

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – October 14, 2019

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Sharon Songstad, Dawn Blain, Doug Whitehead and Kathy Grewell. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger K-8 principal, and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Russ Salo, Dale Limberhand, Zayne Songstad, Connor Coate, Olivia Collins, Lily Lavers, Justin Harris and Chad Massar.

Melvin Stene called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Stene welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment.

Dawn Blain made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IV. Reports

- a. Student Board: Supt. Evertz informed the Board that Homecoming was a success with much community involvement and school spirit. The Student Board is in the process of planning a winter semi-formal dance in lieu of the Homecoming bonfire that was cancelled due to poor weather.
- b. Athletic Director Report: Supt. Evertz indicated that middle school volleyball and cross country are finished with their respective seasons and middle school football will finish up next week. Girls' basketball, wrestling and boys' basketball will all start in November. Mr. Counter, the middle school girls' basketball coach, has already met with potential athletes.
- c. FFA: Several members of the team attending the National FFA Convention at the end of October addressed the Board with details of their upcoming trip. They also expressed appreciation to the Board for its donation to their travel costs and overall support.
- e. Building Report – The Board was updated on the ongoing issues with the A/C units in the middle school wing. The water heaters have arrived to replace the worn out water heaters in the new gym. In order for the warranties to be honored, the water heaters must be installed by a licensed plumber. The facilities crew will be working to get a license plumber on campus for the installation.

V. **Correspondence** – Supt. Evertz reviewed the correspondence provided to the Board.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a. Gym Wall Pad – The wall pads at the north and south ends of the gymnasium are marred, look tattered and don't match the rest of the new gym floors and bleachers.

This item was tabled until samples of the colors for the mats can be obtained.

VII. New Business

- a. Reflex Protect – Trustee Grewell informed the Board that Rick Grewell has offered to donate \$400 towards acquiring additional canisters for the school.

The initial 12 canisters of Reflex Protect arrived, and the Safety Committee will plan a training during the next quarterly meeting. In the interim, there is a policy drafted by MTSBA for the governance of this product on school campuses.

Dawn Blain made a motion to approve first reading of Policy 1710. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- b. Lettering in Band and Choir – In order to letter in Band, the following criteria must be met:

Be selected to any of the following groups: All-State Honor Band, Tri-County Honor Band, All-Northwest Honor Band, All-Montana Jazz Band **OR** perform a solo for Eastern State Music Festival **OR** participate in any 4 of the following events during the year: Pep Band for tournaments (Full Year), Jazz Band (Full Year), perform a solo for District, perform a duet for District, perform a duet for State Music Festival, perform in an ensemble for District, perform in an ensemble for State Music Festival.

In order to letter in Choir, the following criteria must be met:

Be selected for All State Choir **OR** All Northwest Choir **OR** perform a solo at State Music Festival.

Doug Whitehead made a motion to approve the additional language to the high school handbook for lettering in Band and Choir. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- c. FFA National Convention Schedule – The FFA’s trip schedule was included for the Board’s information. This year is an “off year” for the National Convention trip, and the main reason for attendance is to compete in **Conduct of Meetings** and **Agriculture Technology and Mechanical Systems**. Next year the students going on the National Convention trip will get to participate in a variety of activities, but this year the main purpose is to compete.
- d. Yearly State Reports – The accreditation report, also known as TOES and TEAMS, was completed by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Evertz and Mr. Turk and then submitted to OPI on October 4th. The E-grants application for ESEA consolidated (Title I, Title II, and Title IV) has been submitted by Mrs. Evertz. Mr. Begger and Mrs. Evertz will complete the CSIP report by the November 1 deadline. This is a heavy reporting period for all public schools.
- e. Elementary Roof Bids – The District is not prepared to move on the elementary roof repair project until next summer. Two bids have been received to give an idea of the cost of the repairs so that appropriate allocations may be made for the next fiscal year budget. As the time for the project draws nearer, the facility crew and superintendent will secure several more options.
- f. Class Weights – Some of the classes listed on the agenda are new to the school this year and need to be weighted for valedictorian and salutatorian ranking. Other classes just need solidification as we move forward.

