

MINUTES

Jefferson High School Dist. 1  
Regular Meeting

April 20, 2010  
Montana City School

Board members present:

**Alan Erickson**  
**Sabrina Steketee**

**Diane Lorenzen**  
**Kathy Jackson**

**Lori Lagerquist**  
**Pat Lewis**

**Lynne Bryant**

Administrators present:

James Whealon, Superintendent

Lorie Carey, Clerk/Business Manager

Visitors: Samantha Humphrey, Jeff Forbes, Julie Forbes, Stan Senechal, Luke Senechal, Roy Barnes, Maria Barnes

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

MINUTES *Ms. Lorenzen moved to approve the minutes with two additions. Ms. Lagerquist seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

CLAIMS Ms. Lewis moved to approve the claims presented. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS **Letters.** A thank you note was received from three staff members. A letter from BART was also received. The administration will write a letter of support of the proposed walking/biking path along Highway 69. A letter from Micki and Stan Senechal was received as well. **Student Report.** Luke Senechal stated the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade day was very successful, student council elections will be held soon and the new president will be presented at the next meeting, Prom went well, and the end of school BBQ will be held as well.

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS Ms. Lorenzen offered a commendation for Mr. Garnaas and his students' 14 state qualifications from district music festival. Ms. Steketee commended Ms. Humphrey and the 4-day school committee for the work done on the data compilation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS **Negotiations/Personnel.** The committee met to discuss the 4-day week and how it fits in the collective bargaining agreement. The next meeting will be held April 21 in the JHS Library. **Policy/Handbook.** Items will be discussed below. **Budget/Investment/Insurance.** No meeting was held. **Building/ Grounds /Transportation.** Walk-through is scheduled for May 5 at 4:30. **Curriculum/Technology/Public Relations.** The technology committee is rewriting some parts of the Tech plan.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT **Superintendent's Report.** Submitted in written form. **AD Report.** Submitted in written form. **Service Learning Report.** Ms. Piccolo wasn't in attendance. Mr. Whealon reported that and In-Service training for Service Learning was conducted at the school. **Staff Presentations.** None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS **1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policies.** The following table details the actions taken for each policy

Policy	Committee Recommended	Motion	Second	Vote
2140	Yes	Ms. Lorenzen	Ms. Lagerquist	Unanimous
3221	Table	Ms. Lorenzen	Ms. Steketee	Unanimous
4330F	Table	Ms. Lorenzen	Ms. Steketee	Unanimous
4330P	Table	Ms. Lorenzen	Ms. Steketee	Unanimous
4331	Yes	Ms. Lewis	Ms. Lorenzen	Unanimous

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Policy	Committee Recommend	Motion	Second	Vote
4332	Table	Ms. Lorenzen	Ms. Steketee	Unanimous
8225	Yes	Ms. Lewis	Ms. Lagerquist	Unanimous
1401	Yes	Ms. Lewis	Ms. Lorenzen	Unanimous
3110	Table	Ms. Lorenzen	Ms. Steketee	Unanimous
7530	Yes with slight correction	Ms. Lewis	Ms. Lorenzen	Unanimous
8123 ***	Yes	Ms. Lorenzen	Ms. Jackson	Unanimous
5630	No			
8450	Yes	Ms. Lorenzen	Ms. Lagerquist	Unanimous

\*\*\*Before the acceptance of this policy was addressed, Ms. Lorenzen moved to suspend the policy requiring 3 readings for policy approval so that policy 8123 could be addressed with a single reading. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously. After policy 8123 had been addressed, Ms. Lorenzen moved to reinstate the 3 reading policy. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Parent/student/staff member issue.** At 8:45 the board entered executive session. At 9:05 the regular session resumed.

**MTSBA Invoice.** The invoice was presented for informational purposes. The cost for this service is about \$500 greater for next year. This increase is caused by the application of MTSBA's assessment percentages to our particular budget numbers. When JHS was combined with BES, the percentage applied to the combined budget was lower.

**60-day Review.** Ms. Lorenzen moved to approve the 60-day review for language arts books. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion. Mr. Whealon stated that he wasn't particular in favor of the series chosen for review and suggested that the direction the department should consider would be to put less emphasis on the literature and more on grammar and reading for content with short stories and updated works. After much discussion about the books and the English Curriculum, Ms. Lorenzen withdrew her motion. The board requested that the English department revisit the text book question to identify the needs of the district concerning improving test scores and establishing goals that could be addressed by particular textbooks.

**CSCT.** Ms. Lorenzen moved to approve the CSCT agreement. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Surplus Equipment.** Ms. Jackson moved to approve the disposal of equipment presented on the list by Mr. Lutkehus. Ms. Lorenzen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Activities Ledger.** Ms. Lorenzen moved to approve the FCCLA District ledger for activities. Ms. Lagerquist seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Calendar.** Ms. Jackson moved to approve the calendar presented. Ms. Lagerquist seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Personnel. Substitute applications.** Ms. Lorenzen moved to approve Josie Larem as a substitute teacher. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Custodial position.** Mr. Whealon informed the board that a custodian had submitted a resignation, planning to move to a different job. The employee discovered that the job availability wasn't what he had planned, so he submitted a request to withdraw the resignation. Mr. Whealon hadn't accepted the resignation so state law allows the employee to withdraw the resignation.

**Coaching Recommendations.** Ms. Jackson moved to accept the recommendation of Mr. Sturdevant for the following sports and coaches: Boys' Basketball – Mr. Sonsteng, head and Mr. McCauley and Mr. Hohenthal, assistants; Girls' Basketball – Scott Connole, head and Lorie Carey, assistant; Cheer – Ms. Butler, head. Ms. Lorenzen seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mr. Erickson asked about the goals of the head coaches. Mr. Sturdevant will be asked to address this. The Wrestling program and coaches will be addressed in May

NEW BUSINESS CONT.

**RIF notice.** Mr. Whealon and Ms. Carey presented a couple different options for the board to consider concerning staffing at JHS. It will be necessary to cut all or some of the 2.5 positions identified at the committee meeting unless the board considers funding these positions with “soft money” from Title ID, Title IA, Title ID ARRA, etc. The budget numbers were considered along with the possible funding sources. Ms. Bryant suggested that the school was presently moving in a positive direction with the efforts of the service learning, coach visits to elementary schools, the four-day school week, etc. and now was not the time to cut staff. She added that it might be the time to take a measured risk to maintain momentum. Ms. Humphrey stated that Mr. Dempsey’s position was pivotal in the success of the single administrator model adopted last year. Ms. Jackson moved to rescind the RIF letters. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

FOLLOW-UP/TOPICS FOR  
FUTURE BOARD  
MEETINGS

1<sup>st</sup> reading of policies  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading of policies

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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Chair, Jefferson High School Board

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