

MINUTES

Jefferson High School Dist. 1
Regular Meeting

January 19, 2010
Jefferson High School

Board members present:

Alan Erickson **Diane Lorenzen** **Pat Lewis** **Kathy Jackson**
Lori Lagerquist arrived after claims **Lynne Bryant arrived during public comment**
Sabrina Steketee arrived by phone after claims, left by phone after volleyball coaching

Administrators present:

James Whealon, Superintendent
Lorie Carey, Clerk/Business Manager

Visitors: Chuck Seifert, Edward Brooks, Lance Peeler, Tom Colella, Jan Anderson, Brett Lutkehus, Ron Hajek, Hunter Steketee

CALL BOARD TO ORDER Mr. Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:00. The pledge was said.

MINUTES *M. Lorenzen moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by the 4 present.*

CLAIMS Ms. Lorenzen moved to approve the claims presented. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion which passed by the 5 present.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

NEW BUSINESS New Business K. 1. MT Internet Service Charles Siefert (Chuck) spoke to the board concerning the construction of the internet tower. The variance awarded the company wasn't sufficient for the tower to run properly. Currently 100 mb/sec. 3 mb/sec bursting to 10 mb. is available to JHS. JHS is welcome to use the bandwidth presently. At 48 ft, the company won't be able to provide service to anyone presently. There are a couple of alternatives possible but not very quickly. MT Internet is requesting that the company be allowed to continue to use the tower pending request to board of adjustments to reconsider. They are looking to have the Board allow them to put an antenna on either the library or the gym, preferably the gym. The mount would sit on the peak and be weighted until it needs to be moved. Ms. Lorenzen asked if the company is confident that the roof wouldn't be damaged. When asked, Mr. Lutkehus replied that it would take 1-3 weeks to restore internet service if a different company had to be used. The company would welcome any support that the school could give them in the form of a letter etc. Ms. Lorenzen moved to direct the administration to write a letter to request that MT Internet be allowed to use the tower at least until better a construction time is reached. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion. FCC states that you have to have good, solid reasons to deny access to internet service. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS New Business K.2.c. At this point the meeting went into executive session. (7:36) Ms. Steketee ceased to participate by cell phone so that the executive session could continue without question as to whether the line was secure or not. Regular session resumed at 8:07 p.m.

Letters. A letter from the Boulder Association of Teachers (BAT) was received to open negotiations. It was referred to the Negotiations committee. A letter from the Fire Marshal was received. The fire alarm system failed in a couple places. Mr. Whealon requested the letter so that it might be supplemental information to receive a grant for an upgrade of the system. Referees cheer section scatter letter was received.

Student Report. Mr. Luke Senechal was absent due to illness.

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS Ms. Lagerquist thanked Mr. Whealon for addressing the safety issues that have come up in addition to the time spent completing grant applications. Mr. Erickson included Lance in that commendation for his efforts in maintenance of the building. Parents, students, and staff have expressed positive comments about the school. Mr. Erickson also commended Mr. Garnaas for his contribution of a drum line.

COMMITTEE REPORTS **Negotiations/Personnel.** Committee hasn't met since the last regular board meeting. A letter of response to the letter received from BAT will be drafted by the committee.
Policy/Handbook. Committee hasn't met.
Budget/Investment/Insurance. Committee met. The future doesn't hold much good news concerning the budget. Last year's highest budget without a vote was ~ \$1,907,000. This year's highest budget without a vote ~ \$1,786,124.29 – about \$120,000 decrease. Mr. Whealon did talk to the teachers at a PIR day to let them know that cuts will most likely be necessary. The next meeting will begin to address staffing issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
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Building/ Grounds /Transportation. Committee hasn't met since the last regular board meeting. The 4" water line has been repaired. It will probably need further repair. Lance talked to the plumbers about running a liner down the line or other options. It is a 120-foot run. He's waiting for a response. It might be possible to reduce the line to 3" to save money. Inventory of chemicals is still on-going.

Curriculum/Technology/Public Relations. No meeting was held. The staff had curriculum meetings on the 15th of January. January 29 is Pack the House night sponsored by Booster Club. Sr. Night for Wrestling is January 28.

CLERK REPORT

Business Manager/Clerk Report. Submitted in written form.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent's Report. Submitted in written form. Teacher evaluations are underway. The Board just wants a summary of any issues that need to be addressed. **Staff presentations:**

Mr. Lutkehus. Technology at AYA. Every student has a laptop and all are in use. All have e-mail accounts. The students do their homework on the laptops and seem to be doing very well. Mr. Hesford is looking for digital titles for reading so that the laptops will also be textbooks for the students. The servers that have been installed have been purchased with grant funds as were electronic microscopes. Mr. Hesford will be teaching a media class and the purchases for that came out of grant funds as well. By the end of this year, the hardware layout will be significantly condensed. A new content filter has been installed that has increased capabilities. Mr. Lutkehus, who previously worked at AYA as an employee, feels that the students at AYA are getting a good education from the staff at JHS.

AD Report. AD report wasn't available.

Service Learning Report. None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy Discussion. Discussion about Policy 3145P proceeded. Ms. Lagerquist moved to accept 3145P with the proposed changes. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Fall Coaching Evaluations and Recommendations. Volleyball Ms. Jackson moved to accept the AD's recommendation of Henderson (head) and Elwein (assistant) for Volleyball coaches. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Ms. Steketee expressed concern about Ms. Henderson. The motion passed 6-1 (Ms. Steketee voting no). **Cross Country.** Ms. Jackson moved to accept the recommendation of Pace (head) and Ekblom (assistant) for cross-country coaches. Ms. Lagerquist seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. Lorenzen offered a friendly amendment to approve Ms. Pace as head coach with the support of Mr. Ekblom as assistant should the numbers determine the need for two coaches. Should Ms. Pace decline her position then the position of head cross country would be offered to Mr. Ekblom. The motion passed unanimously by the 6 present. (Ms. Steketee left meeting phone)

Football. Ms. Lorenzen moved to accept the recommendation of Smartnick as head football coach. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 6 present. Ms. Jackson moved to accept the recommendation of Lorenzen as assistant football coach. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed by 5 with Ms. Lorenzen abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel. Substitute applications. Ms. Lorenzen moved to approve Ronald Humphrey and Cassidy Nordahl as substitutes. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Superintendent Evaluation. Summary of evaluation - all satisfactory and above. All seven trustees participated. Ms. Jackson moved to accept the personnel evaluation of the superintendent. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 6 present. The school did get an accreditation "ding" because we don't have a full-time principal.

Personnel Hearing. Ms. Jackson moved to immediately discharge the employee as discussed in the executive session. Ms. Lorenzen seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 6 present.

FOLLOW-UP/TOPICS FOR
FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS

2nd reading of policy 3145P

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.