All MTDA classes are 2
 All AP classes are 4 (from 3)
 All Honors classes are 2 (reg. is 1)
 On-line college classes are 3 (new)

New this Year:
 Dual credit US History - 4
 Dual credit Calculus - 5
 Dual credit Pre-Calculus - 4

The high school MTDA classes are online and "on par" for high school leveled courses. MTDA classes have some flexibility and are not as rigorous as some other classes on the list. AP classes have a specific curriculum developed by individual teachers, but AP classes are designed to prepare students to successfully pass a test devised by the College Board, which is college level and quite challenging. On-line college courses range in difficulty depending on the content. College courses are not monitored by the school in any way, but should be considered for ranking as we move into the realm of transformational learning. Students enrolled in college classes have a lot of opportunity to get assistance by professors if needed, but the students enrolled generally need a lot of autonomy because they are on their own. The Dual credit classes are taught at school for high school credit and for college credit simultaneously. The dual credit courses move at a fast pace, and probe deeply into the college material.

Please see the high school handbook excerpt as a means for comparison.

The following weighted classes will be effective beginning with the graduating class of 2015:

1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0
Required	Band	Spanish I	Pre-Calculus	Physics
Computer Cl.	Art Electives (excl. Adv. Art)	Algebra II	Accounting I/II	Calculus
English 9	Choir	Ag III/IV	Chemistry	Zoology
English 10	Yearbook	Art III/IV	Spanish II	Botany
English 11	Independent Study*	Psychology	Biology II	Zoo/Botany
English 12	Adv. PE/Nutrition	Marketing	AP English	Stats/Prob.
Biology	Natural Resources	Investigative Sc.	Dual Credit Hist.	Anatomy/Phys.
Econ/Gov.	Business/Finance			
Algebra I	Sociology			
Geometry	Literature I/II			
Aviation Hist.	Agrom/Horticulture			
Health Ed 9	Ag Ed I/II			
Health Ed 10	English Electives			
World Hist.	Mech/Welding			
Earth Science	Ag Construction			
Pre-Algebra	Environmental Science			
	Honors English 11 & 12			
	Jazz Studies & Guitar			
	Career Technology			
	Ag Industry			
	Honors Biology			
	History Elective			
	Astronomy			

*An independent study is weighted as a 2.0. Students need to be aware of this when asking to do an independent study.

- High School level online classes to replace a required course (credit recovery) are 1.0 weighted classes.
- High School level online classes that are electives are weighted as a 2.0.
- AP online will be weighted as a 4.0.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the weight of Joliet's high school classes. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

- g. PERS Update – PERS sent notification to all school districts and municipalities on September 13, 2019 that the PERS calculations of the employer proportionate share posted on their website in July of 2019 should not be relied upon due to an error. These figures referred to as GASB 68, were used by all school districts to report the employer proportionate share of retirement liabilities on the TFS. Because the initial estimates provided by PERS were higher than the corrected liability, there is no harm in waiting until next year to correct the TFS according to OPI.
- h. Standards Based Grading Presentation – Mrs. Evertz and Mr. Begger reviewed the presentation that will be given to the public on the new standards based grading to inform

stakeholders of the grading procedure going forward. This presentation will be presented on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

VIII. Personnel

Hiring

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Kimberly Belcourt as the assistant middle school girls' basketball coach for the 2019-20 school year.

Sharon Songstad made a motion to hire Kimberly Belcourt as the assistant middle school girls' basketball coach for the 2019-20 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Ashley Engelke as the assistant speech and drama coach for the 2019-20 school year.

Dawn Blain made a motion to hire Ashley Engelke as the assistant speech and drama coach for the 2019-20 school year. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

IX. Superintendent/Business Manager Reports

Superintendent – Ms. Evertz advised the Board on: Transformational Learning Grant, Infinite Campus Meal Tracker implementation, completion of the concrete entryway to the gym parking lot, sports travel, homecoming activities, current events, the Espinoza case which is now before the Supreme Court, changes to E-Rate, Acts for Recruitment and Retention of Quality Educators, FMCSA Standards to Impact Schools, DPHHS School Health/Safety Proposed Rules, and the LR-130 Ballot Issue.

Principal – Mr. Begger updated the Board on happenings in the Elementary and Middle School.

Business Manager – Ms. Smith provided the Board with reports of all claims paid, payroll disbursements, and a financial statement.

X. Items for Next Agenda

Gym Wall Pads
Transportation Audit Results

XI. Next Board Meeting Date

The next regular Board meeting will be held November 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

XII. Adjournment

Dawn Blain made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 11/11/2019

Chairman



Clerk

