

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – February 21, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on February 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Justin Oswald, Ken Adams, Amanda Dinsdale, Kathy Grewell, Jason Stene, Doug Whitehead and Karin Williams. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent and Felicia Smith, District Clerk/Business Manager. Visitors in attendance were: Blaise Lodermeier, Stacie Lodermeier, Molly Lipka, Samuel Smith, Kaleb Price, Maya Roginske, Anorra Belston, Trent Belston, Talitha Belston and Townes Catron.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Blain welcomed guests, explained procedure and asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

III. Reports

- a. Spelling Bee Champion – Mr. Begger recognized Anorra Belston as the Spelling Bee champion for this year. The Board congratulated Anorra. A plaque with each year’s winner will be placed in the school.
- b. Student Council – Maya Roginske reported to the Board on the pep rally that was held for the boys’ and girls’ basketball teams; senior night recognition; winter formal; the High School fun day and the Friday video announcements.
- c. Athletic Director – Mr. Begger updated the Board on spring sports. 5th/6th grade basketball is currently in progress. The high school basketball season is over, and wrestling is also completed.
- d. Transportation Director – Mr. Smith indicated that during the last cold snap, a water pipe burst in the bus barn, which has been replaced by the maintenance crew. The county has been doing a great job with plowing to allow buses to run, with only a couple of issues with buses getting stuck. Mrs. Lind is now a substitute bus driver. Basketball season went well.
- e. Business Manager/Clerk – Monthly reports were included in the Board packet.

- IV. Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants: Voided Checks 50229 & 50533, ACH 99688-99692 & checks 50547-50612; Payroll Warrants ACH 85337-85410 & 63355-63383; Activity Voided Checks 16817 & 16821 Warrants ACH & Interfund transfers; 16793-16844; Minutes: 01/17/2023; Ken Adams made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

V. Action Items

A. New Business

1. Approval of New Road Crossing on Bus Route – There is a new request for a stop that requires a student to cross the road at 9997 Hwy 212.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the new road crossing at 9997 Hwy 212. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

2. School Wellness Goals – The Board reviewed the Joliet Public Schools School Wellness Policy. The Board stated that the following goals would be a priority for 2023-2024: Goals 3, 5, 6, 9 and 10.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the School Wellness goals for the 2023-2024 school year with goals 3, 5, 6, 9 and 10 being priority. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

3. Human Resources Platform – The Board was provided a draft of the Joliet Public Schools Human Resource Platform provided by the Hiring Committee, who began work on this document in September of 2022. This document sets out a framework for hiring practices of the District. Trustee Williams updated the Board on the work involved in creating this platform.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the Joliet Public Schools Human Resource Platform. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

4. Joliet Little League Memorandum of Understanding – Stacie and Blaise Lodermeier submitted an MOU for the Trustee’s consideration. The Board reviewed the objectives and improvements that the League would like to make to the fields. The Lodermeiers and Molly Lipka provided input on the plans of the League.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the MOU with the Joliet Little League. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

5. Personnel – Theresa Keel, K1-5 Principal, has tendered her resignation. Superintendent Begger recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Theresa Keel.

Justin Oswald made a motion to accept the resignation of Theresa Keel. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

Emily Jones, Kitchen Assistant, has tendered her resignation. Superintendent Begger recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Emily Jones.

Ken Adams made a motion to accept the resignation of Emily Jones. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Scott Hunt, Night Custodian, has tendered his resignation. Superintendent Begger recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Scott Hunt.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to accept the resignation of Scott Hunt. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

Annie Olson, Teacher, has tendered her resignation. Superintendent Begger recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Annie Olson.

Jason Stene made a motion to accept the resignation of Annie Olson. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (E).

The Activity Committee recommend hiring Terra Stene as the head high school track coach for the 2023 season. This is a nepotism hire, with notice being published in the Carbon County News on January 12, 2023.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Terra Stene as the head high school track coach for the 2023 season. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was carried 7-0, with Jason Stene abstaining (H).

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Emily Jones as the night custodian.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Emily Jones as the night custodian. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0.

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Mandi Hernandez as the MS/HS principal for the 2023-2024 school year.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Mandi Hernandez as the MS/HS Principal for the 2023-2024 school year. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0.

