

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – March 8, 2021

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on March 8, 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, 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, Karin Williams, Amber McQuillan, Stacie Nardinger, Danielle Sullivan, Cynde Cole, Jarred Behm, Brandy Feller, Riley Killion, Christie Krook, Nan Knight, Gina Schaible, Sean Sullivan, Josh Cook, Natalie Cook, and Mike Creeden.

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. Karin Williams offered public comment on the basketball season.

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

IV. Reports

- a. **Student Council** – Sean Sullivan reported that the Student Council organized send-offs for the basketball tournaments and had their first pep assembly of the year. The Pie-in-the-Face fundraiser was a success, with 18 people getting the pies, and \$260.00 raised. The Council is continuing to work on a high school fun day in April.
- b. **BPA Presentation** – Ethan Boone and Emmet Peabody provided a demonstration of their BPA video production project on Team Resolution. The project took 50 hours to film, and 8 hours to edit.
- c. **Athletic Director** – Mandi Hernandez reported that 5th/6th grade basketball, high school basketball, cheer, and wrestling have all concluded their seasons. Track will begin March 15th, but is not fully staffed at this time, and there is no schedule to date. Middle school track will begin March 29th, and the schedule is complete. Other schedules that have been completed include: MS/HS Football, MS/HS Basketball, and MS/HS Volleyball for the 2021-22 school year.
- d. **Building Report** – A building report was provided in the Board packet for review. It was noted that we now have an additional bus driver, which should help with the shortage of drivers and remove the necessity of the maintenance crew filling in to drive.
- e. **Standards-Based Grading** – Mr. Begger did a presentation of standards-based grading. Public comment was offered by: Gina Schaible, Brandy Feller, Jarred Behm, Terra Rockhold Stene, Danielle Sullivan, Karin Williams, Stacie Nardinger, Nan Knight, Christie Krook, Josh Cook, and Amber McQuillan.

V. Correspondence – Correspondence was provided to the Board.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. **Bus Purchase** – The district purchases a bus every two years and this is a purchasing year. The facility manager has received quotes for a traditional, maximum capacity bus. The best option for the District would be to purchase a Bluebird, 72 capacity bus for \$111,250.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the purchase of the Bluebird bus for \$111,250 to be purchased in FY21. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion Mike Creden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

VII. New Business

- a. Student Council Policy Proposal – The Joliet Student Body Representatives want a change to handbook policy and are lobbying for approval to drive off campus for lunch. Cody Dworshak provided comments to the Board regarding particulars of the changes they are seeking. Several questions were asked of Mr. Dworshak, which he fielded. The Board asked Mr. Dworshak to present them with a draft policy.
- b. Transformational Learning Grant – The district received confirmation of Transformational Learning Grant funding for fiscal year 2022. Current estimates from OPI are \$20,000 for elementary and \$33,350 for high school.
- c. Red Lodge CTE Pathway – Red Lodge passed their bond for a career tech center. The construction is in-process. This week at the Red Lodge School Board meeting, Superintendent Fitzgerald will recommend approval of the CTE pathway, which is a catalog of courses to be offered in the Fall of 2021. Red Lodge, Bridger and Joliet have been working collaboratively since February of 2020, and have discussed the possibility of creating an interlocal agreement for the purpose of student growth and development. The possibility of extended Career and Vocational/Technical Education with Red Lodge may be possible due to the flexibility Joliet will get with our transformational learning grant.
- d. Academic Calendar Approval – The calendar committee met on February 11, 18, and 21. There were three calendars devised, and the combined classified and certified staff voted anonymously on February 22, 2021. Calendar A was the resounding winner.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to adopt Calendar A for the 2021-22 school year. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- e. Textbook Adoption – Prior to the 2020 shutdown, the textbook adoption committee met three times between January 22 and March 16. The committee decided upon iReady Mathematics for K-5 and envisions Mathematics for 6-8.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the purchase of the proposed elementary mathematics textbook series (iReady for K-5 and envision for 6-8) to be invoiced FY22. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- f. Resolution to Sell Bus – Superintendent Evertz recommended that the District attempt to sell the 2000 Chevrolet Bluebird bus in an attempt to recoup more money that we would usually receive with a trade-in. The bidding process will remain open for 30 days, and then the best offer stands. If after 30 days, there are no offers, we will explore a trade-in. Purchaser agrees to as-is condition with no warranty or guarantees from the District.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the resolution to dispose/sell school surplus property. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Creden offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- g. Suicide Prevention Training – Per HB 381, school districts are required to do suicide prevention training. All teachers completed training on February 24, 2021 during the last early release PIR day. This training was provided free of charge by the speaker.
- h. Permissive Levy Resolution per SB 307 – SB 307 requires the district to provide notice to the public of its intent to increase/decrease permissive levies in the ensuing fiscal year. The notice provides estimates of the expected increase/decrease, and the impact of those changes on taxpayers. The notice must be published by March 31st. These are estimates only, and final numbers will not be available until FY21 has closed, and tax valuation numbers are received from the Department of Revenue in August. Changes include a decrease in the high school tuition fund, an increase in the elementary tuition fund, and increases in the elementary and high school flexibility fund (matching funds for the Transformational Learning Grant).

