

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – January 11, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on January 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Sharon Songstad, Doug Whitehead, Dawn Blain, Kathy Grewell (via Zoom), and Josh Bachler. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger, Elementary/MS Principal, and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Mandi Hernandez, Cody Dworshak, Terra Rockhold Stene, Sophia Schellig, Jennifer Ingraham.

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.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. Reports

- a. Student Council – Cody Dworshak reported that the Student Council is working on a “Pie in the Face” Valentine’s Day fundraiser where staff may be placed on the list for a donation, and the staff member can make a donation to be removed from the list. The Council is also looking into alternative ideas for the fun days in the event skiing is not an option.
- b. Athletic Director – Mandi Hernandez reported that 7/8 grade basketball had their first game Saturday. There are 30 athletes participating. In the 6th grade basketball program there are 16 athletes and they will begin February 8th and go for four to five weeks. Mask wearing by game attendees is an issue. There is a concern about needing to hire an additional cheer coach since there are 20+ members of the cheer squad between high school and middle school.
- c. Public Health – Mandi Hernandez stated that there will be a meeting with Carbon County Public Health on Wednesday. There are no COVID-19 cases in the school.
- d. Building Report – A building report was provided in the Board packet for review.
- e. Common Core – Superintendent Evertz advised the Board on standards vs. curriculum.

V. Correspondence – Correspondence was provided to the Board.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Policy 7425F-Class Fundraising – The advent of COVID-19 and the ensuing cancellation of various activities for students necessitated changes in the financial management of funds collected by clubs and/or classes. Montana School Boards Association has updated this policy to reflect the ability, under specific circumstances, for some flexibility in the use of funds raised by students.

The Board chose to table this reading pending clarification from MTSBA on fund usage.

VII. New Business

- a. Election Resolution – There will be three elementary trustee positions and one high school trustee position open during this election cycle. According to Montana State Statute, Trustees must call for an election at least 70 days prior to Election Day.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to call for a mail ballot election on May 4, 2021. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Justin Oswald made a motion to call for an elementary trustee election on May 4, 2021. Josh Bachler seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Dawn Blain made a motion to call for a high school trustee election on May 4, 2021. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Soccer Co-operative with Laurel – The Board was apprised of a potential for the Joliet School to participate with Laurel in their soccer program. These discussions are preliminary and Laurel is also have preliminary discussions with their Board this evening. Mike Creeden indicated to Superintendent Evertz that his student would be interested in playing soccer. Ms. Hernandez offered insight from a student survey regarding interest. This will be a topic at a future Board meeting once more information is available.
- c. Senior Projects – The Board was provided a history of senior projects and a proposal for this years' class of seniors. The Board suggested Option Two: Seniors can choose to job shadow or complete a research project.
- d. District and JTA Negotiations – The Board was informed that after Superintendent Evertz spoke with the JTA president, there are a couple of items in the CBA that the JTA members would like some clarification regarding extracurricular stipends. Hopefully the agreement will be ready for ratification at the February Board meeting.

VIII. Personnel

- a. Resignations
None.

- b. Hiring
Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Josh McQuillan as the second Assistant Middle School Boys' Basketball coach for the 2020-21 school year.

Doug Whitehead made a motion to hire Josh McQuillan as the second Assistant Middle School Boys' Basketball coach for the 2020-21 school year. Josh Bachler seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.¹

IX. Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports

Superintendent – Ms. Evertz advised the Board on: athletes signing with colleges; data analysis of teacher salaries and benefits; adult ed weight program; charter bus possibility; end of semester; and divisional speech and drama meet.

Principal – Mr. Begger provided the Board with an update on: K-8 instruction; 8th grade Ag; distance learning; and title.

¹ This motion was procedurally incorrect. The agenda item was added to the February 8, 2021 Board Meeting and corrected.

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. Mr. Begger was excused from the meeting.

Executive Session began at 9:08 p.m. The trustees returned to regular session at 9:22 p.m.

- XI. **Items for Next Agenda**
Standards Based Grading
Soccer
Policy 7425F Third Reading

- XII. **Next Board Meeting Date**
The next regular Board meeting will be held February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

- XIII. **Adjournment**
Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Josh Bachler seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 02/15/2021

Chairman *Melvin Stene*

Clerk *Josh Bachler*