**MINUTES** 

Jefferson High School Dist. 1

Regular Meeting

February 19, 2013 JHS Board Meeting

Board members present:

Tim Lloyd

Travis Pierce Pat Lewis **Denise Brunett** 

Micki LeTexier

Board members absent: Stan Senechal

Sabrina Steketee

Administrators present:

James Whealon, Superintendent

Lorie Carey, Business Manager/Clerk Dan Sturdevant, Asst. AD

Visitors: Jan Anderson,

CALL BOARD TO ORDER

Ms. Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:34. The pledge was said.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Jan asked if the proper posting for this meeting had occurred. The clerk replied that posting had been made in the paper, the website, and in the post office.

STUDENT REPORT

None.

STAFF TRAINING

None. Tabled until next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee. The committee hadn't met.

**Hiring Committee.** Mr. Lloyd reported that the hiring committee hadn't met but the interviews will be discussed at H4.

**Negotiations** Committee. The committee didn't meet. Mr. Whealon stated that dates were being decided. They were having difficulty in finding dates that work.

**Website Committee.** Report in the packet. Ms. LeTexier reported that the committee met. She and Ms. Steketee were reviewing what our website could do for the district. Ms. Steketee will be calling the next meeting when she returns.

CLERK REPORT

Election. Presented in written form.

Transportation. Presented in written form.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

AD report. Presented in written form.

Mr. Sturdevant expressed how much he enjoyed working with Mr. Mikesell. He reviewed the items submitted in written form. In addition, the floor in the north gym also needs refinishing. The initial estimates would total \$120,000 to refinish the north gym floor and replace the bleachers in both gyms. Mr. Pierce suggested that the student section bleachers on the football field could be put in for an estimate as well. Ms. Lewis asked what was needed from the board for approval and such. Mr. Sturdevant said that the plan would be to close the gym immediately following graduation to do the project. The building committee will coordinate with administrators for this project.

Emergency plan of action – submitted in written form. This plan was presented to address the occurrence of lightning at a football game. The announcer will state that the game will be suspended and all spectators and participants will be evacuated to the south gym. After ½ hour after the last strike has passed, the game may resume. The plan will become part of the procedures for coaches. It has been adopted by our division.

Erica Morris and Abbey Wing are recommended for the tennis positions. Mr. Mikesell, Ms. Sara Norden, and Mr. Bob Ekblom are recommended for the track positions. Mr. Sturdevant stated that having Mr. Mikesell as head track coach would most likely draw many athletes. Mr. River Newman and Mr. Sullivan have agreed to be volunteers. Athletes will be allowed to participate in two spring sports as long as they work it out with the coaches.

Principal report. Presented in written form.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

**Enrollment Count.** The Spring Count was 216 which was a couple lower than projected. **Caucus Day on the Hill.** This will occur February 20 at 9:00 a.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** 

Lawsuit Update. No new information.

**Policy 2031 Administration Report.** Mr. Whealon reported that this policy was most likely devised by MtSBA. MAPP testing was the tool the board used previously to gauge progress. Item referred to policy committee.

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**NEW BUSINESS** 

**Personnel**. Substitute Applications – Nicole Palmer recommended. Ms. LeTexier moved to approve her as a substitute. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 5 present.

Paraprofessional position vacancy. Interviews have been conducted but a final choice has not been made.

Track and Tennis Recommendations. Mr. Pierce moved to accept the recommendation of the tennis coaches Erica Morris and Abbey Wing. Mr. Lloyd seconded the motion. Ms. LeTexier expressed her concern with the assistant coach's age and the previous experiences the district has had with young people for coaching positions. The motion passed unanimously. Recommended Mr. Daryl Mikesell, Ms. Sarah Norden, and Mr. Bob Ekblom as head and assistants respectively and Mr. River Newman as a volunteer. Mr. Mikesell was contacted by phone to answer the question of having a non-staff member in the paid position and a staff member in the volunteer position. He stated that the collective bargaining agreement addresses what coaches are paid and changing that would require action through the negotiations process. Ms. Brunett asked what the projected numbers for track were. He responded that it was around 35 to 40. Ms. LeTexier moved to approve Mr. Mikesell as head track coach. Ms. Burnett seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. LeTexier moved to approve Sara Layng as assistant coach. Ms. Brunett seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. LeTexier suggested that the board table the 3<sup>rd</sup> coach position and review the possibility of adding a 4<sup>th</sup> position. A special board meeting for this item will be combined with an upcoming committee meeting.

MT Youth ChalleNGe Contract. Ms. LeTexier moved to approve the contract. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Policy 7261 Review. Referred to committee.

**Interview Dates for Superintendent Position**. Eight applications have been received. Ms. Steketee will return on March 2. The committee will score each application individually and determine whether the pool is adequate. Ms. LeTexier expressed her appreciation for the way the hiring process was handled when Mr. Whealon interviewed. The hiring committee will narrow the field to 3 or 4. April 2 was chosen as the day to conduct the interview process with students, staff, and community.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMENTS

Letters - Resignation letters were received from Mr. Matt Allen and Ms. Linda Piccolo.

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITION

**Commendations**. Ms. Brunett commended the band, the cheerleaders, and the student section for their efforts. She also commended the Boosters for spirit bags of snacks. Ms. LeTexier commended Cristina Ronayne for her article in the paper.

CONSENT AGENDA

**Minutes and Claims** Ms. LeTexier moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

FOLLOW UP /ADJOURNMENT

4330F3, 2130 and 7261 referred to policy committee. 1st reading in March.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Chair, Jefferson High School Board

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