

MINUTES

Jefferson High School Dist. 1
Regular Meeting

November 15, 2011
JHS Library

Board members present:

Kathy Jackson
Kyle Eckmann

Sabrina Steketee
Tim Lloyd

Pat Lewis
Stan Senechal

Lynne Bryant (arrived)

Administrators present:

James Whealon, Superintendent

Lorie Carey, Business Manager

Dan Sturdevant, AD

Visitors: Brett Lutkehus, Linda Piccolo, Clint Forrette

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

CONSENT AGENDA Ms. Lewis moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT **None.**

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS **Letters to the Board.** A note from Big Brothers and Big Sisters concerning an informational session was received.
Student Council Report. Student Council approved fundraising for freshman class – selling chocolate. FCCLA just went to Denver for the National Convention. Mariah's Challenge and Student Council are doing a food drive for Thanksgiving. Veteran's Day presentation was held and Red Ribbon Week had a mock accident presented.
Staff Presentation – Mr. Lutkehus addressed the idea of putting another laptop cart in the school. He would prefer JHS start moving to a 1 to 1 computing solution in JHS. This would require a wireless upgrade in the building which would cost about \$20,000. We have the coverage now but not the wireless hardware to handle it. It would also require about \$30,000 each year to allow for the upkeep and replacement of the 1-to-1 laptops. Mr. Eckmann suggested that this be approached from the direction that it is proven to improve test scores or some other measurable desired improvement. Mr. Senechal asked if leasing was an option. Mr. Lutkehus didn't feel that it was cost effective. Mr. Whealon felt the same. Mr. Senechal asked if a grant were available. He had a particular private person in mind to present this to. Ms. Piccolo said that she would use it often in her class. Ms. Humphrey stated that her information indicated that this is the direction that the world is going. Mr. Whealon suggested that a plan be developed to move in this direction. The information would be available to present as a grant opportunity. Mr. Lutkehus suggested that the buy-in from the staff would be necessary – actual lesson plans would have to be presented. The current lab spaces are nearly always full. Mr. Senechal added that it would be beneficial for the students given the demographics of the district. It would allow students to work together from different locations. In summary it would cost roughly \$20,000 upfront and then about \$30,000/year after that. It would also increase the load of computers for the tech department. Mr. Lutkehus said that Ms. Williams was a spectacular hire for the school. She uses technology in nearly every class. He also said that Mr. Hohenthal has gone from very little use to being one of the teachers to be trying new things frequently. Ms. Steketee cautioned that also be considered was the fact that the board contemplated cutting ½ of the art program less than a year ago. Mr. Senechal added that last spring he felt that several community members came to the realization that more could have been done to promote the levy both by the board and individual community members.

NEW BUSINESS #2 E-rate requires JHS to define cyber bullying and identify acceptable social media, including that for staff. It is doubtful that MtSBA will address this. Policies 5015 and 3612. Our current policy is lacking definition about consequences of inappropriate contact between staff and students. Simple definitions in policy will make JHS e-rate compliant but there are also several other items that need to be addressed beyond that.

Ms. Piccolo gave the board service learning brochures and a brief overview of the upcoming service learning activities. 28 4th graders from Mt City are in two of Ms. Piccolo's plays – 9 in one and 19 in another. The parents have to bring them for practices. May 23 save the date for the grand opening of the Lewis & Clark Native Walkway. She has planned to have all the elementary students in the district, OPI members, community partners, etc. She would also like to have a barbeque for the participants and would ask the board to cover that cost. She would also like to have the board cook and serve. Mr. Sonsteng holds a totally free basketball clinic 3rd-6th grades and Ms. Piccolo is working on a way to make this a service learning activity to apply math and statistics. Midsummer Night's Dream is November 16 and 17; The Ugly Duckling is December 8.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations/Personnel. Met to address Mr. Whealon's contract for the 12-13 year. By January, the Policy Committee will need to have information for Mr. Whealon's 12-13 year. An addendum will be attached to the current contract to address the 11-12 salary increase.

Policy/Handbook Didn't meet.