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the March 2021 publication of the resolution of the District's intent to impose permissive levies. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- i. MOU for Assistant Cheer Coach – As a result of a growing cheer program, trustees determined that additional supervision is necessary. The district does not currently have additional coaches mentioned in the Coaches' Handbook, nor is the position listed on the extracurricular stipend matrix. A stipend has been established for an assistant cheer coach on par with existent percentages.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the JTA for the newly established assistant cheer coach position. Josh Bachler seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- j. Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement – The JTA members have voted and accepted the Collective Bargaining Agreement. We are ready to ratify the CBA with signatures. Changes to the CBA were discussed.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the agreement struck between the District and the JTA effective for the 2021-22 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- k. JPS Donation to the Scholarship Fund – The district makes an annual donation to the Scholarship Fund. In past years, each District has contributed \$1,000 each to the Fund.

Kathy Grewell made a motion for Joliet Elementary School to donate \$1,000 to the 2021 Joliet Scholarship Fund. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Justin Oswald made a motion for Joliet High School to donate \$1,000 to the 2021 Joliet Scholarship Fund. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Jarred Behm offered public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- l. Policy 1900 Series Revisited – The Policy 1900 series were adopted in April 2020 at an emergency board meeting, and adopted again in September of 2020. Currently those policies require the use of masks. Due to easing restrictions from the Governor's office and Carbon

County Public Health, discussion is happening at this meeting regarding changes to those policies. Public comment was offered by: Karin Williams, Brandy Feller, Danielle Sullivan, Cody Dworshak, Jarred Behm, Stacie Nardinger, Cynde Cole, and various Board members. It was decided that the policy committee would meet on March 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm to consider changes to the current policy. A Board meeting will follow the policy committee meeting.

VIII. Personnel

a. Resignations

None.

b. Hiring

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of George Warburton as the Head Middle School Track coach for the 2020-21 school year.

Justin Oswald made a motion to hire George Warburton as the Head Middle School Track 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.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Kendall Denham as the Assistant Middle School Track coach for the 2020-21 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Kendall Denham as the Assistant Middle School Track coach for the 2020-21 school year. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Danielle Sullivan as the Assistant Cheer coach for the 2020-21 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Danielle Sullivan as the Assistant Cheer coach for the 2020-21 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IX. Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports

Superintendent – Ms. Evertz advised the Board on: envirothon; prom (April 24, 2021); senior class video; and high school instruction.

Principal – Mr. Begger provided the Board with an update on: K-8 instruction; 8th grade student qualifying for the state level spelling bee; and 8th grade achieving February's reading challenge.

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

X. Items for Next Agenda

Summer School
Campus lunch policy
MOU with Little League
Rock Creek Associates Contract
Graduation Plans
Election Discussion
2021-22 Contracts

XI. **Next Board Meeting Date**

The next regular Board meeting will be held April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

XII. **Adjournment**

Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 04/12/2021

Chairman 

Clerk 