

MINUTES

Jefferson High School Dist. 1
Regular Meeting

April 17, 2011
JHS Library

Board members present:

Kathy Jackson
Tim Lloyd

Sabrina Steketee
Lynne Bryant

Kyle Eckmann

Administrators present:

James Whealon, Superintendent

Lorie Carey, Business Manager

Dan Sturdevant, AD

Visitors: Jan Anderson, Barb Reiter, Mariah Carey, Rex Sonsteng, Bob Ekblom, Samantha Humphrey, Charles Garnaas, Steve McCauley, Jim McCauley

CALL BOARD TO ORDER	Ms. Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The pledge was said.
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT	Jan Anderson asked what the other plans to lower the expenditures for the following year were that were stated at the budget meeting. Decreases of \$10,000 and \$13,000 in utility lines were made following the determination that the past couple years hadn't required as much budget.
STUDENT REPORT	Mariah Carey gave the student report. Student Council planned and conducted 8 th grade day. Tables were set up for each club and fall sport in the north gym for the perspective students. Several students are attending Skills USA and Youth Leg competitions.
NEW BUSINESS	Policies 3226, 3225F, and 8225. The proposed changes were presented. Tabled until May. Substitute Applications – None. Resignations – Bob Ekblom's letter of resignation was received. 19-20-731,2,3 If JHS can't find someone to fill the position then it might be possible to have Mr. Ekblom work half-time. It is necessary for him to resign from his coaching position at this time as well. The board thanked Mr. Ekblom for his many years of service. Ms. Steketee moved to accept his resignation. Mr. Lloyd seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Coaching Vacancies – Volleyball and cheer positions are open. Two people have been interviewed, 1 for each but no recommendations are proposed at this time. Possible non-renewal of non-tenured staff. Mr. Whealon recommended that the following members of the staff be non-renewed: Ms. Collins, Mr. Sonsteng, Ms. C. Carey, Ms. Getten, Ms. Williams, and Mr. Kelly. (Mr. Ramey's position wasn't addressed at this time because notification to him had not been completed.) Ms. Steketee moved to accept his recommendation. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	Policy – to address the cost of public information requests. Referred to policy committee. Strategic planning meeting will be held April 24.
COMMUNICATIONS (LETTERS)	Prevention specialist – Barb Reiter gave a presentation on underage drinking. YRBS Youth Response Behavior Survey. A DVD was played for all to view. The members were invited to the town hall meetings; flyers were handed out as well. A problem with underage drinking is that the age at which youth are drinking is getting younger and younger. Ms. Lewis moved to send a letter of support for the TSEP Bridge Application. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Discussion about whether it was an interest of the school commenced. Motion passed unanimously.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	Negotiations/Personnel - BAT met to discuss insurance increases. Waiting until election is completed. Next meeting will be May 16. Performance evaluation meeting of BAT will be held on April 18th at 6:00 at the grade school. The traditional matrix has a few difficulties associated with it. Compensation might be tied to other ideas as well rather than only education and years of service. A time line to address the administrative positions was discussed. Jan Anderson suggested that the board consider placing the ad in state weekly papers for a fee of around \$300 - \$500. Committee to review applications – Lynne Bryant (chair), Sabrina Steketee, Tim Lloyd. Monday, April 30 to review the applications. Incentive for early retirement. Policy Handbook will meet to address proposed changes in policies. Budget/Insurance/Investments – Mr. Senechal reported that the committee met and determined the mill levy amount. Mr. Eckmann addressed Jan's questions about the decrease in a couple line items. He said that some of the expenses like roof repair, etc. would be coming out of metal mines rather than general fund budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Cont.

Buildings/Grounds/Transportation -. Mr. Eckmann reported that the committee met with Mike Bensen from Harlow's Bus Service. Our contract with Harlow's runs out at the end of FY 12-13. There is no "out" in the agreement for the contractor. Harlow's is trying to negotiate with JHS, BES, CES and MtES is wishing to renegotiate the contract this year to **begin** in FY 12-13. The proposal is that the first year would experience a 12% increase with 5% each following year for 4 years. If we kept the current contract their offer would have a 25% increase the first year and smaller increases each year following. The options are to accept either of those 2 options, go out for bid, buy busses and run them ourselves, or form a coop with the other schools to buy and run the busses. The other elementary schools weren't interested in co-oping. Mr. Senechal suggested that the 4 schools go out for bid at the same time to share the costs of the process and maybe present a more favorable option.

Teaching/Learning - did not meet.

Each board member reported on their progress on levy information.

Ms. Lewis moved to order up to 25 signs at \$15. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Mr. Eckmann asked if this motion was necessary. Friendly amendment to use election funds. Passed unanimously.

COMMENDATIONS

Commendations & Recognitions – Ms. Steketee commended retiring teachers of Mr. Ekblom and Ms. Dawson.

CLERK REPORT

Clerk Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Ms. Steketee moved to accept the claims and accounts. Mr. Eckmann seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT and AD REPORT

Superintendent Report.

AD Report – Charles Garnaas reported that the District 4 Music Festival was held in Butte. JHS Band/Choir received an excellent rating in performance and superior in sight rating. JHS set an all-time record - 24 kids are headed to state music in 18 events. State festival is in Helena the 1st weekend in May at Helena High. The drum line performed a piece that Mr. Garnaas wrote for them. He is appreciative of the Board's support, in particular of the drum line. Mr. Sturdevant asked for clarification on the facilities use form concerning fees. Spring sports have been good; the weather has been great. Freshman signups for fall sports was super. Community open gym Monday – Wednesday April 23-25. Driving range progress is slow. The nets purchased have been helpful. Front entrance – Home Depot didn't come through. The original estimate for the materials was about \$10,000.

Mr. Whealon stated that the school had received several quotes from vendors for the summer projects. The carpet in the front of the school, from the front door through the hall, and in the offices. Finstads bid was \$23,408 for carpet tiles. Pierce bid was \$15,709 for part carpet tiles and the rest broadloom carpet. Even though the bid was higher he, Mr. Peeler, and Ms. Carey favored the Finstad carpet tiles. That tile would last nearly twice as long, a pre-sealer for the concrete was included, the dot-sealing system would allow changing of tiles easily, there is no dye lot associated with the tiles, it has no waiting period once it is changed. Two drive-it bids have been received but are really very expensive.

Mr. McCauley reported that the BBQ and the Science Exploratory Grand Opening of the Native Landscape will be held May 23. Board members will be available to cook.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE
AGENDAS

Retiring teachers commendations
Custodial position

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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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. Bryan

