

## MINUTES Jefferson High School Dist. 1 Board of Trustees

February 21, 2023

Regular Meeting

Board members present: In-person: Cami Robson Jenny Genger Buster Bullock  
Justin Willcut Larry Rasch Dani Morris  
Board member attending by Zoom: Lindsey Graham

Administrators present: Erik Wilkerson, Superintendent Lorie J Carey, Business Manager

Staff Present: Dawn Smartnick, Sarah Layng, Grace Williams, Matt Bowman, Rachael Wilkinson

Visitors Present: Keith Shultz, Suzanne Shultz, Quinn Shultz, Avery Stiles, Greg Robson, Arena Faler

**A. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Ms. Robson, chair, at 6:32 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. Mr. Schultz and Mrs. Schultz commented with concern about recordkeeping, particularly at the committee level. Quinn Schulz expressed her disappointment and disapproval with the board, school administrators, and school staff. She shared several instances where she was antagonized by others but the instances were not, in her opinion, addressed by administration.

**C. Consent Agenda** Approval of High School Claims and Accounts and minutes of the previous meeting(s) – action Ms. Genger moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Rasch seconded the motion which passed 6 to 1 (Mr. Bullock abstained because of previous meeting absence.) Mr. Bullock moved to approve the claims. Mr. Rasch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Rasch moved to approve the SMA bills. Mr. Willcut seconded the motion, which passed 6 to 1 (Mr. Bullock nay).

**D. Student Report** – Quinne Shultz gave a report on the pizza party for juniors that they won at homecoming, the student council members are preparing for JHS Days and the end of year BBQ, both basketball teams will be going to divisional tournaments, Jazz band performed at the Valentine dinner.

**E. Staff Report** – Ms. Smartnick and Arena Faler gave a presentation about concessions. A packet was presented for each board member.

### **F. Committee Reports**

**G. Administration Reports**– The board briefly reviews the written reports provided in 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 – No questions
2. Facility Manager – No questions
3. Principal/A.D. – No questions.
4. Superintendent – Mr. Rasch asked about the foods program. A meeting with BES will be held at the end of the current week.

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

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

1. Friendship Center presentation – tabled to the March meeting.
2. Policy – None.
3. Personnel
  - a. Resignation – M. Hanson tendered her resignation as part-time custodian. Mr. Rasch moved to accept the resignation. Mr. Willcut seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by all except Ms. Graham. (The zoom link cut out.)

- b. New Hires – Part-time Custodian – Rachael Wilkinson – Mr. Bullock moved to approve Ms. Wilkinson. Mr. Rasch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by 6. (Ms. Graham still cut from the zoom meeting.) Asst. Tennis – Zoey Wickens – Mr. Willcut moved to approve. Ms. Genger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by 7. (Ms. Graham’s zoom connection resumed.)
- c. Volunteer – Track – Avery Stiles Mr. Rasch moved to approve Mr. Stiles. Ms. Morris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
4. Attendance Agreements – None presented at this time.
5. Out-of-state trips - **A.** Music trip to Utah April 28-30 – Music in the Park – Mr. Bowman explained that it is a competition with other schools of same size. Adjudicated by college professors. Choir, band, and string quartet. Mr. Bullock moved to approve the trip. Mr. Rasch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **B.** Art trip to Oregon – Mr. Rasch expressed concern with the safety of the students. Mr. Bullock moved to deny the trip at this time. Mr. Rasch seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1, Ms. Genger voted nay.
6. Consideration of Declaration of Unforeseen Emergency in accordance with Title 20, chapter 9, part 8, MCA. Mr. Bullock moved to declare an unforeseen emergency within the meaning of that term as set forth in Title 20, Chapter 9, Part 8 MCA, to become immediately effective December 21, 2022, and to continue through December 22, 2022, or until terminated by a vote of the Board of Trustees. The declaration is necessary due to hazardous conditions occurring on December 21 and 22, 2023 resulting lost pupil instruction time. Mr. Rasch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
7. Consideration of resolution regarding reasonable effort to reschedule pupil instruction time affected by school closure due to declared emergency in accordance with Title 20, chapter 9, part 8, MCA. Mr. Bullock moved to adopt a resolution in compliance with Title 20, chapter 9, part 8, MCA. declaring a reasonable effort has been made to make up the pupil-instruction time lost because of the unforeseen emergency declared on December 21 and 22, 2022. This pupil instruction time has been delivered through the previously adopted school calendar resulting completion in excess of 1080 pupil instruction hours. This resolution confirms at least 75% of the pupil-instruction time lost due to the unforeseen emergency have been restored, rescheduled, or provided constituting a reasonable effort to make up the lost time in accordance with Section 20-9-806, MCA. The board of trustees authorizes the administrator to take necessary steps to execute this declaration and inform the public and government agencies of this resolution. Ms. Morris seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
8. School Resource Officer (SRO) – MOU with the county sheriff’s department is in process. There will be no cost to the schools.
9. Shooting Sports club association – Ms. Grace Williams presented information concerning her request to be able to form a shooting club affiliation with JHS which would allow them to use the school logo. Fundraising would be outside the school. Transportation would not be provided by JHS. Mr. Bullock moved to approve the affiliation. Mr. Rasch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
10. Call for election. Mr. Bullock moved to call for an election. Mr. Rasch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
11. Consideration of the 23/24 calendar Mr. Moodry reconvened with the calendar committee to present this calendar. Ms. Morris moved to approve the calendar presented. Ms. Genger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
12. Weighted GPA working group assembled. Mr. Moodry is seeking two volunteers from the board to serve. Ms. Genger and Mr. Willcut volunteered. Mr. Schulz stated that it has been 9 months since the item has been addressed. He expressed concern about processes for recordkeeping. Ms. Robson acknowledged that mistakes were made. She also stated there will be a concerted effort to gather documentation from all committee meetings as well as regular and special board meetings. Mr. Bullock responded that he appreciated the persistence but is done with the weighted GPA. Until something is done to make sure that students not pursuing college have the opportunity for success after high school, he will not support weighted GPA. Ms. Genger stated that although she is interested in the concept, she has felt pressured by the Schulz family to deal with a very complicated item in a short amount of time. The board asked that Mr. Moodry meet with the GPA working group within the next month to report at the next meeting. Ms. Robson stated her offense by Mr. Schulz’ statement that students take easy classes to get a 4. Her experience has been that many students work very hard in standard classes to achieve their goals, not to take the easy route. He apologized.

13. Construction/Renovation update – Tomorrow February 22 the bids for the project will be opened. Ms. Morris asked if the low bid was the winner. Mr. Wilkerson stated that the lowest responsible bid will be awarded the project.

***J. Communication and Comments***

1. Letters – M. Hanson

***K. Commendations*** Speech & debate, Jazz dinner, Arena Faler and Ms. Smartnick for concessions work, play went well, wrestler for whom the board made some concessions went to state wrestling and seems to be progressing in other ways as well

***L. Follow-up/Adjournment – upcoming months***

Next meeting – March 21 at regular time. Heard scholarship, update on shooting club, Friendship Center

***M. Adjournment*** - the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Signature of Chair

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Signature of Clerk