

## **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting –February 11, 2013**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a Regular meeting on February 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Corie Mydland, Dawn Blain, Clinton Kramer, Sharon Songstad and Brad Stephenson. Also present were Jeff Bermes, Superintendent, Jeanne Carroll, District Clerk/Business Manager, and Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal.

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

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

### Unfinished Business

#### Item #1 DVS Surveillance

Guy Franks put together a proposal last fall for school cameras. He is present and has a proposal for surveillance for the buses. Mr. Bermes said he feels we need cameras only for the five main buses at a cost of \$7025. Mr. Franks described them as closed system with a flash SD drive. He described how the bus cameras would work. He also presented a second option for school surveillance equipment. He said these are good, high quality systems. They can perform in low light and no light, as well as having expandability. He said it is a full high resolution system. He said Laurel, Busby and Lame Deer are references. The Board asked questions. He has proposed a 20 channel system for \$14,900. This is for 12 analog, 8 IP and a 37" monitor and flat panel. The buzz-in system is not included. Mr. Bermes is thinking of five outside cameras and 4 inside, but those can be changed. There is a 5-7 year life span on the DVR and 10 years or more for the cameras. The installation time will be pulling wires and camera installation taking about two days. The Board thanked him for his presentation. Mr. Bermes will be contacting one other party for information. Mr. Bermes will ask about warranties.

### Reports

#### Item #1 Student Advisory Board

None.

#### Item #2 Expedition Yellowstone

Mr. Bermes said there are seven fifth grade representatives here to talk about their Expedition Yellowstone trip. Brian Kramer liked the hot springs. Zane Songstad liked the ice caves. Tysa Oswald liked the cooking on the huge stove and hiking. Jessica Hern liked hiking. Megan Riehl liked the hot springs hike and ph testing. Joelle Luoma liked the hot springs and the dead mouse fossil. Grace Tasun like the bison and ermin. They said they definitely feel it's worth doing again next year. Then they showed a power-point presentation. Mr. Bermes said how much he enjoyed the trip and that he felt it was worthwhile and would definitely support it. The kids thanked the Board. Mrs. Fischer said Mrs. Conover has a great reputation with the rangers and they feel our kids are awesome. Mr. Bermes said Mrs. Reihl did the video presentation. He thanked the parents, chaperones and fifth graders for doing a wonderful job.

#### Item #3 Policy Committee

Mr. Bermes said this meeting was in January and the committee went through the whole thing in one day. The first reading of the new policy will be done at the March meeting. There were just some wording changes.

## Correspondence

### Item #1 Middle School Letters—7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mr. Bermes said in the seventh grade, the class project was to research the use of styrofoam in the lunchroom. He said he felt their letters had merit. They did research and cost analysis, so he brought their letters for the Board to read.

## Unfinished Business

### Item #2 Evaluation Form for District Clerk/Business Manager

The Board had no changes to make. Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the new evaluation form for the District Clerk/Business Manager. They are to be completed and back to Mr. Bermes by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. Mr. Bermes noted that the Board would only need half of the evaluation form for their section. It was unanimously carried.

### Item #3 Transportation Update

Mr. Bermes said the committee is looking for a diesel pusher so it can be used on the route and for activities. He said I-State will have a Thomas in this week and Shepherd Schools have a Bluebird to look at. He said the exterior and interior shells are the differences. He said Bus #4 would be the trade-in or an outright sale. The old bus with the bad motor will be hauled away soon. The problem with the handicap bus is that the lift is on sensors and they move on the route on the gravel roads, so it has been secured.

## New Business

### Item #1 Election Calendar

Mrs. Carroll quickly reviewed the election calendar with the Board. Melvin Stene and Sharon Songstad are both up for election in May. She had petitions for nomination available.

### Item #2 Fund Raising

Mrs. Hayden and Mr. Bermes came up with ideas for fundraising for surveillance equipment. Mr. Bermes reviewed their ideas with the Board. He needs their permission to continue and hold the fundraiser. The carnival is tentatively to be held on March 22 from 5-8 p.m. with the staff and kids and community members. He said we can also use money from the Multi-District Cooperative Fund, but he would prefer to use only half of it. The Board talked about having the carnival annually. The Board gave their permission to acknowledge donors as per Mr. Bermes suggestions and granted permission to hold the carnival K-12. The Board discussed the carnival.

