

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting –March 11, 2019

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Sharon Songstad (7:50 p.m.), Dawn Blain, 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, Monica Salo, Ali Nardinger, Nikki Easthouse, Tami Hoines, Tyler Butts, Russ Salo, Jenny Stone, Gaylynn Robertus, Noah Salo, Toni Atkins and Kari Harris.

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.

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

IV. Reports

- a. Student Council Report: Tyler Butts reported that there were 23 valengrams delivered on Valentine's day. There will be a high school fun day including skiing, bowling, ice skating, golf and the trampoline park.
- b. Athletic Director Report – Sam Anttila reported that the boys took 2nd in Districts and that the girls lost out during the District tournaments. Since the gym floor will be inaccessible during much of the summer, there is discussion about using other area gyms. Spring softball started March 11th with 3 girls playing. Track has 37 students participating; their first meet will be March 28th. Middle school track will start next week with 43 7th and 8th graders and 29 6th graders. Ms. Anttila and Ms. Hernandez have participated in several AD meetings to set the volleyball schedule and football schedule for the 2019-20 school year.
- c. Senior Trip Report – Monica Salo presented the Board with details of the upcoming senior trip that will take place after graduation. The group will be going to Spokane, WA, Coeur d'Alene and Kellog, ID. There will be many indoor and outdoor activities for the participants to enjoy. Students will be able to participate only after signing an agreement setting the stipulations for behavior. Bags will be inspected by law enforcement with dogs prior to students being allow to board the bus for the trip. There will be plenty of chaperones on the trip. Fund raising is almost completed for the trip.

- V. **Correspondence** – Supt. Evertz reviewed the correspondence provided to the Board which included two letters from MHSA approving the softball and wrestling co-op request.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Safety Film Update – The remainder of the safety film will be installed on the south side of the high school wing in March.
- b. Calendar Adoption – A revised calendar was presented to the Board for the 2019-2020 school year which included corrections to the spring break.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the staff selected academic calendar for the 2019-20 school year. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. Gym Floor Refinishing – The Activities Committee met to decide on a vendor for the work on the gym floor. The Committee has chosen Northern Hardwood as the company to refinish the gym floor.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve Northern Hardwood as the company for the gym floor refinishing. Dave Schaible seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

VII. New Business

- a. Out of District Student Approval – Supt. Evertz discussed a 5th grade student who has recently moved to the area. This student has been attending since February 19th on a probationary basis.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the out-of-district attendance of DC for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. USO Project Bus Approval – The Board was provided information on the VFW Auxiliary who is partnering with other groups to put on a USO performance in Roberts. The group would like to borrow two buses for shuttling people from Joliet to Roberts to allow for better parking. Sandy Matlock has volunteered to drive one of the buses. Another bus driver is currently being recruited.

Justin Oswald made a motion to allow the USO group to borrow two buses and the gas, contingent upon use of the District's certified bus drivers. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. Retirement Incentive – Supt. Evertz drafted an incentive package to be offered to some of the higher paid staff. Two packages are available.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the proposed incentive package for the 2018-19 school year and offer it to the staff who meet the requirements. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- f. Middle School Track Numbers – The Board was informed of the high number of 6th grade students who would like to participate in track. Several options were discussed for a slightly modified program for the 6th grade that would not interfere with the regular middle school program.

- g. Metal Detectors – The Safety Committee discussed the implementation of metal detectors at its last meeting. There are many concerns about the metal detectors: staffing, cost of operation, safety, and inflow of students in the morning. It was decided that further review of how other schools who do have the metal detectors have implemented them would be prudent before making any decisions.

- h. Class C Hypothetical – Supt. Evertz discussed a Class C Hypothetical with Mark Beckman from MHSA. Mr. Beckman stated that the only way a school is moved from one class to another is

based strictly on numbers. MHSA would notify the school if they are being considered for reclassification. All decisions are based on student enrollment, which MHSA monitors.

- i. School Board Self-Evaluation – The Board has not done a self-evaluation in quite some time. It is usual practice to do an evaluation every year. Supt. Evertz provided a basic evaluation. After discussion by the Board, Ms. Evertz will re-draft an evaluation for the Board.
- j. Levy Discussion – The SB 307 Permissive Levy Notice was discussed by the Board and will be published prior to March 31, 2019. Due to the number of costly repairs and upgrades facing the District with its aging facility, the Board discussed the need for a voted building reserve levy election to raise the necessary funds to pay for the repairs/upgrades.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve a building reserve levy election for \$75,000 per year for 5 years to finance the building projects. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- k. Bus Purchase – The District needs to purchase an additional bus. Current estimates for a 72 passenger bus would be approximately \$104,500. Installation of a camera would be \$2,500 to \$4,000.

Justin Oswald made a motion to purchase a conventional 72 passenger Bluebird Bus with an additional camera system installed. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

VIII. Personnel

- a. Superintendent's Contract – A two-year contract has been offered to Ms. Allison Evertz.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the two-year contract extended to Allison Evertz for the position of Superintendent from 2019-2021. 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: recent assemblies; legislative issues; prom; superintendent's vacation in March; a biomechanical engineering lab; a forensics lab; senior presentations; teacher's health insurance choice for next year and drug dogs on the calendar.

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. Mr. Begger also discussed a student issue in the middle school, standards based grading and the possible integration of 6th grade into middle school.

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

X. Items for Next Agenda

School Board Evaluation
Levy Language
Jack O'Connor from OPI to Present Award
Certified Teacher Contracts
Student Issue

Gym Floor Graphic

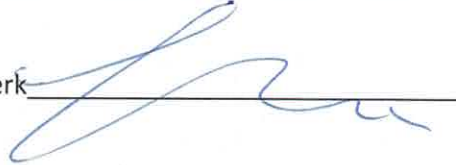
XII. Next Board Meeting Date

The next regular Board meeting will be held April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

XIII. Adjournment

Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 04/08/2019

Clerk 

Chairman 