

Board of Trustees Special Meeting – March 27, 2013

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a Special meeting on March 27, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Corie Mydland, Clinton Kramer, Sharon Songstad, Brad Stephenson and Dawn Blain. 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 6:00 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.

New Business

Item #1 School Mill Levy

Mr. Bermes said in watching the Legislative action HB 2 passed with no problems. SB175 the other school finance bill is barely now to be heard again. He explained SB 175 to the Board. He talked about staffing. He said the Title budgets are expected to be cut 10%. He said he may need to hire a teacher in the elementary. Keyboarding classes in the 3rd and 4th grade classes are necessary for testing. He reviewed the budget estimate sheet with Mrs. Carroll's input. He recommends no mill levies be run as a promise was made to the community several years ago when the new building was built to keep mill levies to a minimum, and only when necessary. Melvin Stene polled the Board for their thoughts on a mill levy election: Corie Mydland said she doesn't want to run a mill levy now, but hopes in two years when it may really necessary, that the community will support it. Clinton Kramer says no levy requests at this time because the community will know that when we ask for it, it is needed. Justin Oswald said no mill levy because the district needs to be transparent with the community. Sharon Songstad agrees. Dawn Blain said she agrees to not ask for one this year and hope the community will support it later when we have to ask. Brad Stephenson agreed that no levy be requested in order to keep promise made to voters. The Board asked about items yet needed to be purchased. Mr. Bermes said he will need more computers for testing, new tables and 20-30 high school desks.

Justin Oswald made a motion to not run a mill levy election for either the elementary or high school. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #2 Fire Department Right-of-Way

Mr. Bermes said after the buildings and grounds committee looked at the right-of-way, the city can only give 12'8" on their side. The committee was a little torn. Mr. Bermes said access has always been allowed. Mr. Bermes recommends stating that the school district is not for or against the fire department, that their mission is simply to provide access with equal property of 12'8", with no barriers and access to our fuel tank and that concerns for safety in bus turn-arounds and no high speeds coming out will be met. It's up to the voters what is decided on the fire department. The Board was asked for their individual opinions. It was discussed further. Clinton Kramer made a motion to grant equal access for the easement with the above stipulations. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. The Board was polled: Sharon Songstad, yes, Corie Mydland, yes, Dawn Blain, yes, Brad Stephenson, yes, Clinton Kramer, yes, Justin Oswald, no. Melvin Stene, yes. The motion carried 6 to 1.

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

A brief Superintendent's report was given by Mr. Bermes. The Board is in agreement with his thoughts.

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

- Item #1 District Clerk/Business Manager Evaluation
- Item #2 Recommendations for Certified Staff
- Item #3 Activity Committee meeting at 6 p.m.
- Item #4 Transportation Committee—Bus Purchase
- Item #5 School Calendar
- Item #6 Surveillance Cameras

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

Sharon Songstad made a motion to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Brad Stephenson seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved _____

Clerk _____

Chairman _____