

MINUTES

Jefferson High School Dist. 1
Regular Meeting

May 11, 2010
Jefferson High School

Board members present:

Alan Erickson
Sabrina Steketee

Diane Lorenzen
Kathy Jackson

Lynne Bryant
Pat Lewis

Lori Lagerquist arrived at claims

Administrators present:

James Whealon, Superintendent

Lorie Carey, Clerk/Business Manager

Visitors: Troy Humphrey, Victoria Foster, Stan Senechal, Luke Senechal, Barb Ryder, Luke Senechal, Katherine Martini

CALL BOARD TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Ms. Jackson moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Lorenzen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CLAIMS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS

Letters. A thank you note was received from MT City school for the Service Learning presentations given by the various teachers.
Restorative Community Service Program – Cindy McGinnis gave a brief presentation about this project which will be running within the month. The program pairs young people assigned community service with mentors to give them positive reinforcement. Mr. Whealon stated that the adults would have to work through the background check process which might make it difficult for the school to sponsor that age of individual. Students of JHS who are part of the program would most likely be a fit for the program and JHS.
Student Report. Luke Senechal introduced Katherine Martini as next year's president for JHS. The all-school BBQ will be held May 27th and semester tests will be held.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

New Board Members. Ms. Bonnie Ramey conducted the swearing-in of the two board members – Kathy Jackson and Stan Senechal.
Clerk Appointment. Ms. Lorenzen moved to appoint Lorie Carey as clerk of the JHS Board. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
Chairperson. Ms. Lorenzen nominated Ms. Steketee as chairperson. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Nominations closed and the nomination passed unanimously.
Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Lorenzen nominated Ms. Jackson as vice-chair. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Nominations closed and the nomination passed unanimously.
Meeting procedure/agenda format/meeting time/location – Move New Business to follow Communications and Comments. Move Staff Presentations to Communications and Comments following Student Council report. Location for all meetings will be JHS Library rather than rotating. Time 6:00 p.m. Held on third Tuesday. Ms. Jackson moved to approve these changes, Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
Committee appointments – Ms. Lorenzen moved to table appointments. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Senechal will fill Ms. Lagerquist's appointments until June.

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Erickson offered a commendation to Ms. Lagerquist for her four years of service to the board. Ms. Bryant commended the track coaches for their efforts in a very miserable weather year. Mr. Erickson commended the culinary arts program students and instructor. Ms. Bryant commended Ms. Humphrey for her efforts on the newsletter. Ms. Lewis commended Mr. Whealon for his leadership at the school this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations/Personnel. The committee has met twice since the last board meeting. BACE insurance will follow what the BAT contract proposes for that expenditure. The committee proposed to cover insurance increase for Mr. Whealon and Ms. Carey. The committee proposed 1% increase for Mr. Lutkehus and Ms. Rykal. They proposed a \$10,000 bonus from year-end funds for Mr. Sturdevant. BAT is discussing the offer proposed by the board of steps and lanes and the 11.9% insurance increase.
Policy/Handbook. Items will be discussed below.
Budget/Investment/Insurance. No meeting was held.
Building/ Grounds /Transportation. Walk-through was held May 5 at 4:30. Ms. Jackson gave a brief report. (included with this set of minutes)
Curriculum/Technology/Public Relations. Ms. Bryant brought goodies to the school for the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Staff Presentations. The board toured the art show organized by Ms. Dawson before the meeting. Mr. Garnaas gave a report about the music program.

Language Arts and Spanish Books. Ms. Foster researched the reading curriculum of JHS to relate to the books for review. Board members asked if the English department had discussed the types of items that need to be addressed to improve test scores. Ms. Foster answered that they hadn't. When asked if the department had come to a consensus about the books and the improvements to be made, she replied that they hadn't. Ms. Foster had spent much time researching for this presentation. The Board expressed the desire to focus on the Freshmen and Sophomores for the purchase. Ms. Lorenzen moved to open the 30-day review for the Glencoe books for freshmen and sophomore books. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. Foster recommended the Que tal book for Spanish 101 – 11 students are signed up for the class. The book costs \$25-30 each. She recommended the Avancemos book for beginning Spanish. The books total \$953.65. Ms. Jackson moved to waive the 60-day review and approve Spanish book recommendations. Ms. Lorenzen seconded the motion which passed unanimously (Ms. Bryant stepped out).

Ms. Jackson moved to accept the AD's recommendation for wrestling coaches Troy Humphrey and Mr. Smartnick. Mr. Erickson seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Ms. Bryant returned)

CLERK REPORT

Business Manager/Clerk Report. Submitted in written form.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report. MDC would like JHS to provide a special education teacher for a few hours a week. They would pay for the services through a contract. Mr. Whealon wasn't convinced of the viability of this proposal.

AD Report. Submitted in written form.

Service Learning Report. Ms. Piccolo wasn't in attendance.

Staff Presentations. Above.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2nd Reading of Policies. Mr. Erickson moved to approve the policies for second reading. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion which passed with 6 voting yes and Mr. Senechal abstaining.

Language Arts Textbooks & Curriculum. Addressed above.

NEW BUSINESS

2010 Technology Plan. Ms. Lorenzen moved to table. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Student Issue. NA

Race to the Top MOU. Ms. Jackson moved to approve the MOU. Mr. Erickson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Prickly Pear Coop Representative. Ms. Lorenzen moved to appoint Mr. Whealon as representative for the Prickly Pear Coop. Ms. Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

1st Reading of Policies. Mr. Whealon checked with MtSBA about the nicotine issues addressed in the policies. These policies were referred to committee.

BAT Collective Bargaining Agreement. NA

BAT Contracts 2010-11 NA

BACE Contracts 2010-11 NA

Personnel. Substitute applications. Ms. Jackson moved to table. Ms. Lorenzen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Coaching Recommendations. Addressed above.

FOLLOW-UP/TOPICS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

1st reading of policies

3rd reading of policies

Technology Plan

Committee Appointments

Contracts

Change agenda order.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

