

MINUTES

Jefferson High School Dist. 1  
Regular Meeting

February 21, 2011  
JHS Library

Board members present:

**Kathy Jackson**  
**Tim Lloyd**

**Sabrina Stekete**  
**Stan Senechal**

**Pat Lewis**  
**Lynne Bryant**

**Kyle Eckmann**

Administrators present:

James Whealon, Superintendent      Lorie Carey, Business Manager

Visitors: Becky Bruce, Carrie Barragado, Brandon Kosola, Jan Anderson

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CALL BOARD TO ORDER      Ms. Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The pledge was said.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
PUBLIC COMMENT      None.

STUDENT REPORT      Several students went to elementary schools and talked to those students about Jefferson High School. It appears that about 2/3 of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class in Clancy are planning to come. April 3 8<sup>th</sup> graders come to JHS. Mr. Eckmann and Mr. Lloyd's sons were both impressed by the presentations.

NEW BUSINESS      **D. 4 Student Attendance moved up on the agenda.** Miss Brisbee declined to move to executive session. She explained her absences throughout the 1<sup>st</sup> semester – sickness (didn't always get notes because she preferred to keep that information private), blown tire, helping with family business, etc. Being sick has been the major cause. Her grades are all C- or above in the advanced classes that she is taking. A trip had been planned to Louisiana previously and put her over the limit of days. Mr. Senechal asked if she realized how much she had inconvenienced the teachers. She acknowledged that she did. Mr. Eckmann stated that if she worked for him she wouldn't have a job because his employees are allowed 6 days.

Ms. Stekete moved to grant credit to Ms. Brisbee despite the absences. Mr. Eckmann seconded the motion which was unanimous.

Jan Anderson requested an opportunity to comment but the request was ruled out of order by the Chair. Executive session for second student. 6:57. 7:04 regular session resumed.

Mr. Senechal moved to accept Mr. Whealon's recommendation to grant credit to the second student. Mr. Lloyd seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Reaffirmation of Policies 2309, 2310, 2310P, 2312, 2312P, 2314** Ms. Stekete moved to reaffirm these policies. Ms. Bryant seconded the policies. Ms. Anderson questioned 2312P lines 36 and 37. It will be referred to committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**Review of Policies 3226, 3225F, and 8225** Carrie Barragado and Brandon Kosola presented information concerning tobacco and the use of new products. They are also presenting information concerning bullying and working on the policies that JHS has. Carrie has prepared a video and the two are working toward getting \$2,000 in a grant toward this project. Brandon asked how they would meet with the teachers concerning bullying. Mr. Whealon will help them coordinate that meeting. The recommendations suggested by the students will come to the next meeting as the 1<sup>st</sup> reading with a possible waiving of 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. They have worked with Ms. Getten, the counselor, to get a speaker to come to the school.

**Western States Insurance Contract Proposal.** Clerk and superintendent will get quotes.

**Spanish Trip Update.** Micki LeTexier attended to represent the Spanish Club. The 4 students going to Costa Rica are honor roll students. Three of them are taking Spanish for college credit. The group was asking about gifted and talented money but found that there was none available. The last time JHS or BES received gifted and talented money was 03/04. If JHS was to apply for this money, a plan would have to be devised and then presented. There is usually not enough money to provide for a program. It has been enough to maybe provide small incentives to honor students. Micki is also looking to apply for a grant that ties science to foreign language and includes a trip to Costa Rica to attend school for a few days in a year. Mr. Senechal asked if the gifted and talented money could be used to reduce the tuition for students taking dual credit courses.

**Substitute Application. R. Chance.** – Ms. Stekete moved to accept the substitute application. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Vacancies – accept resignations – Volleyball and Cheer** Ms. Stekete moved to accept the resignations of Wolfe, Elwein, and Butler. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Fall sports recommendations.** Mr. Senechal moved to accept Mr. Sturdevant's recommendations for fall sports coaches Clint Layng, Daryl Mikesell and Josh Armstrong in football and Mr. Bob Ekblom in cross country. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Strategic Planning.** March 22 and April 10 at 6:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Multi-district Natural Gas Agreement.** There must be a 2-year commitment to take advantage of OTO money for cooperative purchasing. Mr. Whealon would recommend that the board approve a second year. Ms. Steketee moved to accept his recommendation. Mr. Ekmann seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Retirement proposal.** Referred to budget committee and personnel.