Budget/Insurance/Investments. Didn't meet.

Building/Grounds/Transportation. Didn't meet.

Teaching/Learning. Didn't meet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Strategic Planning. Mr. Whealon sent out several dates from which the board members could choose to address strategic planning. His assumption was that the board wanted one targeted meeting. December 1 at 6:00 p.m. at JHS library was chosen. Mr. Eckmann suggested that the board needed to prepare to have a follow-up meeting. All the goals need to be measurable. Ms. Humphrey asked how the staff could be involved to carry out the goals that the board sets. Perhaps they should be involved in the "setting" process.

Sports Evaluations and Incidents. Mr. Sturdevant doesn't give any coach a copy of the evaluations. Several board members expressed concern that parent names were given out by the coach to the students. Mr. Sturdevant felt that it's possible that a coach could assume he or she knew who wrote what about the coach. That might be the explanation for what was reported. Questions about complaints arose concerning sports. Ms. Bryant said that the sport needs to be evaluated concerning how well it represents the school, how high participation is, is development happening in each sport, and somewhat the win/loss record is, etc. Mr. Eckmann felt that it appeared that there is a bunch of objectivity associated with each sport. He felt that parent and player evaluations may not be the best tool to use. Mr. Sturdevant will not use anonymous evaluations from parents and students. Ms. Steketee stated that the process that the policy committee is researching is to establish a survey that is served well by anonymity and focuses on the program – not the coach. Mr. Senechal said that if the coach passed on information about a parent evaluation then that is a performance issue and possibly deserves a reprimand. Mr. Whealon and Mr. Sturdevant were expected to contact the student and/or parent to find out specifically what was said and whether or not the coach shared a comment inappropriately. Mr. Sturdevant will address the goals and improvement plan established for the volleyball program by the coach and whether or not those were met.

NEW BUSINESS

2nd Reading of Policy 7261 Metal Mines. Ms. Steketee moved to approve policy 7261 on second read. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. Steketee moved to approve items B – I on 2nd reading. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Substitute. Mr. Senechal moved to accept the application of Eric Buck for sub custodian. Ms. Steketee seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Coaching Vacancies. Ms. Steketee moved to accept administration's recommendation of Dillon Martini as Asst. Wrestling coach. Mr. Eckmann seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ms. Steketee moved to accept Gretchen Garwood and Darryl Langford as volunteer track coaches. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

COMMENDATIONS AND
RECOGNITIONS

None.

CLERK'S REPORT

Presented in written form.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Mr. Whealon The camera system will be installed over the next several weeks. Several of them are placed in the stadium already and the monitor is mounted in the District Office. \$120 was taken from Senior girls' lockers but the cameras haven't been installed to catch that sort of thing. Emergency procedures are in place for JHS. The school experienced the death of a student recently and Mr. Whealon wanted to let the board know how the school handled the information concerning the incident. Staff members were informed of the death before school started, the counselor was made available for students, and the school psychologist was also in attendance for the students as well. Damage around the school often occurs. The school has "always" made the party responsible for that damage. Mr. Whealon asked the board if the feeling was that that was how JHS should operate. The members agreed that the offending parties should be held responsible.

AD REPORT

Mr. Sturdevant stated that there are 40 boys and 28 girls out for basketball. Wrestling has 8-10 signed up. He expressed concern about the directive that the board gave concerning “no cutting” on the teams. Ms. Humphrey asked them to consider that when the coaches were allowed to cut from the basketball then the boys were encouraged to look into wrestling as an alternative. Ms. Bryant asked that the coaches give the kids opportunity to try-out before the decision to cut was made. Mr. Senechal asked that if the coach had to cut then objective reasons be given for those cuts.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR
FOLLOWING MEETING

BBQ funds for May 23 Grand Opening of Native Landscape

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Chair, Jefferson High School Board

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Budget/Insurance/Investments: S. Senechal, K. Jackson, K. Eckman

Building/Grounds/Transportation: K. Jackson, K. Eckman, T. Lloyd

Teaching/Learning: S. Steketee, L. Bryant