

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – April 13, 2015

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on April 13, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Clinton Kramer, Sharon Songstad, Dawn Blain and Corie Mydland. Brad Stephenson was absent. Also present were Jeff Bermes, Superintendent, Sheryl Roberts, District Clerk/Business Manager, and Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal. Visitors included Evelyn Fischer, Sean McAndrews, Barry Rowlison, Kaylee Rowlison, Tru Roginske, Kinna Olson, Madison Unger, Allison Evertz, Jessica Arlian, Hallie Rowlison and Patty Bergum.

Melvin Stene, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Clinton Kramer made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

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

Reports

Item #a Negotiations Update

The Negotiations Committee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Item #b Board Packet Update

The board packet was sent out two days earlier for this meeting. The trustees felt it worked well.

Item #c Interview Committee Update

Mr. Bermes reviewed his timeline for interviews. He would like to have hiring for next year complete by July 1, 2015.

Correspondence

A thank you card was passed around for the trustees to see.

Old Business

Item #a Senior Class Proposal for Senior Day

The seniors passed out their proposed budget for the trip and reviewed it for the trustees. After the trip, they will have about \$800 left for graduation. Mr. Bermes has agreed to drive and the chaperones will be the three class advisors and Mr. Bermes. Mr. Bermes recommended that the district provide the bus and fuel for the bus. Sharon Songstad made a motion to provide the bus and fuel for the trip. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #b New Bus Bids

Mr. Bermes passed out the bus bid packet. He asked the trustees to review the packet before the next meeting. Discussion followed on front engine vs rear engine. Mr. Bermes would like the trustees to let him know which bus or busses they would like to look at so they can be brought to Joliet. It also needs to be decided which bus to trade in.

Item #c Superintendent Contract

The contract has been signed and returned.

New Business

Item #a Election

The election will be Tuesday, May 5, 2015. After research, Mr. Bermes has determined that a trustee who lives in the Joliet/Laurel shared district can vote on both elementary and high school issues.

Item #b Future School Election Procedures

Mr. Bermes reviewed the proposal from the Carbon County Elections Administrator to run the school election. She would run a mail ballot election only. Mr. Bermes felt it may provide several benefits for the district. Corie Mydland made a motion try a mail ballot for next year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #c Carpet Bid

Mr. Bermes has gathered bids to replace several areas of carpet. An asbestos abatement bid is included for the high school office area. He recommended that the middle school entryway and Room E10 be done and that the other areas be done if funds allow. Justin Oswald made a motion to carpet the middle school entryway and Room E10 and table the other bids. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #d Asbestos Removal Bid

Item tabled.

Item #e 2013 Audit Finding Correction Report

The correction plan has been approved by OPI for the June 30, 2013 audit.

Item #f Gym Floor Refinish Bid

Mr. Bermes reviewed the bid from Western Sports Floors. He recommended that the floors received at least one coat. If two coats are done, one could be done this summer and one coat after volleyball. Justin Oswald made a motion to have one coat applied at a cost of \$4,804.80. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #g Gym Bleacher Maintenance Bid

Bleacher maintenance should be done every three years and it has been more than three years; therefore, Mr. Bermes recommended that the bleacher maintenance be scheduled. Clinton Kramer made a motion to service the bleachers prior to the gym floor refinishing. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #h Health Insurance Increases

The increase will be 13.5%. Mr. Bermes said other schools he has talked to have had an increase of between 10.5% and 15.5%. He will review the contract language on the amount of increase allowed.

Item #i Health Care Provider

Mr. Bermes recommended the district stay with MUST due to the fact that the buyout amount for the current plan is unknown and will not be known for some time and the logistics of changing plans. Clinton Kramer made a motion to continue with MUST. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried

Item #j Summer School

Summer school is schedule for June 15 to July 3 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. Teachers will be paid for 4 hours per day plus 8 hours to prepare for the session. Total days for the session are 15. Two teachers will be needed for 10-20 students. The cost for a teacher will be 68 hours at \$25.00 per hour for a total of \$1700. Justin Oswald made a motion to offer summer school. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #k School Scholarship Contribution

Mr. Bermes has not received a letter, however a contribution has been given in the past. He recommended that the elementary district contribute \$1000, the high school district contribute \$1000 and the Letterman's Club contribute \$500. Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the recommendation. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Personnel

Item #a Resignations

Mr. Bermes is not ready to submit resignations to the trustees at this time.

Item #b Non Tenure Teacher Renewals

Non-tenure: Mr. Bermes recommended the following non-tenure teachers: Jessica Arlian, M'Kenzie Frickel, Jeromey Burke, Karen McKay, Tesa Sironen, Lindsay Thompson, Samantha Anttila, Mandi Hernandez, and Kathy Robinette. Corie Mydland made a motion to hire Jessica Arlian. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Dawn Blain made a motion to hire M'Kenzie Frickel. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Corie Mydland made a motion to hire Jeromey Burke. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Clinton Kramer made a motion to hire Karen McKay. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Tesa Sironen. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Justin Oswald made a motion to hire Lindsay Thompson. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Clinton Kramer made a motion to hire Samantha Anttila. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Mandi Hernandez. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Kathy Robinette. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #c Tenure Teacher Renewals

Mr. Bermes recommended the following tenure teachers: Megan Bleile, Patty Bergum-Nafts, Ann Conover, Mary Ekberg, Ev Fischer, Gloria Hardy, Lucy Jensen, Mary Koon, Sean McAndrews, Chad Massar, Alane O'Dore, Marcie Peters, Hallie Spoklie-Luoma, Hallie Rowlison, Carol Sherman, Brice Turk, Kayleen Torbert, George Warburton, Colette Webber and Carrie White. Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire the above tenure teachers. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Mr. Bermes recommended that Mrs. Vukonich be offered a 205 day contract for the 2015-2016 school year with the salary to be determined later. Clinton Kramer made a motion to rehire Mrs. Vukonich. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Mr. Bermes will have recommendations for classified personnel with wages at the May meeting.

Item #d Extra Curricula Coaching Recommendations

Mr. Bermes recommended hiring Vickie Cooke as Concession Manager. Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Vickie Cooke. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. The remaining recommendations will be made at the May meeting.

Elementary classroom assignments will be proposed at the May meeting.

Mr. Bermes recommended that two positions be opened for summer workers. Justin Oswald made a motion to open up two positions at 32 hours per week. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports

Mr. Bermes reported on bills he is tracking in the legislature. He will be gone next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Patty Bergum-Nafts reported on a track meet time change. Mr. Bermes explained that some special education costs can be covered by the Tuition Fund and he is developing a plan to use the Tuition Fund for that here in Joliet next year. Due to fuel costs and the need for bus drivers, he will be recommending that the Transportation Fund mills increase next year.

Mrs. Vukonich reviewed the students in jeopardy of not graduating and items on the HS/MS Principal's Report. There will be a 10:00 snack time for students; snacks will be eaten in the classroom. May 14 the Booster Club will have an award ceremony at the Community Center. She reviewed the status of 8th graders who are in jeopardy of not advancing to 9th grade.

Items for the next agenda

Item #1 New Board Members Oath of Office

Item #2

Item #3

The next regular board meeting will be held on May 11, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

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

Approved 5-11-15

Clerk Sheryl Roberts

Chairman Neilson L. Stone