

MINUTES

Jefferson High School Dist. 1
Regular Meeting

October 8, 2012
JHS Library

Board members present:

Stan Senechal Sabrina Steketee Tim Lloyd Denise Brunett Pat Lewis
Lynne Bryant

Administrators present:

James Whealon, Superintendent Lorie Carey, Business Manager Daryl Mikesell, Principal

Visitors: Jan Anderson, Brett Nance, Teresa Nance, Matt Allen, Laura Butler, Michelle LeTexier

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT Public comment: - None.

STUDENT REPORT None.

- REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
1. Selection Criteria for Basin Trustee position. Ms. Brunett created a short criteria tool with three questions for the candidates and submitted one for each member. Policy 1113P was reviewed.
 2. Interview of Candidates – Mr. Nance was given the opportunity to respond first. Ms. LeTexier responded to the questions following his response. The board unanimously chose Ms. LeTexier. Ms. Lewis thanked Mr. Nance for his interest. Mr. Nance stated that he appreciated Ms. LeTexier’s experience.
 3. Seating of New Member. Ms. LeTexier will be sworn in by Mr. Pace and at that point will be considered a duly appointed board member.
 4. Committee Appointments – Ms. LeTexier stated that budget was her primary interest.
Negotiations/Personnel – P. Lewis, T. Lloyd, D. Brunett
Policy/Handbook – S. Steketee, P. Lewis, M. LeTexier
Budget/Insurance/Investments – S. Senechal, D. Brunett, M. LeTexier
Building/Grounds/Transportation – T. Lloyd, L. Bryant, S. Senechal

NEW BUSINESS **October Strategic Planning meeting.** The meeting will be held Monday, October 29 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Items for discussion – Review & Structure. The Adhoc committee work session will be October 25 4:00 p.m. in the superintendent’s office.

Update on Open Meeting Lawsuit. No update at this time.

Annual Objectives Policy 1610. Deferred to strategic planning.

Program Evaluation Policy 2130. Educational program deferred to strategic planning. Ms. LeTexier asked that the last 3 years of scores be available at the planning meeting.

At-Risk planning Policy 3610. Mr. Whealon reviewed that Title I and Title ID2, included in the packet, addressed the dropout rate and at-risk planning. JHS dropout percentage runs from 3% to 7%. These numbers vary according to the data used, i.e. what does one call a dropout. There are many options with various programs (PAL, Youth Challenge, Job Corp) that affect the dropout rate. The two primary ways the board has addressed the dropout rate is through summer school – AYA and traditional school at JHS. Mr. Whealon and Mr. Mikesell estimated that 13 students are at risk. There are probably 3 AYA students who will affect the dropout rate. For meeting the board responsibility, Ms. Steketee asked that a written document be presented to address dropout reduction at the November meeting. Ms. Brunett asked if the board should define what a dropout is. The general consensus was that it should be done. Referred to policy.

Proposed Retirement Incentive. Offered by Mr. Allen and Ms. Piccolo. Mr. Allen said that they knew the district was going to be short of funds and felt this might be a way to alleviate some of that shortfall. He added that they looked forward to hearing from the board in the next month or so to see a proposal in which the board might be interested. The proposal was submitted to get the conversation started. Referred to budget committee after administration works out details and brings recommendation to budget.

Announcement and Public Comment text. Mr. Senechal moved to accept the MtSBA’s recommendation for Announcement and Public Comment text. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2nd reading Policy 5314. Ms. Lewis moved to approve on 2nd reading. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion. Ms. Brunett asked for and given clarification. Motion was unanimously approved.

District Liability Insurance. Ms. Steketee reviewed the process concerning the bidding requirement for contracts of goods and services. Mr. Whealon will verify with Western States Insurance whether they completed the state bidding process to confirm that the contract falls within the \$50,000 bidding process law. Mr. Senechal moved to ratify the contract extension made with Western States Insurance once they confirm that the contract falls within the bidding limits. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel. Substitute applications. Niemeir, Slicker, Fjeldseth. Mr. Whealon recommended each of them provided their background checks are returned. Mr. Senechal moved to accept the recommendation. Ms. Brunett seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Coaching Positions.

X Country – Bob Ekblom Ms. Lewis moved to approve Mr. Ekblom as coach. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Asst. Girls' Basketball, Head Boys Basketball, Head Tennis, Asst. Tennis, Asst. Golf, Head Track, Asst. Track, Asst. Track, Asst. Cheer/Dance positions are currently vacant and will be advertised.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy – Cost of public information requests MtSBA felt that our existing policy covers this.

Digital Academy position. Ms. Cathy Carey was recommended by Mr. Whealon to fill this position for the 2012/13 year. Mr. Senechal moved to accept the recommendation. Ms. Bryant seconded this motion which passed unanimously.

LETTERS TO THE BOARD

Letters to the Board. Ms. Lewis moved to accept the resignations of Mr. Sonsteng and Mr. A. Connole from basketball coaching positions. Mr. Lloyd seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The letters submitted by Ms. LeTexier, Mr. Nance, and Ms. Crawley expressing their interest in the Basin are trustee for the JHS board. A letter from Ms. Crawley withdrawing her interest was received as well. Ms. LeTexier asked if Ms. Crawley could have served as a member of the JHS board. Ms. LeTexier said that OPI felt Ms. Crawley couldn't serve. Ms. Steketee said that MtSBA stated that it hadn't been challenged yet so the issue wasn't truly decided.

Service Learning. Ms. Piccolo submitted a report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations/Personnel - The committee met with the principal to iron out the details of the contract.

Policy - Didn't meet

Budget – Didn't meet.

Building/grounds - Didn't meet.

COMMENDATIONS

Commendations and Recognitions. Ms. Steketee commended Mr. Mikesell and Ms. Collins for the school homecoming activities. * Once the budget was presented below, Ms. Steketee commended Ms. Carey for her work on the budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda – Ms. Lewis moved to approve. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously

CLERK REPORT

Clerk report. Presented in written form. * Budget booklets presented.

PRINCIPAL and AD REPORT

Principal & AD Report. Mr. Mikesell and Mr. Sturdevant asked other schools what they charged for activity passes. JHS seems to be pretty low comparatively. He reviewed funding for activities in general, adding that the community seemed to get hit pretty hard with requests for fundraising and sponsorship. He reviewed the reports submitted in written form. Ms. Brunett asked about the discount cards and whether other users of this have used it successfully.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Report. Presented in Friday update. He added that OPI has a grant that will pay for the ACT tests for students for 2 years. Common Core standards are making their way into the system and will need to be addressed. The school is coming to the point that the technology wiring will need to be upgraded in the next few years. Mr. Whealon also suggested that the board look at energy cost savings, possibly solar preheaters for the boilers, etc. Additionally, he presented information on a coop for gas purchasing.

REPORT TO THE PAPER

Report to paper – Chair and Supt. Mr. Dunkle told Mr. Senechal that Ms. Getten, JHS counselor, had talked to the Clancy counselor about the former Clancy students. Mr. Dunkle was very pleased that she had contacted him. Mr. Whealon added that Ms. Getten meets with each Junior to make sure that they have all the credits and requirements necessary.

Items to submit for information to the paper. Vacancies in sports. Highlights on roofs. Equipment for football due to increased participation and protection for participants. Committee assignments. Leadership activities.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE
AGENDAS

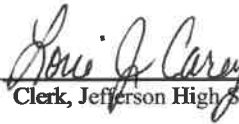
Dropout Reduction Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:34 p.m.



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