

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – August 12, 2013

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a Regular meeting on August 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Dawn Blain, Corie Mydland, and Clinton Kramer. Absent were 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. Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

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

Reports

Item #1 Building Committee

Mr. Bermes said they will be here to start on the roof on Wednesday. Prep work is being done on the entries for the new doors. The gym floors are done and look good. Permethian boards have been added in the science room. Justin Oswald gave background information on the fire station to start in September. Mr. Bermes said the water filling station was being installed, a plumbing problem was found, and so it had to be put in the locker rooms.

Unfinished Business

Item #1 Approval of Second and Final Reading of the Student Handbook

The required changes in the middle school, high school and coaches handbook have been made. Changes discussed were dual credits for college and weighting of credits. This will be correct in the on-line handbook, but not those handed out with assignment books. Mrs. Vukonich talked about students and taking failed classes. Mr. Bermes said kids have to get their core classes passed before they can move on to the next grade and higher course. There was Board discussion. It was clarified that next year, if an eighth grader doesn't pass, they stay in eighth grade. There are also changes in the audio policy for audio and video. Fighting punishment is two days for a first offense. Corie Mydland made a motion to accept the student handbooks. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. The second and final reading of the student handbook is complete.

Item #2 Approval of Football Assistant Hiring

Mr. Bermes said Mr. Warburton is present to talk to the Board as to why he feels that the hiring of a second assistant for football is necessary. Mr. Bermes said at the last meeting, the Board decided not to open the position in determining the number of assistants. Mr. Bermes does not recommend this.

Justin Oswald made a motion to accept Fontez Jefferson's resignation. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Mr. Warburton told the Board that Fontez had been recruited by Sheperd Schools.

Mr. Warburton has someone in mind for this position. This is an emergency situation, so Mr. Bermes talked to the JTA and sent a letter to their organization.

Mr. Warburton said he and John Simpson played football together for Rocky Mountain College. He has been coaching at Skyview for 11 years and teaches there. Mr. Warburton gave a brief, positive overview about Mr. Simpson. Mr. Bermes and the Board questioned Mr. Simpson about his knowledge of football, and the coaching schedule. Mr. Bermes recommended hiring

Mr. Simpson upon the approval by his principal for scheduling. Corie Mydland made the motion to hire John Simpson as stated. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

The third assistant necessity is also to be discussed. Mr. Bermes said it is up to Mr. Warburton to justify that position. Mr. Warburton said it is important to have extra eyes on the field and during practice it is a huge advantage for us; George can then concentrate on certain players to be successful. He'd like to bring Hal Ward up to that position and he had Corie Schulz, but now Corie cannot do it. He said Jeromey Burke has offered to help with middle school coaching. Mr. Robinson gave support on Hal Ward being hired for that 3rd assistant position. He said it would allow Mr. Warburton's focus on defense during the game and it would be tough to watch it all. Mr. Simpson said without a third assistant, the players lose that individual learning. There was Board discussion. Justin Oswald said having the freshmen fundamentally sound and motivated is important. Clinton Kramer said they need all the help they can get. Dan Mydland asked if anyone else during the summer. Mr. Bermes said this is because of Justin Jessup having to leave. Mr. Bermes said last year was the first time, we had 3 assistants and no, it had not been offered to anyone else. Melvin Stene mentioned Jeromey Burke. The Board discussed it further. Rob Robinson also spoke. Justin Oswald made a motion to open the number three assistant position (or two high school assistants) and petition JTA. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Justin Oswald made a motion to approve Hal Ward's resignation as Middle School football coach and to open that position as assistant. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Justin Oswald made a motion to hire Hal Ward as the high school second assistant for football. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. The Board was polled: Dawn Blain, aye, Clinton Kramer, aye, Justin Oswald aye, Melvin Stene, naye, and Corie Mydland, aye. The motion passed 4 to 1. George Warburton said he feels John Simpson will be a great asset. Clinton Kramer made a motion to hire Jeromey Burke as MS assistant coach. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #3 Approval of Video Surveillance Camera

Mr. Bermes said he wanted to use a special meeting to look at bids for the system. He said we don't have all the money yet, but do have it in the Multi-District coop 182. He'd like it to be in the main part of the school and grounds first and then move the buses. He asked for permission to get bids. Clinton Kramer asked for diagrams for camera placement. Mr. Bermes said this will run about \$16,000. He has \$11,482 in the fundraiser account. The Board said to go ahead.

