



At 8:13 the regular session of the meeting continued.

Mr. LeTexier questioned the validity of the decision to be in executive session. Mr. Whealon state that MtSBA has stated unequivocally that the board chair has the sole responsibility to call the executive session. Ms. Jackson moved to defer the action on fall sports coaching recommendations. Mr. Erickson seconded the motion. Discussion continued. Mr. Erickson asked for any information supporting the student evaluations and possible recommendations. If any steps of improvement are suggested then they should be included with the summary of the student surveys. Ms. Denise Burnett asked if any more information could be submitted. The response was that "yes" information could be submitted to the AD or to the board. JHS has a uniform complaint procedure – "chain" – that is suggested for use for complaints but there is never a time that a person can't submit information to the board. The motion passed unanimously.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**Superintendent Report.** Energy costs for JHS is \$1.03/sq. ft. using the insurance company's square footage (measured the general size of the building). We have another measurement that when used gives us a cost of about \$.82/sq.ft. This is about where most schools are recommended to be. Concerning the yearend funds available and the planning for next year's budget, next year's base budget will have a reduction of about \$74,202. Since our personnel expenditures account for nearly 75% of the budget and without any reductions in staff, the budget cuts would have to come from 25% of the budget. Yearend figures presently look like there should be at least \$20,000 of remaining funds. **Curriculum.** In addition to the pathways developed for the vocational programs, a technical math class is being considered. In the English program, writing needs to be emphasized, in particular technical writing. Senior English is currently 1 semester long. The emphasis currently at JHS seems to be on Literature, in particular, fiction. Vocabulary seems to have been lost along with much of the grammar teaching. The science program needs to have the interpretation of scientific data and a balance between the physical and biological sciences. Earth systems need to be stressed in the first year of high school to improve performance on the CRT. The vocational program could use replacement of some welders - \$8,000. Drivers' Education last year was held only in JHS rather than in Boulder and Clancy. Currently there is a class of 30 students. JHS has always had the practice of putting the older kids first. OPI doesn't agree with this and states that it is a first come first served basis. The woods program could use new working tables. Special education needs improvement in transition plans. In addition, graduation plans should be developed for these students and identified for them in their first years of high school. Music - \$6,000 could help the drum line. Maintaining the film class would require \$2,000 to add equipment so that more students could take the same offering at the same time. Digital Academy was used for credit recovery but wasn't effective. PLATO is the program that works the best but is extremely expensive. It helps determine where the holes are in each student's education. Digital Academy is currently provided free of charge through OPI. Journalism hasn't had any complaints. This year's current schedule has some difficulties with the blocking of capstone courses in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> period. Drama seems to have a large number of students in the classes that aren't able to be supervised properly. Construction class is a small class but seems to be doing well. The kids are doing things that haven't been done here before. P.E. requirements according to OPI – 1 semester freshman year and 1 semester sophomore year. Ms. Jackson suggested that the graduation requirement of 24 credits should be lowered to the state requirement of 20 credits if minimum requirements are established. Mr. Sonsteng would support the technical math idea. He also thinks that progress was made this past year or two in math. He talked about meeting kids where they are and taking them as far as they can. They may not be ready for the CRT but they'll be closer. Students will be going to a math contest in Whitehall. The Trig Star test will come to JHS as well. He added that students need to take a math their senior year regardless of whether they've taken it all along. Something that Mr. Sonsteng is doing this year is Accellus. It costs about \$10/student and can apply to students who are behind and for those who are ahead. The program forces kids to engage and they can't hide from the teacher.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Superintendent Evaluation.** At this point the meeting again went into executive session. 9:15. At 9:55 the regular session resumed.

**Hard Rock Fund use.** The policy committee reviewed the hard rock policy 7261 to make sure that the board as authorized to use the funds for the building roof repair. Ms. Jackson moved to authorize the use of hard rock funds for repairs up to the limit of 50% of the 2007 balance. Mr. Erickson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS (cont.)	<b>Surplus Property Purchase Authorization.</b> Ms. Jackson moved to authorize the administration to purchase surplus property from the State of Montana. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
PLANNING	<b>Planning Agenda Item.</b> Ms. Bryant moved to table Ms. Jackson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS	Mr. McCauley – service learning award - Mr. Erickson Dance Team - Ms. Bryant Todd Lorenzen – Mr. Erickson Administrative staff for excellent audit review – Mr. Erickson Rob Lewis – open gym – Ms. Jackson
COMMITTEE REPORTS	<b>Negotiations/Personnel.</b> The meeting with BAT was January 21. Meetings will be held every other Wednesday. <b>Policy/Handbook.</b> A packet of 6 policies was submitted for review. They will be submitted for 1 <sup>st</sup> reading in March. Several other policies were addressed as well. Metal mines policy was reviewed. <b>Budget/Insurance/Investments.</b> The committee didn't meet. <b>Building/Grounds/Transportation.</b> A walk-through was held with Mr. Whealon and Mr. Peeler. Mr. Sturdevant is looking to see how much it will cost to replace windows in the classroom wing. <b>Teaching/Learning.</b> Didn't meet.
CLERK'S REPORT	Presented in written form.
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT CONT.	AD report presented in written form. Superintendent report presented above.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	<b>Credit for Service Learning.</b> Ms. Piccolo submitted a recommendation for 45 hours for ½ credit. <b>Bids for Roof.</b> March Meeting <b>Policies without dates.</b> Ms. Jackson moved to approve the setting of particular months to complete board actions as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1310 - Review policies annually</li><li>• 1610 - Set annual goals and objectives</li><li>• 2000 - Supt annual instruction report</li><li>• 2110 - Review accreditation standards and supt accomplishment report</li><li>• 2130 - Develop plan for evaluations</li><li>• 2161p - Spec Ed application to board</li><li>• 3520 - Fees reported to Board</li><li>• 3610 - At risk Plan</li><li>• 5140 - Determine classified wages</li><li>• 5314 - Establish rates of pay for subs - August</li><li>• 6110 - Supt evaluation - January</li><li>• 6110p - Formulate goals, adopt annual objectives</li><li>• 6420 - Admin profl growth dev plan</li><li>• 7008 - Set tuition rates annually - July</li><li>• 8300 - Review risk mgmt status</li></ul> Mr. Erickson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
AGENDA ITEMS FOR FOLLOWING MEETING	Graduation Credit requirements. Bids for Roof. Fall Sports Recommendations. Policy 1 <sup>st</sup> reading. 2410P, 3310, 5328P, 5122F, 3415, 3415P, 5510F Administrative Structure – planning.
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

1. Negotiations/Personnel – A. Erickson, P. Lewis, S. Senechal
2. Policy/Handbook – P. Lewis, S. Steketee, L. Bryant
3. Budget/Insurance/Investments – D. Lorenzen, S. Senechal, K. Jackson
4. Building/Grounds/Transportation – K. Jackson, A. Erickson
5. Teaching/Learning – S. Steketee, D. Lorenzen, L. Bryant  
Math & English