school we still need the same staffing personnel whether or not we have the out-of-district students or not so if we did not allow out-of-district we would not have the \$64,400 leaving our budgets very tight. We would still be over the 119 mark for class C but under the 10% mark allowed so are still riding a bubble. Middle School is the same scenario as high school. We would have smaller class sizes, but staffing would remain the same and we are still below state class sizes. Elementary is an area of concern. We have a couple of class sizes that are rather large and that is where the difficulty lies in making decisions. We are below the state class size requirements; however, we have some classes that really grew this summer with move families moving in – 6th grade is the prime example. I just want to give you some info as to how the out –of –district students affect our district. The out-of-district student numbers can benefit the district if we keep our class sizes within reasonable guidelines. If the money was not there we would need to look at more mill levies so there is a trade off.

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

Mr. Bermes reported on the Webpage – We have been working on making the website more user-friendly with more current info.

Policy update - Joe Brott and Mr. Bermes are getting the policies together to make sure we have everything and then we will start reviewing and composing the new district policy booklet.

Sports – We have finished junior high football and have one week of junior high volleyball left. We have VB tournaments coming out and he will have passes forthcoming. District tourneys are in Roundup and Divisionals are in Forsyth. He said the teams may stay in Miles City for the tourneys.

Senior night for cross country and football will be October 12th. The football seniors will be introduced before the game and cross country at halftime. Volleyball seniors will be introduced on October 11th before the start of the varsity game.

Also, he'd like to talk about 6th grade participation in basketball. Due to some concerns last year, Mr. Bermes is going to wait until after the first official junior high practice to determine the need for 6th graders in the program. We are never sure of the total number of participants until they practice. He feels that this should be something we look at in sports like volleyball and basketball. This would eliminate some of the confusion and give us a solid number to work with before determining the need for the 6th graders.

Mrs. Vukonich handed out her Principal's Report. She told the Board about the Track team honors received for 4th place for the boys and 1st place for the girls. Also, an award for sportsmanship was received from MHSA. Also, Mr. McAndrews Science Olympiad team of 15 students will be participating in several challenges. She read the challenges aloud. MAPS testing was in the elementary last week. Freshmen and Sophomores were today. Also, she gave the FFA's National trip itinerary to the Board. The Montana College Info System was renewed for this year. She said students can take practice on-line ACT and PSAT tests.

Mrs. Carroll told the Board that the elementary mill value was transposed which she calculated it and the new numbers were included at the end of the Board packet for the Board to compare against original budget mill value's given.

Mrs. Vukonich added to her report that the dollar amount being brought in for Concessions into the Athletics fund is the most we've ever had. Mr. Bermes said if anyone is interested in going to MCEL, he and Melvin Stene will be going to the law seminar on Wednesday and to let him know.

VI New Business

Item #1 Expulsion Hearing

Melvin Stene, Chairman, determined that a right to privacy clearly exceeds the public's right to know. The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. The Board came back into regular session at 8:35 p.m. In the matter of Student Discipline Action #33, Clinton Kramer made a motion for a student to be expelled. The right to petition for re-admittance, must come from the parents and student to this Board. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. The Board said they hope the student fully understands what is to be faced. Mr. Bermes told the student that if the student shows up on school property, the student will be charged with trespassing. In the petition, the student must be able to prove themselves to the Board. Mr. Bermes said he will help the mother with computer classes for homeschooling. He told her how to register as a homeschool with the County Superintendent of Schools. The student apologized the Board and was told actions will speak louder than words.

Corie Mydland made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Items for the Next Agenda – November 12, 2012 at 7 PM

- Item #1
- Item #2
- Item #3

The next meeting is November 12, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

Approved _____

Clerk _____

Chairman _____

