

MINUTES

Jefferson High School Dist. 1
Regular Meeting

May 14, 2013
JHS Board Meeting

Board members present:

Sabrina Steketee **Travis Pierce** **Pat Lewis** **Denise Brunett** **Stan Senechal**
Micki LeTexier (arrived during committee appointments)

Board members absent:

Administrators present:

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

Visitors: Jan Anderson,

CALL BOARD TO ORDER Ms. Steketee called the meeting to order at 6:34. The pledge was said.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT None.

STUDENT REPORT None.

CANVASS OF ELECTION The election was canvassed. Because the tally sheets of 1 polling place didn't have tally marks, the board petitioned the election administrator (in this case the clerk) to allow the ballots of that polling place to be recounted. Four trustees then were convened as a recount board for that polling place only. The recount board found that the tally for the technology levy were incorrect and are officially 21 votes for and 29 against (rather than 20 for and 30 against). The final results are included with these minutes. Documentation for this process is available in the district office.

BOARD REORGANIZATION Ms. Lewis nominated Ms. Steketee as chair and Ms. Brunett seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Pierce nominated Ms. Lewis as Vice Chair and Ms. Brunette seconded the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.
Ms. Lewis moved to appoint Ms. Carey as clerk. Ms. Brunette seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. Lewis moved and Mr. Pierce seconded that the meeting times, format, etc. remain the same. Appointment of Committees:
Negotiations/Personnel – S. Senechal, S. Steketee, D. Brunett
Policy/Handbook – S. Steketee, P. Lewis, T. Pierce
Budget/Insurance/Investments – D. Brunett, S. Senechal, M. LeTexier
Building/Grounds/Transportation – T. Pierce, S. Senechal, P. Lewis
Technology – M. LeTexier, T. Pierce

COMMITTEE REPORTS **Committee reports:** Notes included for each committee

CLERK REPORT **Clerk Report Election.** Presented in written form.
Ms. LeTexier expressed her dislike of the budget report form and wished that it was more summarized. Mr. Senechal said that as the budget chair, he preferred the detail that had been submitted and had actually requested it that way. The budget committee will work with the clerk to devise the form preferred at the meetings.

PRINCIPAL REPORT **Principal report.** Presented in written form.
AD report The report was given in written form.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT **Superintendent report.** Presented in written form. Graduation is May 19, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Board members are invited to attend and be seated on the stage. A grant for ~\$8800 was received from Title 1D2 for some technology purchases. There are 2 workshops coming up put on by MtSBA – Bozeman and Butte. The backboard on the east end of the south gym was removed for safety purposes. It will be replaced by an electronic board for about \$8000. Some glass block needs to be replaced with those that were purchased previously. Summer school will be held for several JHS students.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS **Lawsuit update.** Motion to amend was filed. Monitor response was also filed.

NEW BUSINESS **Board Vacancy.** Mr. Senechal moved to declare the Clancy trustee position vacant and to advertise. Ms. Brunett seconded unanimous.
Personnel. Substitute Applications – Kevon Burton – Custodian, Mark Reel – Sub teacher. Ms. LeTexier moved to accept the recommendations. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 6 present.

NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

Superintendent position. Ms. LeTexier moved to approve the contract for Mr. Norbeck. Ms. Brunett seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. Anderson asked if the board wished to address the \$1442 to provide 1 week transition. Mr. Senechal moved and Mr. Pierce seconded the motion to provide this compensation (from year end or metal mines) which passed unanimously.

English/Library – Ms. Mikesell recommended Whitney Wallace. Mr. Pierce moved and Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Vocational Technology Education - Ms. LeTexier moved to accept the administrations recommendation of Mr. Dave Heiman. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Resignations. Mr. Senechal moved to accept Ms. Collin's math resignation. Mr. Pierce seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Non-renewal of non-tenured staff. Letters of potential non-renewal have been issued to all the non-tenured staff members. Mr. Senechal stated that he felt that the passage of the levy indicated that the community would presume that the board would then reinstate those positions and the staff members in them. Mr. Whealon recommended (as per the letters sent to each no-tenured staff member) that the board non-renew the non-tenured staff. The board wished for clarification. Mr. Whealon stated that he's following through with the process in which the superintendent must recommend non-renewal of staff. Mr. Pierce moved to NOT accept the recommendation to not renew the non-tenured staff. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

