

MINUTES

Jefferson High School Dist. 1  
Regular Meeting

August 16, 2011  
JHS Library

Board members present:

**Kathy Jackson**  
**Lynne Bryant**

**Sabrina Stekete**  
**Kyle Eckmann**

**Pat Lewis**  
**Stan Senechal**      **Tim Lloyd**

Administrators present:

James Whealon, Superintendent

Lorie Carey, Business Manager

Visitors: Micki LeTexier, Mary Williams

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

REORGANIZATION OF TRUSTEES      Swearing in of Tim Lloyd by Garry Pace.  
Appointed Mr. Lloyd to Negotiations and Building and Grounds

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Golf)      Ms. Carey read the e-mail from Mr. Sturdevant concerning the funding of golf. When the equality issue was discussed the board members didn't feel this would be a deciding factor. Mr. Senechal suggested that \$12,000/year for two (2) years could be used to fund the golf program to attempt to attract students to JHS. Mr. Senechal added that he would prefer to put the driving range and putting green on the property owned by Jefferson High School. Mr. Sturdevant stated that golf doesn't have a scheduling problem. Ms. Stekete added that she had surveyed Clancy and Mt. City and the primary reason they attended JHS was for academic opportunities. Mr. Eckmann said that the perception of MT City people toward JHS was such that they choose Helena. Unfortunately, those perceptions aren't always correct. Mr. Sturdevant plans to conduct a survey of students concerning sports that they like and what sports they'd like to have added. Mr. Senechal asked that the AD issue an item to the paper should the board decide to add a golf program. Mr. Senechal moved to accept golf as a sport for 2011-12 season and use up to \$12,000/year for 2 years (with evaluation of the program at the end of 2 years) from the metal mines fund if it can't be found in the general fund. He added that the school should strive to put the putting green and driving range on school property. Mr. Eckmann seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

AD REPORT      Mr. Sturdevant reported that cross country, football, volleyball, and cheer practices have started. Football has 43 participants; volleyball has 34, cross country has 12, and cheer 13. Mr. Smartnick resigned as wrestling coach. Some damage has been done to bus seats on the activity bus. Mr. Whealon and Mr. Sturdevant will investigate. Mr. Sturdevant added that the work done by all the custodians this summer has been fantastic.

NEW BUSINESS Personnel Vacancy      Mr. Whealon recommended Ms. Mary Williams as the Physical Science, Physics, and Chemistry teacher. She introduced herself and gave a brief history of her educational career. Mr. Senechal moved to accept the recommendation. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA      Ms. Lewis moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Bryant questioned the statement on page 2 "several coaches are talking about cutting seniors on the teams." Board added "It is rumored that..." Ms. Stekete added that policy items for summer months be addressed. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion with minutes as amended which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT      **None.**

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS      **Letters to the Board.** Karen Davidson  
**Student Council Report.** None  
**Staff Presentation** – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS      **Negotiations/Personnel.** Didn't meet.  
**Policy/Handbook.** Didn't meet. Posted meetings.  
**Budget/Insurance/Investments.** Met before regular meeting.  
**Building/Grounds/Transportation.** Didn't meet.  
**Teaching/Learning.** Didn't meet. Will be deciding on options to explore.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Golf.** Addressed above.  
**MQEC.** Mr. Whealon distributed copies of the items that MQEC would be addressing. Ms. Lewis moved to join MQEC for \$700. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mr. Senechal asked that Ms. Steketee keep an eye on the groups progress and report to the board.  
**Outside Websites with JHS Information .** The county attorney’s opinion about this item was that it was public information but should also be stored on our system if we have the capability. Discussion about the development of policy on a separate site was held. Mr. Senechal stated that the JHS site should be the only place for the official policy. A link to the development site could be added as well. Mr. Whealon should be the “go-between” for discussions with the IT coordinator. JHS policies will be housed on JHS website and searchable.

NEW BUSINESS

**Approval of 2011-12 Budget.** Ms. Lewis moved to accept the budgets as presented. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

General	1,776,697.66
Transportation	221,883.41
Tuition	4,010.75
Retirement	201,055.00
Adult Ed	31,468.17
Technology	54,270.85
Flex	32,390.41

**Policy Amendment 4330P1.** Tabled until September.  
**Substitute Pay .** Mr. Senechal moved to approve the substitute rates of 10/hr for certified teacher subs, \$8.58/hr for non-certified teacher subs, and \$7.40/hr for classified subs. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion which passed unanimously.  
**Tuition Rates.** Mr. Senechal moved to keep state funded tuition the same and eliminate personal tuition. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion which passed unanimously.  
**Sound system – North Gym.** Tabled until September.  
**P-Card policy.** Ms. Lewis recommended that the board adopt the P-card policy. Mr. Senechal moved to approve the P-card policy with adjustments for procedures to be made by District Office personnel. Mr. Eckmann seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mr. Senechal moved to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Mr. Eckmann seconded the motion which passed unanimously.  
**First reading of policies.** Tabled until September.  
**Personnel. Substitute Applications.** None. **Teaching Vacancy/Recommendation.** Addressed above. **Sports Evaluations/Recommendations.** Not ready yet.  
**Coaching vacancies.** Reported in AD report.

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Jackson wished to commend Josh Morris for his sponsorship of the football camp. Staff recognition at 1<sup>st</sup> PIR day – August 22. Ms. Jackson, Mr. Senechal, and Mr. Eckmann plan to attend.

CLERK’S REPORT

Presented in written form.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Friday notes were presented in written form. AYP information was presented. The testing process was good this year and the progress is positive. Last year one of the testing days followed daylight savings which had a significant impact on the test.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FOLLOWING MEETING

Review policies of district (June)  
Superintendent submits report to Board concerning annual objectives  
Superintendent annual report (included 5 points)  
Review accreditation standards  
Superintendent – student accomplishment reports  
Superintendent – annual report to Board of fee schedules

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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