

## **Board of Trustees Special Meeting – April 24, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a special meeting on April 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Kathy Grewell, Corie Mydland, Dawn Blain and Sharon Songstad. Doug Whitehead was absent. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent and Sheryl Roberts, District Clerk/Business Manager and Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal. Visitors included Ben and Rachel Herrington and their children, Kathy Robinette, Morgan Robinette, Samantha Anttila, Carla Amerson, Katie Howlett, Jolene Music, Jennessey Skarda, Jennifer Wubig, Marlaina Myers, Carol Sherman, Gloria Hardy and Darlene Hartman.

Melvin Stene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Stene welcomed guests and explained and asked for public comment. There was none.

Corie Mydland made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comments. The motion was unanimously carried.

### **IV. Old Business**

- a. Frontline Sub-finding Software -- Supt. Evertz said there was a misunderstanding at the April 10 meeting and the annual fee of \$3,400 will be in addition to the software for the first year. Marlaina Myers explained how the software will work and the benefits of it.

Motion made by Justin Oswald to approve the purchase of the software at a cost of \$8,900 for the first year. Motion seconded by Dawn Blain. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **VIII. Personnel**

#### Non-tenure Teacher Renewals

Supt. Evertz recommended the non-renewal of Carla Amerson without cause.

Three parents expressed concerns about the reduction of staff. Supt. Evertz answered their questions.

Motion made by Corie Mydland to not renew the teaching contract of Carla Amerson. Motion seconded by Dawn Blain. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Carla Amerson thanked the trustees for allowing her to work with the students during the last year and for answering the parents' concerns. She has concerns about gossip among staff and would like the trustees to look into the issue.

Supt. Evertz said Kathy Robinette has resigned and her letter is included in the board packet. She has requested a closed meeting with the trustees.

The meeting was closed at 7:30 p.m. The meeting reopened at 7:32 p.m.

Motion made by Dawn Blain to accept the resignation of Kathy Robinette. Motion seconded by Kathy Grewell. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Items for Next Agenda**

- a. Canvas election results
- b. Swearing in of elected trustees
- c. Reorganization of the Board of Trustees
- d. Classified hirings
- e. Extra-curricular hirings

Supt. Evertz reported that she has hired a private investigator because of allegations of bullying from a parent. The investigator will be here Thursday to begin her investigation.

The next regular board meeting date will be May 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Justin Oswald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved 5-8-17

Clerk Sheryl Roberts

Chairman Andrew L Stone