

### **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – November 10, 2014**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a Regular meeting on November 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board members present were Dawn Blain, Corie Mydland, Melvin Stene, Clinton Kramer, and Justin Oswald. Brad Stephenson and Sharon Songstad were absent. Also present were Jeff Bermes, Superintendent, Jeanne Carroll, District Clerk/Business Manager, and Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal.

Melvin Stene, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Clinton Kramer made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

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

#### Reports-

##### Item #1 FFA

Mr. Massar and students who attended the National FFA Convention were present to report to the Board on their trip.

They thanked the school and the Board for their financial support and allowing them to go on their trip. Shaylee Hildebrand talked about the opening session; she said there were approximately 56,000 people present. She talked about the main speaker who was a paraplegic and the main theme was to be someone's miracle. Levi Mydland talked about the convention center and all the companies that were there. He talked about the things they do for Ag and careers. Terryn Bermes talked about Kentucky Derby winners they got to see. They also saw the Rolex studios where they jump horses. They watched horse showing at Churchill Downs. Kenyon Hatten went to a workshop entitled "me, myself and I" that was about put downs you do to yourself. They had to work on being positive and making it better and to bring it back to their schools. Anthony Songstad went to competitions with others and had to grain grade, fertilizers and grade veggies, etc. They spent 13 hours doing this competition. Casey Bertolino said the first day was a team problem, and the rest took about 3 days to analyze a field for a farmer and 3 year crop rotation for North Dakota. The next day was individual competitions. They saw Cardinal Stadium. Carly Wetstein said the last session was a best-selling author who talked about being positive and good to yourself. And the last session was the let it grow song (let it go). Jess Grewell said they got to see a distillery and talked about the difference between bourbon and whiskey. They also got to see Henry Clay's house. Josh Whitehead said they got to see the Five Rivers feedlot, which holds 5,000 head of cattle. They steam the corn and the cattle gain weight faster. They also got to go see the Budweiser brewery which he thought was kind of cool. They got to see the stables and the wagons and how spoiled the horses were. Mr. Massar said it was a good trip. The Board visited with the students and asked questions.

#### Correspondence

This is an invite to Thanksgiving Dinner from the cooks.

#### New Business

### Item #1 Eligibility Policy

Mrs. Vukonich handed out her report on midterms, quarter and semester. The teachers also notify parents if students have a D or an F in classes. The week prior to the eligibility date the list is run to check on students who are at risk of passing. Accommodations and response to intervention are done by the teachers. She gave some examples of situations for academic plans. Justin Oswald said the main reason he asked about it was to refresh his memory and the other Board members.

He applauds the teachers for all they are doing. Mrs. Vukonich said you can't teach responsibility.

Mr. Bermes said he thinks what Justin is saying is we should know way ahead of time if they are failing and that date should be kept. The Board discussed it further. They feel there should be some consistency there. Melvin asked what would happen to the graduation rate if the teachers didn't do all this extra work. Mrs. Vukonich said it would drop rapidly. Mr. Bermes said they all have the same opportunity and have to all complete the work to play.

Clinton Kramer asked questions about grading.

### Item #2 Youth Basketball Program

Lance and Chrissy Frank are present to talk about their youth basketball program for the K-4. Lance said the last couple of years Mr. Bermes has approved this 6 week program. This starts at the end of basketball season through March. Parents and support have grown and he never has a problem finding coaches. The program is no cost to the school at all, but charges \$12 per student. They get a t-shirt and wristband. He explained how he splits the kids to play. The reason he is here is he would like this to be considered a school activity so they have the same priority for gym space on Saturdays. He asks for 3 hrs on a Saturday and they use the new gym and sometimes overflow into the old gym if its not being used. They clean up all the garbage afterwards. Mr. Bermes said to be honest, if it's first come first serve and if that's how it was to be done, they would get no time at all. Mr. Bermes said if its not a school program, all he has to do is schedule it. Otherwise there's fingerprinting, background checks, etc. Scheduling was discussed. Chrissy said they are mirroring the YMCA program. Mr. Bermes said he feels if they sit down they can make this work.

### Item #3 MHSA Proposals

Mr. Bermes handed out the proposal he has written on eligibilty for participating differently in C or B for football.

Mark Beckman and the association are currently looking at this. Mr. Bermes said he hasn't heard anything back yet. All the classes, including A's and AA's have to vote on this as well, so it may not pass.

### Item #4 Coaching Policy

Mr. Bermes said the coaches came to them asking about number of coaches. It is not a bargaining agreement issue, because it's very clear that the Board has that ability to decide. Mr. Bermes said it's money and another practice that are the issues. He said they want a coach for game time. If there's three coaches, one coaches and the other two sit there. It was mentioned

it's hard enough to get one or two coaches. The Board feels they need to stay with the two coaches.

#### Item #5 Student Request for Credit

Mr. Bermes requested to have this held in Executive Session as the student's right to privacy outweighs the public's right to know. Mr. Stene explained Executive Session and the meeting adjourned into it at 8:05 p.m. The Board came back into Regular Session at 8:11 p.m. Justin Oswald made a motion to deny student x's request for academic credit. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

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

Mr. Bermes said Expedition Yellowstone goes to Yellowstone on Friday. The Business Manager interviews are tomorrow at 6 p.m. for two applicants with some experience, to be held in library. He said at MCEL, they attended the Law workshop and one of the new things to watch out for is cross-gender and how it affects your bathrooms. We have to be very careful not to discriminate. Special ed and 504's also have new things that are happening. There has been nothing new on the other lawsuit. Parent teacher conferences in the elementary went very well; almost 90% of parents came in. Mr. Bermes said some parents had issues with the common core grading. At the next meeting, Mr. Bermes will have his evaluation form.

Mrs. Vukonich talked about the Veteran's Day program tomorrow. It's an awareness for our kids and why we have the freedoms that we do. She talked about parent/teacher conference attendance. It was lower than usual. They went well. In the Honor band tryout results, there are 12 students from Joliet, that made it with 4 alternates. Mrs. Vukonich said 11 or 12 schools participate in Honor Band, and about 75 students are usually in it total.

She included the use of facilities policy as well. She talked about the building requests and procedures.

Mrs. Carroll said all things that have been requested by the teachers have been done. She is working like crazy trying to get everything done.

There may be a possible Special Meeting or by phone to hire the new District Clerk/Business Manager.

#### Items for the Next Agenda – December 8, 2014 at 7 PM—Regular Meeting

Item #1 Superintendent Evaluation Form

Item #2

Item #3

Item #4

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on December 8, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

Corie Mydland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved 12-8-2014

Clerk George P. Curran

Chairman Arthur R. Steiner