

MINUTES Jefferson High School Dist. 1 Board of Trustees

March 19, 2024

Regular Meeting

Board members present in-person: Lindsey Graham Cami Robson Larry Rasch
Dani Morris Erika Morris Jenny Genger Justin Willcut

Board member(s) absent:

Administrators/clerk present: Erik Wilkerson-Superintendent, Mike Moodry-Principal, Lorie Carey-Business Manager

Staff and Visitors Present: Scott Ferguson, Kayla Feistner, Kristen Lamping, Sydney Lamping, Kate Miller, Ryan/Cheylah/Corey Eveland, Jason Davis, Tim Tholt, Brett Charles, Michaela Morris, Suzanne/Keith Shultz, Trevor Swanson, Emma Heimann, Emma Citi, Reyna E. Auch, Liz LeTexier, Elizabeth Gasch, Corri/Cate/Chris Barry, Michael Morris, Clint Riese (sp?) Jake/Mandy Dolezal, Debbie Wacker, Chick Bruce, Dan Sturdevant, BreeAnn Rieder, Sarah Layng

A. Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Ms. Robson-chair, at 5:30 p.m.

B. Announcements and Public Comment. Please see information printed on the back of the agenda and in the brochure at the entrance to the meeting about speaking to the board during this time. Several members of the community expressed their disappointment with the girls' basketball program. Many were willing to speak but due to the nature of the complaints, they could not be fully heard. The privacy of a former employee prevented their statements. The community members were very understanding. Mr. Wilkerson thanked all of those who had sent letters expressing their concerns and assured them that he had read each one of them. He added that the hiring practices of the district will be reviewed and the review will allow input from the community.

C. Consent Agenda Approval of High School Claims and Accounts and minutes of the previous meeting(s) – action. Mr. Rasch moved to approve the minutes. Ms. D. Morris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Willcut moved to approve the claims. Mr. Rasch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Rasch moved to approve the Dick Anderson and SMA bills. Mr. Willcut seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Staff Report. – None.

E. Student Report. – Miss Citi gave the student report. About 100 elementary students attended JHS day. The next agenda item for student council will be elections for the 24/25 year's officers.

F. Committee Reports – Facilities continues to meet 2 days per month. Negotiations met briefly and the board committee received the union's request.

At this point, I.9. was moved to this part of the agenda **CHEER** Ms. E. LeTexier reported that the number of cheer squad members was great, they were able to perform at several home games and twice at tournament, and they competed in a competition held at JHS. **SPEECH/DEBATE** Mr. Ferguson and Ms. Feistner reported for Speech and Debate that while their team was small, they were mighty. The team was 3rd at state. **BOYS BASKETBALL** Mr. A. Connolle summarized his team's season as successful. He did suggest that the board consider increasing the amount allowed for meals for teams progressing past regular season play. Mr. T. Humphrey stated that perhaps the money that isn't spent on wrestling meals (due to the nature of the sport) could be applied to the other teams. (all said in jest and with a spirit of comradery). He went on to review his goals and the accomplishment of those goals. He thanked the board for allowing 8th graders to participate and added that they and several girls had contributed much to the JHS program.

G. Administration Reports – The board briefly reviews the written reports provided in the board packet. Some specific, anticipated items are listed below. The Board will not act on items in a report unless the item appears as an action item in the new or unfinished business sections of the agenda.

1. Clerk/Business Manager – submitted in writing.
2. Facility Manager – submitted in writing.
3. Principal/A.D. – submitted in writing. Ms. Layng said that there were 72 students in track and over a third of them were girls. The total of students in spring sports was well over 1/3 of the entire student body.
4. Superintendent – submitted in writing

H. Unfinished Business- Action is always possible for Unfinished Business items.

I. New Business – Action is always possible for New Business items.

1. Construction/Renovation update – At 5:00 p.m. the board toured the new addition. Tim Tholte informed the board that the project was moving well and on track for the entire building to be ready for the 24/25 school year. Mr. Wilkerson and Mr. Moodry briefly reviewed the remaining funds and payments to be made.

2. Personnel

a. Resignations – Ms. D. Morris moved to accept the resignation of Ms. A. McMaster as girls’ basketball head coach. Ms. E. Morris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Rasch moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Joe Michaud as school counselor. Ms. E. Morris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

b. New hires - Ms. E. Morris moved to accept the recommendation of Mr. Will Johnson as the assistant tennis coach. Ms. D. Morris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ms. Graham moved to accept the recommendation of Mr. Trevor Swanson as the technology coordinator for the 24/25 school year. Mr. Willcut seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

c. Substitutes – none

3. Attendance Agreements –YDI, 37 JHS students to Helena, 21 Helena to JHS for 23-24, 3 East Helena students to JHS, 14 JHS students to East Helena. Ms. Robson moved to approve the students attending JHS from East Helena and Helena. Ms. Morris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Policy 2410 Diploma Job Corp/Youth Challenge This policy was included as information for the board and community members.

5. Approval of BPA trip to Chicago in May Miss Belle Murphy presented information about the BPA state competition results (which were spectacular) and the number of students who qualified for national competition. Ms. Graham moved to approve the trip to nationals in Chicago. Ms. D. Morris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. Approval of art trip to Oregon in May Ms. Heimann stated that the art club wished to take their art trip to Eugene, Oregon and parts of the coast May 10-16. Ms. D. Morris moved to approve the trip. Mr. Willcut seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. Heard Scholarship – The four (4) board members who did not have children applying for the Heard Scholarship, took a moment to tally the scores each had given to the applicants. Ms. Robson moved to award the Boy \$5,000 to Colton Tietge and the Girl \$5,000 to Clara Genger Mr. Willcut seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ms. Robson moved to award the \$3000 scholarships to Caleb Smartnick, Belle Murphy, Payton Coates, Skyler Smith, Abby Miller, and Quinn Shultz. Ms. Graham seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

8. Notice of intent to increase levies. Mr. Wilkerson and Ms. Carey presented the notice for the board to approve. A brief review of the numbers and what they meant was given. Ms. Graham moved to approve the notice. Mr. Rasch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

9. Athletics – Season Wrap-up addressed above.

J. Communication and Comments

a. Letters – A. McMaster and J. Michaud

K. Commendations

L. Follow-up/Adjournment – upcoming months

Coach hiring procedure.

Recording of board meetings.

M. Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Signature of Chair

Signature of Clerk