National Certification test. Ms. Foster stated that she has to retake 2 parts of the national certification test at \$350 apiece. MEA covered one of them and she was asking the board to cover the second. Several board members expressed interest in supporting that. Mr. Mikesell suggested that the board set parameters for this. Ms. LeTexier moved to allow a staff member one retake. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Classified and certified renewals. Ms. LeTexier moved to approve the classified and tenured teachers as stated in the attached notes. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Transportation Contract. Harlow's is asking for a 12% increase (the max over which would require bidding of the contract). If the district were to take out the age clause on the bus then Harlow's would consider reducing the increase to 10%. Mr. Pierce felt that that was pretty high. He suggested that the increase should be reduced to 6% if that were the case. Secondary item - requesting that the school cover wait times for the drivers on each day at an activity that the driver isn't driving to and from Boulder. When this cost was figured on the present year's wait times, it would increase the costs nearly \$10,000. This would come out of the general fund because these are associated with activities – not allowed in the transportation fund. Mr. Pierce suggested that the school pay a per diem rather than an hourly rate for wait time. The age limit on buses might cause the company to just trade buses around with other schools that don't have age limits. When asked his opinion, Mr. Whealon said it might be difficult to find other companies to bid on the contract. The general consensus was that Mr. Pierce would go back with 6%, 3%, 3% (increases per year), eliminating or reducing the bus age requirement, and a per diem rate for wait time of \$40 and \$80. The board didn't have any complaints with Harlow's and didn't wish to put it out to bid and jeopardize that relationship.

Ms. Brunett and Mr. Senechal left.

Policy 7261. Ms. Lewis moved to accept the language and waive the 2nd reading. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion which passed 3 to 1 Ms. LeTexier voting no. (She indicated that her vote was in the negative only since the 2nd reading was waived.)

Policy 4330. Ms. Lewis moved to approve the policy's 1st reading. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 4 present.

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CSCT. Ms. LeTexier moved to continue the agreement. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

Prickly Pear Annual Agreement. Ms. Lewis moved to continue the agreement. Ms. LeTexier seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Appointment of Prickly Pear Coop representative. Ms. Lewis moved to appoint Mr. Norbeck. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Key checkout/building access. Ms. LeTexier raised the question about the issuing of keys and why staff are limited or restricted from access to the building. Mr. Mikesell reviewed the process. Ms. LeTexier stated that the administration should have communicated this with the coaches. Mr. Whealon said that it had been. He also had a staff member ask why it mattered if the floor was scratched because it was just going to be refinished anyway. The attitude seems to be pervasive. He also said that when staff members couldn't get in places they felt they were justified in having access, they just kicked in the door. The process will be detailed in the handbooks – staff and coaching.

National Leadership conference. Ms. Steketee stated that she was the one who initiated this item. She felt that it was a tremendous opportunity for Mr. Mikesell and Mr. Whealon to begin working together. She would support metal mines for this opportunity. Ms. Lewis moved to approve the attendance of Mr. Mikesell and Mr. Norbeck. Ms. LeTexier seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

MtSBA Resolution. MtSBA has asked if JHS trustees would be interested in drafting the resolution to clarify open meeting, quorums, etc. Ms. LeTexier moved to have Ms. Steketee draft the resolution for JHS. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 4 present.

Proposed 13-14 Calendar. The first day of school would be only for freshmen and foreign exchange students for orientation. Older students would be asked to serve as members of clubs doing community service to help with that day. Ms. LeTexier questioned who was on the calendar committee and the fact that no board members or community members on it. Mr. Whealon responded that the committee membership was determined by the collective bargaining agreement. Ms. LeTexier moved to accept the calendar for 13-14. Mr. Pierce seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATION AND
COMMENTS

Letters – Victoria Foster – request via e-mail for the National Teacher Certification.

COMMENDATIONS AND
RECOGNITION

Commendations. Ms. LeTexier wished to commend Austin Lindsey for his article in the Panther Press. Ms. Lewis expressed her distaste for many of the articles in the paper and felt it was quite negative. Mr. Pierce agreed with Ms. Lewis. Ms. Steketee brought up the fact that there is a policy that covers the items covered in the paper. Ms. LeTexier also commended Mr. Mikesell, Mr. Newman for his art show, and Mr. Whealon for his years of service. Mr. Mikesell commended Mr. Newman for the art show, Ms. Bruce – dinner and silent auction, Ms. Piccolo for the final performance, the staff for their dedication to the students, Ms. Carey for time spent on the election, and Ms. Getten for the work she does. Mr. Pierce wished to thank Ms. Carey and Mr. Whealon for their efforts as well.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Piccolo submitted a written review of the service learning program.

CONSENT AGENDA


Minutes and Claims Ms. Lewis moved to approve the consent agenda (3 sets of minutes). Ms. LeTexier seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

FOLLOW UP
/ADJOURNMENT

Chair/supt. article. Introduce the new superintendent, wish the leaving staff well, thank voters.

June agenda – cash out of vacation of classified personnel.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.


Chair, Jefferson High School Board


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