

MINUTES

Jefferson High School Dist. 1
Regular Meeting

June 21, 2011
JHS Library

Board members present:

Stan Senechal
Lynne Bryant

Kathy Jackson

Sabrina Steketee

Pat Lewis

Administrators present:

James Whealon, Superintendent

Lorie Carey, Business Manager

Visitors: Tim Fitzpatrick (MTSBA), Kyle Eckmann, Victoria Foster, Laura Butler, Denise Brunett, Neil Brunett, Rebecca Wacker, Greta Wacker, Mariah Carey, Brandon Kosola, Jan Anderson

CALL BOARD TO ORDER Ms. Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. The pledge was said.

CONSENT AGENDA Ms. Lewis moved to approve the minutes from the previous meetings. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.. Mr. Senechal moved to accept claims and accounts. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT **None.**

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS

Letters to the Board. A letter from Caylob Wilverding thanking the board for the opportunity to attend JHS for the remainder of his Junior year, was received. Letters in support of the art program from Joan VanDuynhoven and Sarina Eckman were received. MT Quality Education Coalition. Ms. Steketee updated the board on some of the circumstances surrounding the activities of MQEC.

Student Council Report. Rebecca Wacker reported on her experience at HOBY, Brandon Kosola shared his experience at Boys' State, and Mariah Carey added her experience at Girls' State.

Staff Presentation – Ms. Piccolo submitted a written wrap-up of the Service Learning project. Ms. Foster presented information concerning a Spanish trip to Costa Rica during the month of March. The kids would be in class from 8-12 each morning. Afternoons would have activities planned as well. The students would be required to speak Spanish the entire time. Ms. Foster was asking that the students get excused absences and she be allowed to use professional leave time. Ms. Steketee moved that the students get excused absences and Ms. Foster would be allowed to use professional leave time for the trip. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RIF. Mr. Senechal reported that the budget committee had met to see if there was any way possible to save the art program in its entirety for 1 year. The committee recommended that OTO Indian Education money will be used for that purpose. The committee will expect a few slight changes i.e. digital photography and graphic design, as well as changes to the art class names indicating that the classes cover Indian Art skills. Ms. Dawson just returned from Great Falls from a technology workshop so is prepared to make those changes. Ms. Butler thanked the budget committee for making the effort to review the budget. Ms. Steketee thanked Ms. Carey and Mr. Whealon for their efforts as well. Ms. Bryant moved to reinstate the art program to full-time for the 2011-12 year. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Roof. The contractors have moved some of their equipment in and look to be ready to begin soon on the art room. The roof over the weight room and wrestling room s is the next roof on which the school will be receiving bids. The walk-through will be held June 27. The estimate is about \$26,000. The French Drain also needs work. The sidewalks on the north side are all too low. Ms. Jackson asked if pervious concrete would be appropriate for these. The bus driveway also needs improvement. Ms. Jackson will ask Buster Bullock to come review the parking lot for improvements.

Golf. Tabled until July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations/Personnel. Ms. Lewis stated the committee hadn't met with each of the administrative staff. Mr. Senechal suggested that Mr. Whealon contact each one and bring a recommendation to the committee. Mr. Whealon will contact the committee after he meets with each.

Policy/Handbook. Policies are now up-to-date and on the MTSBA website. The only place that these policies will be updated is the MTSBA website with links from JHS website.

Budget/Insurance/Investments. Reported above.

Building/Grounds/Transportation. Reported above.

Teaching/Learning. Didn't meet. A priority list will be developed for 2011-12.

ELECTION CANVASS

Appointment of New Members. A letter of interest was received from Kyle Eckmann. Ms. Bryant moved to accept the request of Mr. Eckmann to be a member of the board for the MT City area representative. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. Butler asked what the process was to express concerns about the appointment of any particular board member.

Committee Appointments. Ms. Lewis reviewed the policy concerning the formation of committees. Committee members were appointed as follows:

Negotiations/Personnel: P. Lewis, S. Senechal

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

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

Building/Grounds/Transportation: K. Jackson, K. Eckmann

Teaching/Learning: S. Steketee, L. Bryant

When the Clancy area representative is appointed, further committee assignments will be made.

