

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – December 19, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Joliet School District No. 7 held a regular meeting on December 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joliet School Library. Board Members present were Dawn Blain, Amanda Dinsdale, Ken Adams, Kelly Carrington, Kathy Grewell, Justin Oswald and Jason Stene. Also present were Clark Begger, Superintendent; Mandi Hernandez, MS/HS Principal; Joey Richert, K1-5 Principal; and Felicia Smith, Business Manager/Clerk. Visitors in attendance were: Toni Atkins, Hal Lewis, Emma Horn, Molly Lipka, Stacie Lodermeier, Nick Pancheau, Mitchell Osland and Austin Anderson.

Dawn Blain called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. Facilities Mater Planning – Collaborative Design presented their work on the facilities master planning to the Board which included problem areas of the current facilities, growth considerations, condition of existing facilities, alternative projects and how the projects would be phased. A copy of the presentation was provided for the minutes. Molly Lipka asked about public input. Mrs. Blain explained that there would be several public meetings to allow for questions and concerns.

- IV. Consent Agenda: Claim Warrants ACH 99651-99646 & checks 51199-51269; Payroll Warrants ACH 84829-84752 & 63893-63956; Activity ACH, transfers, and checks 17141-17164; Minutes: 11/16/2023 special board meeting and 11/21/2023 board meeting. Ken Adams made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

V. Action Items

A. New Business

1. Approve Superintendent Evaluation Process and Tool – The Board reviewed the evaluation tool provided in the packet as well as the process for the evaluation.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the draft process and evaluation tool for the superintendent, which will be sent to the Board by January 2, 2024. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

2. Safe Return to School & Continuity of Services Plan – The District's Plan must be reviewed every six months. Changes to the plan were provided in the packet which included only policy changes.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the Safe Return to School & Continuity of Services Plan. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

3. Human Services Career Pathway – The District has an opportunity to offer an introductory human services course in the 2nd semester of the 2023-24 school year. Information on three possible pathway was included in the packet: Human Services, Education and Health Professions. Superintendent Begger is recommending the

Human Services pathway, which is the broadest pathway and allows the District to cater to a variety of interest in all of the fields.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to adopt the Human Services Career Pathway and direct the superintendent to reasonably target resources towards implementation. Kathy Grewell seconded the motion. Board members asked about the types of classes and which students would be eligible for those classes. Hal Lewis offered public comment about potential community members who would be resource for instruction. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

4. Transformational Learning Grant Annual Report – The Board is required to approve the annual report for the District’s continued participation in the Transformational Learning Grant. The report was included in the packet.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the District’s Transformational Learning Grant annual report. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

5. Personnel

The Hiring Committee met on November 17, 2023 to discuss the potential to open an On-Site Teacher Daycare Director. Superintendent Begger reviewed the process and discussions that led to the discussions of having an on-site daycare program.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the creation of an On-Site Teacher Daycare Director position for the 2024-2025 school year and begin accepting applications. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. The board discussed the position and reviewed the job description provided in the packet as well as asked questions about implementation. Toni Atkins offered public comment on the structure of the daycare and the number of children, which could impact the licensing requirements. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

The Hiring committee is recommending that the Board hire Ashley Nelson as a teacher effective January 2, 2024 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the hiring of Ashley Nelson as a teacher effective January 2, 2024 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Jason Stene seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

****Karin Williams joined the meeting via phone.****

Superintendent Begger recommended the hiring of Terra Stene as the Head High School Boys/Girls Track Coach for the 2024 season.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the hiring of Terra Stene as the Head High School Boys/Girls Track Coach for the 2024 season. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried with 7 trustees voting yea: Dawn Blain, Justin Oswald, Ken

Adams, Amanda Dinsdale, Kathy Grewell, Kelly Carrington and Karin Williams; and Jason Stene abstaining (H).

****Karin Williams left the meeting****

Superintendent Begger recommended the Board approve the December Elementary Coach Personnel Action Report.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the December Elementary Coach Personnel Action Report. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion. The motion was unanimously carried 6-0 (E).

6. First Reading of Policy 3110 – Entrance, Placement and Transfer – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 21, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3110. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 3120 — Compulsory Attendance – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 21, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Kathy Grewell made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3120. Ken Adams seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 3121 & 3121P — Enrollment and Attendance Records – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 21, 2023. These are updates and are recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Kelly Carrington made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3121 & 3121P. Justin Oswald seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 3150 — Part-Time Enrollment – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 21, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Ken Adams made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3150. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

First Reading of Policy 3226 — Bullying – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on November 21, 2023. This is an update and is recommended to be in line with MTSBA model policy.

Justin Oswald made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 3226. Kelly Carrington seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

7. Comprehensive Needs Assessment Tool Selection – The OPI’s new accreditation process requires districts to conduct internal and external surveys. Previous surveys were included in the packet for review as well as an email regarding cost from Mr. Milligan to conduct the survey. The OPI tool was also included.

Jason Stene made a motion to approve the Milligan tool for the District’s Comprehensive Needs Assessment for the survey only for \$1,650. Amanda Dinsdale seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

B. Unfinished Business

1. Policy – In light of discussion held at the policy committee and full board levels, the following policies are grouped into a single motion because they had unanimous support at the first reading.

Second Reading of Policy 3141 – Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Policy – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 10, 2023 in light of the impact of HB203.

Second Reading of Policy 7008 – Nonresident Student Attendance Agreement (Tuition/Transportation Cost) – The Policy Committee reviewed this policy on October 10, 2023 in light of the impact of HB203.

Amanda Dinsdale made a motion to approve the second readings of Policy 3141 and 7008. Dawn Blain seconded the motion. There was no board discussion and no public comment. The motion was unanimously carried 7-0 (B).

- VI. **Discussion/Informational Items** – Mr. Begger provided the Board with the following information: Profile of a Graduate Committee Assignments (the Board decided on 2 teachers, 2 administrators, 3 parents-one from each school, 2 students, 2 community members, 1 board member); Maintenance Logs; 11/07/23 Facilities Committee Minutes; 11/14/2023 Negotiations Committee Minutes; 11/17/2023 Hiring Committee Minutes; 11/21/23 Policy Committee Minutes; 11/21/2023 Budget Committee Minutes; Negotiations; Hiring/Staffing Update; Superintendent’s Schedule; Chromebook update.

- VII. **Correspondence** – Provided in the packet.

- VIII. **Suggested Topics for Next Agenda:**
Superintendent Evaluation
Consideration of Retirement Incentives
Election Resolutions

- IX. **Next Board Meeting Date**

Regular Board Meeting – January 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

X. Adjournment

Ms. Blain adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Approved 01/16/2024
Board Chair Laura Blain

Clerk Jen