### Item #3 Approve Hirings/Resignations

A new student with special needs was enrolled recently and needs a full-time aide. Mr. Bermes told the Board that Diane Manis is currently filling that job at \$8.00 per hour until the end of the year. He would like to open the position and advertise for a full-time aide. Justin Oswald made a motion to hire Diane Manis as full-time aide until the end of the year and open the position and advertise. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Mr. Bermes recommended hiring Mr. Turk as Head Track Coach. He was the only person who applied. He said there are several concerns being worked through. Some of the ideas are reorganizing the coaches. The Board discussed. Track starts March 11<sup>th</sup>. Justin Oswald made a motion to hire Mr. Turk as Head Track Coach. The motion failed for lack of a second. Mr. Bermes recommended the position be opened again for Head Girls and Head Boys Track Coaches.

### Item #4 Spring Enrollment

Spring enrollment numbers were included in the Board's packets. Here is comparison of the grade numbers from this fall and spring:

	FALL 2012	SPRING 2013
K	18	17
1	25	26
2	27	27
3	31	33
4	22	23 (24)
5	28	29
6	29	29 (30)
7	30	30
8	39	39
9	36	34
10	35	33
11	28	27 (28)
12	33	32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>379 (382)</b>

Mr. Bermes said there will be another 6<sup>th</sup> grader coming in to make 31 in that class. He has a teacher currently working as an aide that he could bring on temporarily if it happens, and then ask that it be approved at a Special Board meeting. The Board was in agreement.

Item #5 Approve Special Services Cooperative

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the Special Services Cooperative Preschool Annual Agreement. Sharon Songstad seconded that motion. It was unanimously carried. Mr. Bermes said we don't currently have any pre-schoolers being served.

Item #6 2013-14 Calendars

Staff will start working on the new calendars as per Mr. Bermes. He said it will come to the Board for approval. He talked about RTI and funding and training being pulled. He stated we are in the second round of MAP testing right now. We are in a pilot program for the first graders right now. They are looking at and have talked about block scheduling. He said it is very hard to do. He said we are probably looking at a similar calendar to this year.

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

Mr. Bermes said a notice of possible lawsuit has been served, but it has not been filed in a court of law. It is a notice of claim for \$500,000. The insurance company has also been notified. Mr. Bermes said the Board is protected under State statute, as well as the administration under that same umbrella.

He said he had talked to Jack Sterling about our e-rate. The e-rate is a 50% discount on normal telecommunications bills. There are some issues with the current server, kids are using up the IP addresses. Those will be changed tomorrow for the wi-fi passwords.

From the MHSA meeting, Mr. Bermes reported that the only new MHSA resolution that affected us is petitioning out of Class C or B, must be done before March instead of April. He also talked about B and C football, which was another issue discussed at MHSA, for 9 man or 8 man, not both.

Middle School Basketball is over. He said the boys and the coaches did a nice job. The fifth and sixth graders are doing games. We play at the tournament on Wednesday at 2 p.m. and

3:45 p.m. He will be attending the day of advocacy in Helena. If anyone else wants to go, let him know.

Also, he feels the Board needs to discuss the fire building pamphlet that was passed out at a game. The mills are confusing. Mr. Bermes is worried about them taking mills away from the school. Also, there is a problem with their map of the building. The Clerk and Recorder's Office is looking at it. Also, the District may have accessibility issues. Mr. Bermes will get Mr. Stevenson to be here at the next Board meeting to discuss concerns. The Board discussed the issue. Mr. Bermes also asked board members if they knew anything on the lawsuit on the Crow water rights and if it affects us at all. Mr. Stene said he called DNRC and it does not affect us at all.

Mrs. Vukonich handed out her report. She also handed out the itinerary of the trip to the Legislature. She talked about NAEP testing. She reviewed her calendar with the Board. She said that she, Mr. Bermes and Mr. Turk got together for scheduling. Pre-scheduling for classes will be done.

Mr. Bermes asked the Board about his need to be gone on April 8 due to medical appointments for his wife. The Board gave their permission to move that Board meeting to Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Carroll talked about Board terms. She also asked the Board what their wishes were concerning the incentive funds in the 115 and 215 accounts for the Multi-District Cooperative Fund. They would like it transferred into the 182 Multi-District Coop Fund to make it easier for them to track dollars for that account.

Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Brad Stephenson seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Items for the Next Agenda – March 11, 2013 at 7 PM—Regular Meeting

Item #1 Call for Election

Item #2

Item #3

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on March 11, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Library.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

