

## **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – March 11, 2013**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a Regular meeting on March 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Corie Mydland, Dawn Blain, Clinton Kramer, Sharon Songstad and Brad Stephenson. 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. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

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

### Reports

#### Item #1 Student Advisory Board

None.

#### Item #2 Transportation Committee

Mr. Bermes said this meeting was held right before this Board meeting at 6:50 p.m. Buses were discussed. Mr. Bermes and Mr. Salo recommend the Thomas bus, however, the service at I-State is bad. We would probably use Riverside Repair whenever possible. Looking at the bus estimates, the Bluebird as a 46 passenger bus is \$134,500 and the Thomas is \$128,333.00. Mrs. Carroll mentioned that the reimbursement for bus routes through the transportation budget would be higher for a higher seating bus. It was discussed. The Committee decided to price out the Bluebird in vinyl seats with extra capacity seating. This will be discussed at the Board meeting.

#### Item #3 Joliet Fire Department Board

Rob Robinson was present to represent the Fire Board. He said there is no official easement or right-of-way back to the county property that has been there forever. They are asking for 15 feet of city property and 15 feet of school property for that easement. He said it has always been used as an easement, but there is nothing on file. He said they must have the easement to get funding. Rob suggested he thought a right-of-way might be better. They are asking the Board to look at granting an easement.

Mr. Bermes asked how it affects our fuel tank and the fire department pump station. By sight, Rob said it shouldn't be affected. Basically, Rob feels it would remain the same as it has always been, with no changes. There will be no cost to the school for the surveying. Mr. Stene said we will follow due process and go to the buildings and grounds committee and or the safety meeting. Rob would like to attend whichever meeting it will be.

### Correspondence

#### Item #1 Thank You

This is a thank you from Patty Rushton for flowers sent during her recent surgery.

### Unfinished Business

#### Item #1 Surveillance Equipment

Mr. Bermes said there will be one more bid coming. He said since the letter drive, \$3000 has come in in fundraising money. The Carnival will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. He said with the surveillance equipment there is a safety issue that has to be addressed to connect the Ag classroom

entrance to the school, and with the coded entry's the school can all be locked down immediately.

Item #2 District Clerk/Business Manager Evaluation

Mr. Bermes said he will hand out the forms to the Board and they can return the completed forms to Mr. Stene or Mr. Bermes.

New Business

Item #1 Date Change for April Board Meeting

Due to family medical appointments out of state, Mr. Bermes requested that the April regular Board meeting be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Carroll asked the Board that this not affect payroll, that it remain on it's regular schedule. Corie Mydland made a motion to move the Board meeting to April 11<sup>th</sup> and that payroll be run as usual. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #2 Purchase New Route Bus

This was tabled until the next meeting.

Item #3 Approve Hirings/Resignations

**Extra Curricular Positions**

High School Basketball:

Mr. Bermes recommends the board accept the resignation of Barry Rowlison from the high school head basketball coach. Corie Mydland made a motion to accept the resignation of Barry Rowlison. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Also, recommended by Mr. Bermes to the board, that the following positions be opened:

High School Head Boys Basketball Coach

High School Asst. Boys Basketball Coach

High School Asst. Girls Basketball Coach

Athletic Director

Head Junior High Volleyball Coach

Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach

Justin Oswald made a motion to open the above positions. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Mr. Bermes said these are the positions he knows we have open at this time for next year. He will schedule an Activity Committee Meeting the first part of April to hold any interviews for openings and to discuss recommendations for the upcoming season. He would like to make the recommendations for these openings and the rest of our extra-curricular positions at the April Board Meeting. At that time he hopes to have all of the assistant recommendations from the coaches so that the majority of the high school and junior high positions can be filled at that meeting, giving enough time to make adjustments and open vacancies

Mr. Bermes also said that Darcy Sturkey from Red Lodge turned down the track position that was offered. Mr. Bermes recommended we keep the six we have.

**Special Education Aide**

Mr. Bermes also recommends that the board hire Diane Mantis as the high school special education aide until the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Diane will be gone in May and he will

get a substitute for her during that time. Corie Mydland made the motion to hire Diane Manis as stated above. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #4 Call for Election

Mrs. Carroll and Mr. Bermes talked about current funding for next year. It is early to determine if a mill levy is needed at this time, until the Legislature finishes. We know that if everything stays the same with current school funding bills, we would be looking at an increase of about \$43,000 in the elementary and a decrease of \$12,000 in the high school. Given student populations, Mr. Bermes said it is difficult to determine how this will affect our budgets in the future

Mrs. Carroll said at this time, in order to Call for Election, the Board only needs to state date, time, and place. If a mill levy is decided upon, definite information is stated on the Election Notice posting which does not have to be done until April 16<sup>th</sup>. Corie Mydland made a motion to Call for Election on May 7<sup>th</sup>, to be held in the health room off the new lobby, with polls open from 12 noon until 8 p.m. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Mrs. Carroll also reminded the Board that they have given her permission to call the election by Acclamation on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. if no other trustee candidates file a petition for nomination by that time.

Item #5 Renew Multi-District Agreement

Mr. Bermes said it is once again time to renew the Multi-District Agreement that allows us to set aside funds from our elementary and high school budgets to one account that has been designated a use for, from a year ago. He recommends that the Board renew this agreement as it has been a great asset for the district to use this account in helping keep the district in the black. It allows projects to be completed and necessary purchases that we have not been able to do, without such an agreement as this. Mrs. Carroll said this agreement needs to be renewed annually. Dawn Blain made a motion to renew the Multi-District Agreement. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #6 2013-14 Calendars

The two school calendar draft options were passed out to the Board to review. Mr. Bermes said he will have a final calendar voted on by the staff for Board approval at the April Board meeting. He said last year when the calendar went off to the printer, something went wrong and the days are off. He recommends the last day of school by May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

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

Mr. Bermes said the proposed new Policies will be sent via e-mail and then after that if anyone needs it, he can do thumb drives. There will be two or three hard copies in his office, Mrs. Carroll's office and Mrs. Vukonich's office.

He is also planning on attending the Day of Advocacy in Helena on March 17 and 18. He will be gone the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> for the Legislative conference and a SAM meeting.

He and Mr. Stene met with Dan Burmeister about his plans of a subdivision south of the school property and his visions for the school. Mr. Burmeister would like to start Phase 1 of 52 smaller plots with high density with \$200,000 to \$300,000 price tags. He wants the school to get grants to acquire 8 acres of the subdivision for ourselves for approximately \$1 million dollars. Mr. Bermes said a copy of his Master Plan would be needed before the school would do anything.

There is no more on a notice of claim from a former employee.

He gave a short update on the Carnival coming up on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March and the letter donation drive.

He shared his thoughts on possibly graveling 4 spots for the buses on the ball field to shine surveillance cameras on. He has also already been dropping kids by the new gym in icy weather. He said there is a real safety issue in dropping kids off. There needs to be an outlet for traffic.

Mrs. Vukonich handed out her calendar of events for April and briefly reviewed it. There will be a simulated car crash event called "its your choice" at 1 p.m. with a 45 minute program in the gym.

Mrs. Carroll reviewed election deadlines with the Board.

Mr. Bermes said we are still looking for a new Driver's Ed van.

Items for the Next Agenda – April 11 , 2013 at 7 PM—Regular Meeting

Item #1           Renewal of Certified Staff

Item #2

Item #3

Mr. Bermes said he will be working a little on the track. The Boosters got permission for working on the landing pit as well.

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on April 11, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved\_\_\_\_\_

Clerk\_\_\_\_\_

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_