

## **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting –September 10, 2018**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on September 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Sharon Songstad, Doug Whitehead, Kathy Grewell and Dave Schaible. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger, K-8 Principal and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were Sam Anttila, Rylan Olson, Walker Anttila, Betsy Scanlin, Ben Herrington and Alex DeWolf.

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.

Ms. Scanlin introduced herself as a candidate for the Montana Senate.

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. Athletic Director Report – Sam Anttila stated that there are there is a Varsity and JV team for volleyball, but no C Squad. Cross Country has 15 students, football has 21 boys participating. Ms. Anttila and Mrs. Hernandez recently attending and AD meeting. The move by the Board to raise the price of the activity pass brings it more in line with what other schools of our size are charging. Middle school volleyball has 29 girls playing, and there are 4 middle school cross country runners. Middle school football will have extra down games instead of additional games for the younger players. Concessions is going well. Volunteers are needed to take tickets at the games.
- b. Student Board: Rylan Olson and Walker Anttila relayed that the theme for homecoming would be TNT (which incorporates all sports Tip for volleyball, ruN for cross country, and Tackle for football. The student board is soliciting for convertibles to be used at homecoming. The student board is working on their mission statement at this time.
- c. Building Report – Supt. Evertz updated the board on the HVAC installation in the middle school wing. We are short-staffed for custodians at the moment due to illness and/or injuries. One of the water heaters in the maintenance shop is being watched carefully as it may be going bad. There is no estimate yet on the vehicle, but it is suspected that the insurance company will total it.
- d. HVAC Update – Mr. DeWolf provided the Board with an overview of the software necessary to hand the HVAC systems and highlighted the benefits of a proactive system and maintenance.
- e. FFA – The FFA students presented the Board with an initial report on the national convention to make them aware of the upcoming event. The convention will be October 20-28 in Indianapolis. The group will be traveling with FFA students from Absarokee, Park City and Bridger. They will do a follow-up presentation for the Board which will include projected costs.

- V. Correspondence – Supt. Evertz reviewed the correspondence provided to the Board from OPI, MHSA, the MT Woman Foundation and Mike Creeden.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

- a. Special Funds Revenue Resolution – This agenda item was tabled due to the necessity of a full Board for approval of the resolution.
- b. USAC Appeal 2017-18 – Reimbursement from the Feds – USAC appeal for the 2017-18 year finally went through. The reimbursement was lessened, but the District will still receive \$6,000. Nicole Jones and Felicia Smith will work together to finish up the paperwork necessary.

**VII. New Business**

- a. “Revolving” Activity Fund – There is a zero balance in this activity fund. No one seems to know why it exists. The Activity Account manager would like to close this particular account in an attempt to clean up the activity account.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the closure of the “revolving” activity account. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. REAP Grant – The REAP money available to the District must be encumbered by 09/30/2018 and drawn down by 12/31/2018. As a portion of this spending, the Board is being asked to approve the encumbrance of \$12,714.90 for 33 Lenovo Chromebooks.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the encumbrance of \$12,714.90 for 33 Lenovo Chromebooks. Dave Schaible seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. Milligan Data – Supt. Evertz and Adam Milligan will be working together on a data collection project that will be beneficial for decision-making throughout the year by compiling all types of different data to manage the District more efficiently.
- d. Joint District 20-6-105 MCA – Supt. Evertz relayed discussions she has had with Supt. Filpula from Laurel regarding splitting the joint district. The Board discussed the intricacies of splitting the district and decided to continue with past practice of leaving the joint district in place.
- e. Logo Survey Results – The results to date in the logo survey have revealed that most people would like to keep the old logo in place. Online voting is now in effect, an update will be provided on those results.
- f. Active Shooter Training – The school staff will be doing an active shooter training session on September 17<sup>th</sup> which will be facilitated by Jason Mahoney.
- g. Taurus X Update – On August 20, 2018 two individuals (Rhye Temple and Amanda Wilson) stole the Taurus X, which is one of two school vehicles utilized for extra-curricular and occasional route travel.

When it was recovered, the cost for towing amounted to \$779.00. The adjuster came to inspect the vehicle on September 4<sup>th</sup> and we are awaiting the results of his evaluation.

The Board was apprised of options for replacement. The consensus was that a 4 wheel drive vehicle would be preferable. It will cost approximately \$35,000 – 40,000 to replace the Taurus X with an appropriate vehicle.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the purchase of a new school vehicle totaling between \$35,000 – 40,000, plus any salvage amount from the insurance company. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

**VIII. Personnel**

Katy Purcell – Katy Purcell has tendered her resignation as the middle school boys’ basketball coach.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to accept the resignation of Katy Purcell as the middle school boys’ basketball coach. Dave Schaible 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 the NRA Shield Program which could potentially provide a grant to increase school safety. Instruction integrity is a focus of the administration this year which will emphasize an appropriate balance between lectures, seat-work assignments, group work, and hands-on activities.

Supt. Evertz informed the Board of upcoming events such as: Patriot’s Day, football travel, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade VB games, and the MASDA Legal Primer. Also discussed was vaping which has become a problem in other schools, dual enrollment for college courses, and the acquisition of 30 access points with speakers. Current enrollment numbers were also provided to the Board.

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.

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

**X. Items for Next Agenda**

Special Funds Revenue Resolution  
HVAC Update

**XI. Next Board Meeting Date**

The next regular Board meeting will be held October 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

**XII. Adjournment**

Sharon Songstad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 10/08/2018

Clerk 

Chairman 