

MINUTES

Jefferson High School Dist. 1
Regular Meeting

February 16, 2010
Jefferson High School

Board members present:

Alan Erickson **Diane Lorenzen** **Pat Lewis**
Lynne Bryant (arrived at 7:15 during clerk's report) **Sabrina Stekete**

Administrators present:

James Whealon, Superintendent
Lorie Carey, Clerk/Business Manager

Visitors: Brett Lutkehus, Carrie Lutkehus, Luke Senechal, Dave Hohenthal, Forest Christian, Chuck Siefert

CALL BOARD TO ORDER Ms. Stekete called the meeting to order at 7:05. The pledge was said.

MINUTES *M. Lorenzen moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Stekete seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by the 5 present.*

CLAIMS Ms. Stekete moved to approve the claims presented. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 5 present.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

NEW BUSINESS K2 New Business K. 2. Mr. Lutkehus addressed the board concerning replacement of the phone system. Replacement phones for our current system aren't available and the ones we have need constant repair. A couple bids were received this fall for a replacement system. It will be fairly expensive. A packet was given each board member detailing the proposal. The bid presented addressed all the issues requested by Mr. Lutkehus. Maintenance of the equipment and training is covered over the length of the lease. There is a disaster option included with an analog fax line and the automatic rollover to a cell phone should the system go down for several minutes. Ms. Lorenzen expressed concern about the need for a phone system when the Board needs to consider RIF. Ms. Lewis asked if a used system was available. Mr. Lutkehus expressed his desire to avoid used systems. Ms. Lewis suggested that a committee address the issue. Mr. Erickson stated that Budget and Facilities Committees could work on it.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS **Letters.** None.
Student Report. Mr. Luke Senechal stated that semester tests were a little different. A couple different funds raisers are happening. Basketball district tournaments are coming this week. Wrestling completed their state tournament.

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS Ms. Lorenzen wished to commend Coach Smartnick and Coach Humphrey.

COMMITTEE REPORTS **Negotiations/Personnel.** Committee met with Boulder Association of Teachers (BAT) and Boulder Elementary School (BES) committee. The group laid the groundwork and set up a schedule for meetings. The next meeting will be March 6 at Jefferson High School. A discussion about staffing issues commenced. Mr. Whealon stated that a couple changes at the legislative level would prevent the school from offering particular options for employees to consider to avoid some RIF procedures.
Policy/Handbook. Committee hasn't met.
Budget/Investment/Insurance. Committee hasn't met but will meet March 1.
Building/ Grounds /Transportation. Committee hasn't met since the last regular board meeting. **Curriculum/Technology/Public Relations.** No meeting was held.

CLERK REPORT **Business Manager/Clerk Report.** Submitted in written form.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT **Superintendent's Report.** Submitted in written form. **Staff presentations: Mr. Hohenthal.** Mr. Hohenthal gave a short presentation about the social studies curriculum. Mr. Bieler was absent – he was serving at the Boulder city council meeting as councilman. Mr. Bieler is the sponsor of Model United Nations which occurred in the fall. He is also the sponsor of Youth Legislature and has eleven students are involved April 11-14. Ms. Stekete asked if there was anything in their programs with which the Board could help. Mr. Hohenthal wondered if the AP classes were effective – the depth of the information required to pass the test is immense. He added that the classes offered in tandem with Helena COT might be more valuable. A new program may be available on-line that may broaden the variety of classes that could be offered.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT (Cont.)

AD Report. AD report was submitted in written form.
Service Learning Report. Ms. Piccolo stated that Ms. Humphrey's Web Design class will attend Clancy and MT City to help the Kindergarteners by typing their stories. Additional students will add pictures and then the parents and teachers will have access to the stories. Physics will teach 3rd graders about kites. Water quality studies with the area elementary schools will occur as will drama classes. Service learning will be a mandate from OPI soon. Ms. Piccolo received a grant for \$15,000 over 3 years. JHS is considered the target school. Mr. McCauley and Ms. Melody Grant (BES 5th grade teacher) will work together to create a "Walk with Lewis & Clark" on ground next to the Outdoor Classroom. The ecology classes will work with many state agencies as partners. Students will study Lewis & Clark and the ecology of the area. The students will also work with Native Americans to label plants using the names given them by the Native Americans along with the scientific name, the common name, and any references made by Lewis & Clark about the plants. If the science classes offered could occur over the course of 3 years maybe students could remain in the program for those 3 years and also get credit for the classes. Ms. Steketee asked if Mr. Whealon had designed a plan for the school year and presented goals. It will be presented in March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MT Internet Tower. Mr. Seifert was in contact with Mr. Shapiro from the city of Boulder. The tower must come down. MT Internet will have to put it on the roof temporarily to allow them to provide uninterrupted service to the school. They will contact the city to get their approval of the move. Ms. Lewis asked if they were interested in appealing to District Court. MT Internet felt that it would be an exercise in futility. Taking the tower down is not a safety issue that would prevent them from taking it down before school is out for the year. Ms. Lorenzen moved to allow MT Internet to put the equipment on the roof temporarily. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion. Ms. Lewis asked if the company wished to remove the tower completely. MT Internet stated that the Board of Adjustments expressed that the only reason they denied the variance was that the company didn't get the variance approved in the first place. The roof "mounts" would be a platform that is anchored by cinder blocks. The motion passed unanimously by the 4 present.

Policy Discussion. Discussion about Policy 3145P proceeded. Ms. Lewis moved to accept 3145P with the proposed changes. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 4 present.

NEW BUSINESS

Attendance Agreements Ms. Lorenzen moved to approve the two Student Attendance Agreements. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. Lorenzen proceeded to let the Board know about Helena High's desire to enroll JHS district students from Clancy by having students enroll en masse. Mr. Dunkle, Clancy Supt., didn't allow HHS to put their "ad" in the school newsletter. **Policies 1st Reading.** Ms. Lorenzen moved to table the policies' 1st reading. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 4 present. **Personnel. Substitute applications.** Ms. Lorenzen moved to approve Donald Morgado Jr. as substitute custodian pending satisfactory background check. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 4 present. **Custodian Position.** Administration will contact Lance Peeler to determine his interest in a half-time position with JHS.

Coaches. Ms. Lorenzen moved to approve Tommi Haikka as Head Track Coach on Mr. Sturdevant's recommendation. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 4 present. A discussion about proper advertisement of the position arose. Ms. Steketee stated that the tennis coach position hadn't been advertised in the Monitor or any other similar form of media regardless of Mr. Sturdevant's statement that there had been. Ms. Lewis asked to address the concerns about advertising with Mr. Sturdevant. Mr. Sturdevant recommended Nicole Henderson as the Head Tennis Coach. Ms. Lorenzen moved to table the recommendation for Tennis until it was advertised in the local paper. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 4 present.

FOLLOW-UP/TOPICS FOR
FUTURE BOARD
MEETINGS

3rd reading of policy 3145P
1st reading of policies -
Custodian position review
Supt. report on plan for school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.