New Business

Item #1 Approval of Out-of-District Students

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve previously enrolled out-of-district students, and all of the current new out-of-district students. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #2 Approval of Bus Routes

Mr. Bermes said the bus routes are the same as last year and had copies of route maps for the Board. He gave mileages for each route. He will have a bus driver's meeting on Monday, August 19th to go over expectations and routes. The County Transportation meeting is August 15th at the Red Lodge High School if any Board members would like to go.

Item #3 Approval of Preliminary Budgets

The estimated calculations for the budgets were presented. Mr. Bermes said once reserve fund balances and carryovers are finalized, we will have the fixed budget amounts for each budgetary account. He asked the Board to review the sheets that show the taxable valuations and projected budget numbers. He said he would like to have this meeting continued until August 26th at 6 p.m. when budget numbers can be finalized.

Item #4 Approval of Activity Fees

Mr. Bermes recommended keeping student activity fees the same as last year. Middle school \$30 and High School \$30. He also recommends keeping all adult passes and family passes the same: Senior Citizens \$30, Adults, \$60, Family \$150. He also recommends that all employees of the district are admitted free as well as Board members. Spouses will be at \$30, the same as students. Justin Oswald made a motion to keep student activity passes as listed above. Clinton Kramer seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried. Mr. Bermes said Concessions has done an outstanding job filling activities. He said this is the first time he's felt comfortable spending for uniforms out of it and still maintain a good balance.

Item #5 Approval of Music Rental Fees

Mr. Bermes recommended to the Board that the rental fee for all band instruments be maintained at \$35/semester and that all costs for reeds, and oils be the responsibility of the student and their family. The school will continue to have a supply of the reeds and oils for student purchase. Corie Mydland made the motion as stated above. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Item #6 Approval of Cross Country Coop with Bridger

Mr. Bermes said he has been approached for cross-country cooping with Bridger for one student. He does not recommend it. Justin Oswald made a motion to not approve a cross-country coop with Bridger. Corie Mydland seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

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

Mr. Bermes would like to go ahead with purchasing the used bus for \$52,500, with it costing us \$1500 to repair the chains dropping. He said there is an anti-freeze leak, cellenoid that is bad and the rear brakes. Harlow's is replacing the windows and putting lettering on. He said the PIR days start Monday. There sll be a common core Math lady for a day. Class schedules will be a little different because of higher class numbers. He said the first football game is Friday August 30th and will be a no count game with Huntley Project. The younger kids will play at the Huntley pre-season game. The normal season starts the next week.

Mrs. Vukonich had reports to hand out. She said there are five new 8th graders and she is not sure if they will all attend. There have been no other new students. She also handed out a letter from MHSA, awarding Joliet High School with the first place for Class B, Northwestern Energy Academic Excellence Award for 2012-13.

Mr. Bermes said he wants to look at whether a fourth person is needed in the kitchen from 11-2 p.m. He may bring in an applicant or two to try them out. He is still looking for a new van.

Mrs. Carroll reported on the audit. She said it was a good audit and gave a brief report on comments.

Mr. Bermes said elementary enrollment stayed about the same.

Items for the Next Agenda – August 26 , 2013 at 6 PM—Regular Meeting

- Item #1 Video Cameras
- Item #2 Budgets and Trustee Reports
- Item #3
- Item #4

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on August 26, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Library.

The meeting is to be continued until the August 26, 2013 Board Meeting.

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Clerk _____

Chairman _____