

## **Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – December 9, 2019**

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Melvin Stene, Justin Oswald, Dawn Blain, Doug Whitehead, Kathy Grewell and Dave Schaible. Also present were Allison Evertz, Superintendent, Clark Begger K-8 Principal, and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Sam Anttila, Tysa Oswald and Terra Stene.

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.

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

### **IV. Reports**

- a. Student Board: Tysa Oswald reported there were 17 students who attended Flakesgiving. The student board is busy planning for the sing-a-long on the 20<sup>th</sup>, a tree decorating contest for K-8 grades, and a semi-formal dance.
- b. Athletic Director Report: Ms. Anttila reported that middle school girls' basketball has finished. MHSAs has approved our application to bring 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls up to the JV team; there are 15 girls participating in basketball. Boys' basketball has 25 players which give us enough for a C squad, and will require one additional practice coach. Middle school boys' basketball has 39 athletes: 12 for 8<sup>th</sup> grade; 15 for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 12 for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The first basketball game will be this Tuesday in Shepherd, and then the Wooden tournament this weekend in Red Lodge. We currently have 3 wrestlers participating.
- c. Building Report – A building report was provided in the Board packet for review. Superintendent Evertz highlighted that we are in the process of trying to find a plumber to install the new water heaters.

### **V. Correspondence – Correspondence was provided to the Board.**

### **VI. Unfinished Business**

- a. Reflex Protect – There is a policy drafted by MTSBA for the governance of this product on school campuses. The Board did a third reading of the policy.

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

### **VII. New Business**

- a. YWCCSSC Changes – There was a meeting held November 25, 2019 to discuss staffing and budget for the Co-op for the next year. Due to the loss of funding from the Laurel School District, Karen Underwood will drop from full-time to .9 FTE; the functional behavioral analyst position will be eliminated, as well as the social worker position. We have not received formal notification from the Co-op director, but letters should be forthcoming.

- b. Vaping Sensors – The Board was apprised of statistical data regarding teens and vaping which show usage of vaping devices is on the rise. Administration and teachers are receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> hand information about students vaping the bathrooms, locker rooms, and sometimes even classrooms. Due to the nature of the vaping apparatus and the absence of a harsh smell, it is difficult to detect when students are vaping.

New technology is coming onto the market in the form of vaping sensors. These sensors are still in the initial stages of detection, therefore the administration will forebear on purchasing any sensors at this time.

- c. Bottle Filling Machines – The district has ordered three bottle filling stations to replace outdated/malfunctioning drinking fountains in the middle school, high school and gym lobby. These purchases will also help the school be in compliance with the proposed changes to ARM 71.111.801 which deals with environmental quality in the schools.

## VIII. Personnel

### Hiring

Supt. Evertz recommended that the Board approve the hiring of Judy Smith as a .5 FTE special education teacher for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year.

Doug Whitehead made a motion to hire Judy Smith as a .5 FTE special education teacher for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Dave Schaible 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 George Warburton as the third middle school boys' basketball coach for the 2019-20 school year.

Justin Oswald made a motion to hire George Warburton as the third middle school boys' 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.

## IX. Superintendent/Business Manager Reports

Superintendent – Ms. Evertz advised the Board on: Standards Based Grading Presentation to Stakeholders; the Intervention Assistance Team; District Testing; The musical theater class play: Oh Horrors, It's Murder! which was December 7, 2019; District FFA, MAPS Testing; Concerts for elementary 1:30 on December 19<sup>th</sup> and middle/high school at 7:00 on December 19<sup>th</sup>; Basketball season; and a BPA stipend for Mrs. Cole.

Principal – Mr. Begger updated the Board on happenings in the Elementary and Middle School; Formal Observations; Math Curriculum; PAX Trainer Training in January when he will be out of the school from January 6<sup>th</sup> through January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Business Manager – Ms. Smith provided the Board with reports of all claims paid, payroll disbursements, and a financial statement. The Board was apprised of the status of the student activity accounts and the estimated shortage in the state payment for major maintenance aid.

## X. Items for Next Agenda

Superintendent Evaluation  
Interior Walk-through

XI. **Next Board Meeting Date**

The next regular Board meeting will be held January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Joliet School Library.

XII. **Adjournment**

Justin Oswald made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried.

Approved 01/13/2020

Clerk 

Chairman 