

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – January 9, 2017

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on January 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library Room. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Doug Whitehead, Kathy Grewell, Corie Mydland and Sharon Songstad. Dawn Blain was absent. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent and Sheryl Roberts, District Clerk/Business Manager and Marilyn Vukonich, High School Principal. Visitors included Chad Massar and Morgan Harris.

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.

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

IV. Reports

a. Student Reports

Student Council – Morgan Harris reported on the sing-a-long and the movie Homecoming that was enjoyed by the students. The winter formal will be January 28 from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m.; two chaperones per class are needed.

b. Athletic Director Update – Marilyn Vukonich handed out the information on MHSA proposals for the January 16 meeting and discussed them. Supt. Evertz also contributed information for the trustees.

d. Building Update – Supt. Evertz reported that items identified in the safety inspection are being rectified. The maintenance log was provided in the board packet.

V. Correspondence – Supt. Evertz provided copies of two letters she had received and several thank you notes.

VI. Old Business

a. School Climate Survey

Supt Evertz said only 33 parents have completed the survey to date. She will try to get more participation and report on it next month.

b. Exterior Grounds Walk

A prioritized list was provided to trustees. Options to fix the cement approach by the gym were discussed.

c. E-rate RFP

No proposals were received. Supt. Evertz feels there is a need for better internet access. Clark's Fork Wireless may be an option.

d. Second Reading of the Health and Safety Manual

Doug Whitehead reviewed several changes he recommended. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Doug Whitehead to approve the second reading with the changes discussed. Motion seconded by Kathy Grewell. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Call for Levy Action

Supt. Evertz reviewed changes in the general fund budgets for the past ten years. If a levy will be presented to voters, a decision needs to be made in the next couple of months.

f. Acoustic Panels

After looking into the benefits of acoustic panels, Supt. Evertz does not think the benefits of the panels are cost effective at this time.

VII. New Business

a. Incentive Package – Discussion on possibilities that could be offered. Supt. Evertz will see if any teachers are interested.

b. First Reading of Procurement Policy – The policy was reviewed and minor changes were made. Motion made by Kathy Grewell to approve the first reading as amended. Motion seconded by Sharon Songstad. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent Evaluation was moved to the end of the agenda.

IX. Superintendent/Principal/Business Manager Reports

Supt. Evertz reviewed the items in the board packet. Items included the ACA Offer of Insurance for employees who hours vary around 130 hours per month, the PLC Agenda, an issue with residency of new family, MBI Training, MAPS testing for K-10, work of committees, first aid kits, discussion on accommodating more people at music department concerts and the elementary trip to Red Lodge to see The Billings Symphony.

Marilyn Vukonich handed out her report and reviewed it with the trustees and reviewed the highlights.

Sheryl Roberts provided copies of the audit, referenced the page which details any findings and gave the trustees a letter from the auditors detailing end of the year journal entries.

X. Items for Next Agenda

- a. MHSa meeting
- b. Call for an Election
- c. Options for more bandwidth
- d. Incentive Packages

There was short break and the meeting was closed at 8:55 p.m. because the employee's right to privacy is greater than the public's right to know. Clerk Sheryl Roberts was excused and Trustee Sharon Songstad will take notes during the executive session. Chair Stene opened the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

XI. Personnel

a. Superintendent Evaluation

Motion made by Justin Oswald to offer Mrs. Evertz a two-year contract with salary to be negotiated at a later date. Motion seconded by Corie Mydland. There were no public comments or discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular board meeting date will be February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Corie Mydland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m. Sharon Songstad seconded the motion. It was unanimously carried.

Approved 2-13-2017

Clerk Sheryl Roberts

Chairman Arvid L. Steene