NEW BUSINESS

Transportation Contracts. Mr. Senechal moved to approve the transportation contracts. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Spanish 101 proposed trip. Addressed above.

Worker's Comp Quote. Tim Fitzpatrick presented information about Workers' Compensation Renewal. New legislation allowed quotes to be reduced. The quote submitted was about 35% less than the previous year. He also reviewed the benefits offered by the program, those in which JHS participates and those of which JHS currently doesn't take advantage. State Fund doesn't provide many if any of these benefits.

Outside Websites with JHS Information. Mr. Lutkehus shared with Mr. Whealon that many outside websites own any data that is submitted on a particular website. Mr. Lutkehus had contacted Ms. Steketee to see who "owned" the data that was placed for reviewing policies. Currently Ms. Steketee uses a site through her business for this work-in-progress. It was kind of an experiment to see if it would be helpful for development of policies. Tabled until July.

Surplus property. 25 Dell GX270 Computer Towers w/keyboards Ms. Steketee moved to dispose of the surplus property. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Resignation – board member. Mr. Senechal moved to accept the resignation of Diane Lorenzen. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Years of service plaques will be purchased. (5X7)

Policy 1st reading. Open Gym. Policy 4330. Form 1 Use Agreement. Form 2 Rules and Regulations. Insurance Requirement form. Supervisor Checklist. Recommendation that handbooks be updated to refer to the policy rather than have each handbook state procedures. Permanent posting for the use of the facilities. Mr. Senechal moved to approve the policy draft as the 1st reading. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Personnel. Substitute Applications. None.

Sports Evaluations/Recommendations. Mr. Sturdevant submitted his report for the football interviews and recommendations. The committee of Mr. Whealon, Mr. Sturdevant, Mr. Matt Allen, and Ms. Bryant recommended Mr. Clint Layng as Head Football Coach and Mr. Daryl Mikesel and Mr. Josh Armstrong as assistants. Mr. Senechal moved to accept the recommendation of the football coaches. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The tennis coaches, Ms. Donna Miller and Ms. Nikki LaRue, have submitted their resignations due to personal reasons.

The volleyball program is in need of a third coach due to the number of participants. Mr. Sturdevant presented a drawing of a proposal to improve the front of the building. Mr. Ramey has expressed interest in working on this project with his construction class. He stated that it would cost about \$10,000 for the materials. Mr. Senechal suggested that the west side be fairly solid to prevent snow from piling up. Members suggested that translucent panels be used in the roof to lighten it up. Mr. Sturdevant asked the board to give him approval to raise the funds to improve the front entrance. It was placed on the agenda for July.

Coaching vacancies. Addressed above.

Administrative Contracts. Addressed above.

Approval of 2011-12 Classified Personnel Mr. Senechal moved to approve Linda Allen, Cathy Carey, Laura Butler, Frank Williams, Don Morgado, Paul Petroff, and Matt Kosola as

classified personnel. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Approval of 2011-12 Certified Personnel Mr. Senechal moved to approve Matt Allen, Becky Bruce, Samantha Humphrey, Cathy Carey, David Ramey, Fritz Bieler, Jessie Collins, RaeCille Dawson, Rex Sonsteng, Victoria Foster, Charles Garnaas Michael Hesford, Dave Hohenthal, Mark Kelly, Steve McCauley, Jennifer Nardiello, Linda Piccolo, Dave Ternes, Tanya Getten, and Bob Ekblom as certified personnel. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COMMENDATIONS AND
RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Erickson & Ms. Lorenzen – service on school board.

CLERK'S REPORT

Presented in written form.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Mr. Whealon had given his "Friday Notes" for his report.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR
FOLLOWING MEETING

MQEC membership
Policy 2nd reading. Policy 4330 Open Gym.
Golf
Outside Websites with JHS Information
Improvements of the front entrance

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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