COMMUNICATIONS  
(LETTERS)

**Football uniform needs.** Ms. Steketee moved to find the money for helmets and away uniforms that were left out of the purchase in the rotation, out of yearend funds and if that wasn't possible, to use metal mine funds. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Negotiations/Personnel** – hadn't met.

**Policy Handbook** met and spent much time with the students that presented earlier in this meeting. The coaching evaluation proposal was sent out to Dan's e-mail list. Many coaches responded. Ms. Steketee asked other schools about possible surveys. She has had several responses. Mr. Senechal suggested that the information submitted is only a preliminary set of information. This is not something that is in any way close to being done. It is a start for the process for all to get together to work toward a common goal.

**Budget/Insurance/Investments** – will meet next week.

**Buildings/Grounds/Transportation** - will meet next week.

**Teaching/Learning** - did not meet.

**Ad Hoc Committee** – hasn't met yet with the elementary school representatives.

CONSENT AGENDA

**Consent Agenda** Page 3 January 17, 2012 strike last sentence of AD report and words "were the". Ms. Steketee moved to accept the consent agenda with the correction above. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion. Ms. Anderson asked if there had been any more clarification of the bill from MtSBA. Mr. Whealon had talked to Debra Silk about the charges for Dec. 1 and she said that they bill in 6 minute increments.

COMMENDATIONS

**Commendations & Recognitions** – Ms. Jackson wished to commend Mr. Whealon for the suggestion and Ms. Bruce and her classes for the dinner that they prepared for the basketball girls. Ms. Bryant wished to commend the vocational teachers and Ms. Getten for the organization of the career days. Ms. Jackson also wished to commend Mr. Garnaas and Ms. Johnson for their work with the drum line.

CLERK REPORT

**Clerk Report.** Submitted in written form.

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT and AD REPORT

**Superintendent Report.**

**AD Report**

**Letters to former coach and player** were given.

**Grievance update.** The signed grievance was delivered to the union the day following the meeting.

**Grievance Complaint form.** This form has been used by the Boulder Elementary School and was presented for use by Jefferson High School.

**Human Rights Update.** Nothing new was presented since the last meeting that addressed it. Insurance endorsement 15. Shows the statement of the right and duty to select counsel to defend applicable "claims" or "suits".

**1 to 1 computing** – Spearfish High School has used this program for about 6 years. They believe the computers need to turnover every 3 years. Mr. Hohenthal visited the school and submitted a report of his findings.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE  
AGENDAS

Policy update process.  
Policy 2312P  
Retirement Incentive  
Quote requests for Liability Insurance to include any new endorsements  
Budget reports monthly

Jan Anderson stated that when she had entered the meeting earlier a comment was made to the student who was having a hearing before the board. Jan wanted to make it clear that when a meeting is left open to the public, every person in the room has just as much ability to share with others what has been discussed at the meeting as the newspaper does. (Ms. Jackson disagreed but allowed her to continue.) Ms. Anderson added that she had never reported information concerning students appearing before the board regarding grades or attendance, nor did she take any notes during that portion of the meeting. She expressed her concern that she was not given the opportunity to state that while all the other people who heard the chair's reference to the newspaper were present.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Chair, Jefferson High School Board

Clerk, Jefferson High School Board

Negotiations/Personnel: P. Lewis, S. Senechal, T. Lloyd

Policy/Handbook: P. Lewis, S. Steketee, L. Bryant

Budget/Insurance/Investments: S. Senechal, K. Jackson, K. Eckman

Building/Grounds/Transportation: K. Jackson, K. Eckman, T. Lloyd

Teaching/Learning: S. Steketee, L. Bryant