

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – November 11, 2019

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on November 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Sharon Songstad, Dawn Blain, Doug Whitehead 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, Brandon Kramer and Morgan 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.

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

IV. Reports

- a. Student Board: Brandon Kramer reported to the Board on the send-off for state cross country and volleyball tournaments. The student board is working on a semi-formal for January 11th; and on February 24th the annual Fun day will take place. The BPA and the student board will be again be participating in Flakesgiving this month.
- b. Athletic Director Report: Ms. Anttila reported that middle school girls' basketball has begun, there are 19 athletes participating. They are working on skills and considering adding a 5th and 6th grade program. Volleyball took 2nd in districts and will move on to divisionals and state (a bracket was provided to the Board). Football has wrapped up and all-conference honors have been announced with several athletes receiving honors. High school basketball will begin this month; there are 26 boys and 15 girls. 8th grade players may be brought up to support the girls' JV squad. There may be a need for 2 buses for basketball because of the number of players.
- c. Building Report – A building report was provided in the Board packet for review.

V. Correspondence – Correspondence was provided to the Board.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Gym Wall Pad – The wall pads at the north and south ends of the gymnasium are marred, look tattered and don't match the rest of the new gym floors and bleachers. The Board was provided color samples.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve using the forest green color on the wall pads in the gymnasium. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Reflex Protect – All 24 canisters of Reflex Protect have arrived. The Safety Committee had to postpone its scheduled training due to weather, but will plan a training during the next quarterly meeting. In the interim, there is a policy drafted by MTSBA for the governance of this product on school campuses.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve first reading of Policy 1710. Dave Schaible seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. Donahue Roof Estimate – This final bid for the elementary roof is broken into sections in the event the District decides to do the project in phases. When compared to the other two bids incorporated into the October 2019 Board packet, the Donahue bid is high.
- d. Security Update – The keypad lock sets on the exterior doors are now seven years old and are failing. The board approved the security upgrade in December of 2016. The plan is to upgrade to the prox-card doors on five of our entrances initially, and eventually move to all other doors currently operating with keypads.

The most reasonable bid was from Dale & Jax at \$12,600. The bid from Kenco included a \$3,500 to \$5,000 per door set-up charge because the system would need to be hardwired versus the battery powered locks.

VII. New Business

- a. Exterior Grounds Plan Updated – The updated results of the exterior grounds walk and grounds assessment that occurred at the October Board meeting was provided to the Board.
- b. Joint District Resolution – The Joint District Resolution was passed at the Delegate Assembly with 45 FOR and 3 AGAINST. It is the role of the Delegate Assembly to bring before the membership timely and important resolutions which will, upon adoption, serve as the platform for action during the next legislative session.
- c. Policy Updates from MTSBA – The MTSBA has sent District policy updates. As a board of governance, Joliet Trustees need to approve or deny these changes. Superintendent Evertz recommends that the Board approve the MTSBA Policy Updates that were issued October 15, 2019.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve the MTSBA Policy Updates. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- d. Elementary Principal to Become a PAX Trainer – Principal Begger has been invited to do the training to become a PAX trainer. He will have an interview and then do four days of training in Ohio. There is no financial requirement from the District for the training. As a refresher, the PAX system is a behavioral tool utilized in classrooms.
- e. PA System for the Gym and Football Field – the public address systems are dying and will need to be replaced in the near future.
- f. Pre-ETS Money – Over the course of three years, Mrs. Hernandez, in coordination with Supt. Evertz, has secured money through Pre-Employment Transition Services. This money is used to help disabled students ages 14-18 transition from high school into the work force and college world. Any student eligible for special education or with a disability (including ADD and ADHD) qualify. There is currently \$41,868.09 available to utilize for these students and any activities that improve their transition after high school.

- g. Transformational Learning Grant – The transformational learning grant, written by Supt. Evertz, underwent a small change. The definition of proficiency was redrafted to align more closely with our 1005FE Policy – policy is titled Flexibility and Efficiency. Chairman Stene signed off on the new draft and Supt. Evertz resubmitted to OPI.
- h. Transportation Audit – Joliet’s transportation audit findings are highlighted in the information provided to the Board. These findings have been rectified, or are in the process of remedy, as we wait for the state to approve the District’s application to become a registered user.
- i. MOU for Gym Usage – There are stakeholders who would like to utilize the gym weight room, but with the heavy usage of the gym for basketball practices both in the mornings and evenings, an MOU has been drafted to ensure that the use of the weight room will take place only during non-practice time and that the gym will be closed in a timely manner each evening to coincide with security details.
- j. Concert Equipment – In the July Board packet, information was included on the state of the acoustic sound shells currently used during concerts and graduation. After discussions with music teachers, maintenance personnel and a potential donor, the District looked more closely at the process of replacing the shells.

The District has received a donation in the amount of \$10,000 to help alleviate the costs of replacement of worn out shells. Supt. Evertz recommends that the Board allow the private donor to reimburse the school in the amount of \$10,000 to replace the shells, and approve the remaining purchase of carts, curtains and curtain frames. Further recommendation is to wait on the purchase of additional risers.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the acceptance of the \$10,000 donation and approve the remaining purchase of equipment. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

VIII. Personnel

No personnel items at this time.

IX. Superintendent/Business Manager Reports

Superintendent – Ms. Evertz advised the Board on: Standards Based Grading Presentation to Stakeholders; Minutes from the South Central MASS meeting; Upcoming Board Retreat; Intervention Assistance Team in the High School; Upcoming Testing; Posting of Special Education position; Espinoza Case; Changes to Universal Service Fund, including E-Rate; Acts for Recruitment and Retention of Quality Educators; Unreasonable FMCSA Standards to Impact Schools; DPHHS Health/Safety Proposed Rules and LR130 Ballot Issue on Montana Gun Measure.

Principal – Mr. Begger updated the Board on happenings in the Elementary and Middle School with Science and Math; Jobs for Montana Graduates; Standards Based Reporting; Gifted & Talented and Music.

Business Manager – Ms. Smith provided the Board with reports of all claims paid, payroll disbursements, and a financial statement. Ms. Smith also reminded the Board that money can be transferred from other funds into the building reserve fund for security upgrades based on SB213 from the 2015 legislature.

X. Items for Next Agenda

Superintendent Evaluation


XI. Next Board Meeting Date

The next regular Board meeting will be held December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

XII. Adjournment

Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 12/09/2019

Clerk 

Chairman 