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Felicia Smith as the Business Manager for the 2023-2024 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Felicia Smith as the Business Manager for the 2023-2024 school year. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0.

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Marlaina Myers as the Administrative Assistant for the 2023-2024 school year.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the hiring of Marlaina Myers as the Administrative Assistant for the 2023-2024 school year. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0.

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Jill Brookings as the K-12 District Secretary for the 2023-2024 school year.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the hiring of Jill Brookings as the K-12 District Secretary for the 2023-2024 school year. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0.

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Isaac Fritz as the Middle School head track coach for the 2023 season.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the hiring of Isaac Fritz as the Middle School head track coach for the 2023 season. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0.

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Kendall Denham as the Middle School assistant track coach for the 2023 season.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the hiring of Kendall Denham as the Middle School assistant track coach for the 2023 season. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0.

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Shay Lind as the Middle School assistant track coach for the 2023 season.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the hiring of Shay Lind as the Middle School assistant track coach for the 2023 season. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0.

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Nathan Oren as the 5/6 boys' basketball assistant coach for the 2023 season.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the hiring of Nathan Oren as the 5/6 boys' basketball assistant coach for the 2023 season. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0.

Superintendent Begger recommend hiring Cori Walter as the High School varsity assistant volleyball coach for the 2023 season.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Cori Walter as the High School varsity assistant volleyball coach for the 2023 season. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0.

B. Unfinished Business

1. Second Reading of Policy 3210 — Equal Education Opportunity, Nondiscrimination, and Sex Equity – The Policy Committee reviewed this new policy on December 12, 2022 Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3210. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

2. Second Reading of Policy 3225, 3225F, 3225P — Sexual Harassment of Students, Sexual Harassment Reporting Form, Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure-Students – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 12, 2022. 3225 is an update to the current policy. 3225F updates the District’s reporting form. 3225P is the new policy that outlines procedures. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3225, 3225F and 3225P. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

3. Second Reading of Policy 3226 — Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation/Hazing – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 12, 2022 which is an update to the District’s current policy. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3226. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

4. Second Reading of Policy 3300 — Suspension and Expulsion – Corrective Actions and Punishment – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 12, 2022 which is an update to the District’s current policy. The new 3300 combines the current 3300 and 3300P into a single policy. This policy must be reviewed annually. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Karin Williams made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3300. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

5. Second Reading of Policy 3311 — Firearms and Other Weapons – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 12, 2022 which is an update to the District’s current policy. The Policy Committee is recommending Option 3 on page 1. This policy must be reviewed annually. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3311. Karin Williams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

6. Second Reading of Policy 3415, 3415F, and 3415P — Management of Sports Related Concussions – The Policy Committee reviewed these policies on December 12, 2022 which are updates to the District’s current policies. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3415, 3415F, and 3415P. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

7. Second Reading of Policy 3417 — Communicable Diseases – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on December 12, 2022 which is an update to the District’s current policy. Committee Chair Dinsdale updated the Board on the Committee’s discussion.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the second reading of Policy 3417. Doug Whitehead seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 8-0 (B).

VI. Discussion Items

The Board discussed the JPS donor wish list and the elementary principal search process.

- VII. Informational** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: Hiring and Negotiations Committee Minutes; Permissive Levy Changes Notice; Hiring Update; Superintendent’s Schedule; Facility Logs; AAA Striping Service Bid; Current Enrollment; and K-8 ELA Curriculum Adoption; Calendar/Schedule Committee Update; Safe Return to Schools and Continuity of Services Plan.

- VIII. Correspondence** – The District will be sending thank you letters to the following donors: Lone Tree Stock, KC Interiors, Northern Pacific Cattle Company, Rimrock Computer Company, Stan’s Weed Control, Joliet Wesleyan Church, and Richard & Jan Begger.

IX. Suggested Topics for Next Agenda:

Certified Teacher Renewals & Non-Renewals
Todd Family Scholarship
2023-2024 Academic Calendar
Board Clerk Evaluation
Permissive Levy Notice

X. Next Board Meeting Date

Hiring Committee Meeting – February 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Special Board Meeting – March 7, 2023 at 3:45 p.m.
Policy Committee Meeting – March 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Facility Committee Meeting – March 21, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting – March 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

XI. Adjournment

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Approved 3/21/23
Board Chair Jawn Blain

Clerk [Signature]