

MINUTES

Jefferson High School Dist. 1
Regular Meeting

July 10, 2012
JHS Library

Board members present:

Stan Senechal
Pat Lewis

Sabrina Steketee

Tim Lloyd

Lynne Bryant (arrived during reorganization of the board)

Administrators present:

James Whealon, Superintendent

Lorie Carey, Business Manager

Dan Sturdevant, AD

Visitors: Christina Ronayne, Laura Butler

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment: - None.

STUDENT REPORT

None.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Reorganization of the Board Mr. Pace will be seeking a MT City Candidate. Committee appointments will be deferred.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Planning. Goal F – T. Lloyd, leader Goal H – P. Lewis, leader, Postponed.
Annual Board Performance Evaluation Consideration – Ms. Steketee was missing 2 so this item tabled.

AG Opinion Update. Mr. Johnson's full memo is included with these minutes. Ms. Steketee gave a brief review of what is happening in the process currently. Based on the information she received, it appears that clarification of the issue may be best addressed in law. Mr. Senechal stated that it is important that the board devise some policy or procedure to address the quorum issue at the board level until this is. Ms. Lewis moved to not pursue the AG opinion as this point and that the board adopt the procedure to operate on the premise that a quorum of this board would be 4. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously by the 5 present.

Policy 1310P Policy Change Procedure– Page 1 Line 18 and 19. Page 2 line 4 change 5 working days to 10. Ms. Lewis moved Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Policy 5314 Substitute Pay Line 11 change "a daily" to "an hourly" Mr. Senechal moved to make that change on first reading. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Policy 7008 Tuition Rates – remain the same.

Policy 7400 Credit Cards – Currently use only American Express issued in Clerk and Superintendent's names. P card user list will be compiled and presented to the board when completed.

Agenda Text concerning public input– Ms. Steketee gave each member a brochure that Hardin School has available at each meeting. A draft proposal for this was also presented. Ms. Ronayne commented that the paper suggested that the language might limit the positive comments people wish to make concerning students. She also asked if the sign-in sheet was removed at the start of the meeting, would anybody arriving later be prevented from speaking? Ms. Butler pointed out that the brochure contained some really important clarifications that the public has been asking during previous meeting. An important point to make is that an agenda item will never be moved before the public comment portion. However, an item may be moved to immediately following comment time, thus it is important to arrive promptly. Once an item is addressed, comments won't be taken should a member of the public arrive late. A sign-in sheet will be available throughout the entire meeting. Public members will be asked to state their name each time they comment. Clearly identify "action item" vs. "information item". Ms. Ronayne submitted some public/open meeting cards for each member of the board.

Personnel. Substitute applications.

Temporary Employee recommendations. Ms. Nicole Strozewski (math) and Mr. River Newman (art) were hired on Mr. Whealon on a temporary basis for 5 weeks for AYA/YDI. Ms. Lewis moved to approve the temporary employment of these two people. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Temporary Contract extension recommendations. Mr. Hesford was temporarily employed by Mr. Whealon to teach English at AYA/YDI. Ms. Lewis moved to approve a summer contract for Mr. Hesford for 5 weeks and an additional 40 hours for Brett Lutkehus. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Staff Vacancies/Positions. Art – Mr. Whealon recommended River Newman for the full-time art position. Mr. Senechal moved to accept the recommendation. Mr. Lloyd seconded the motion which passed unanimously. **Special Education** – Mr. Whealon recommended Mary Drynan for this position. Mr. Senechal moved to accept the recommendation. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously. **Math** – Mr. Whealon recommended Nicole Strozewski for this position. Ms. Ronayne asked if Mr. Sonsteng was given an interview. Mr. Whealon responded “no”. Mr. Senechal moved to accept the recommendation. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ms. Ronayne asked if Mr. Sonsteng shouldn’t have been given an interview. **Principal** – This position is where some adjustments might be necessary. Mr. Ramey has tendered his resignation as construction teacher. Mr. Whealon said that there is one candidate that has vocational background. Mr. Senechal asked if the board could have some contact with this person before a decision is made. Mr. Whealon reviewed a list of 4 candidates for this position. Mr. Senechal recommended that the budget committee meet to see if there is any significant savings that could be identified. Budget committee will meet Friday, July 13, at 1:00 p.m. at the FCS room.

AD Position – Mr. Senechal moved to extend the AD position for 2 months. Ms. Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mr. Senechal stated that there is nothing wrong with Dan’s performance. He apologized to Mr. Sturdevant for putting him through the delay.

Coaching Volunteers – Football J. Morris Ms. Lewis moved to approve Mr. Morris as a football volunteer. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Coaching Evaluations/recommendations – spring sports Golf. Mr. Sturdevant said the two coaches worked hard this year and there is still a ton of work to be done for the program in particular, for the set-up of the golf area. He recommended Mr. Scott Connole and Mr. Anthony Connole for the golf program. Mr. Senechal moved to approve this recommendation. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion. Ms. Lewis asked for clarification of the \$11,000 spent on golf. Ms. Butler reminded the board that the expectation was that there would be several kids who would come here specifically for golf. To prove that would be difficult. Approval of coaches passed unanimously. **Track** The track team was quite successful with Emily Schroeck defending her state championship. Mr. Sturdevant didn’t recommend Mr. Tomi Haikka. Mr. Senechal moved to accept the recommendation and advertise for a track coach. Ms. Bryant seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mr. Sturdevant presented the remaining portion of his report which included the sports participation.

Clerk Evaluation. Tabled to August 14 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy cost of public information requests – Not returned yet.

LETTERS TO THE BOARD

Letters to the Board. Two letters were received and reviewed – one from Mr. Richard Arnold and one from Ms. Carol Christensen. Ms. Lewis asked if letters were usually responded to. Traditionally there hasn’t been a letter returned in response.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations/Personnel - Haven’t met

Policy. Haven’t met.

Budget – Will meet Friday, July 13, 1:00 p.m..

Building/grounds - Didn’t meet

Mr. Senechal asked for reappointment for the budget committee. Ms. Steketee volunteered to fill that position until any committee reappointment was made. Ms. Lewis will join them on Friday, July 13.

COMMENDATIONS

Commendations and Recognitions. Ms. Carey and Ms. Ronayne mentioned the various activities in which several of the students have participated since the school year ended.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda – Ms. Lew is moved to approve claims and accounts. Mr. Senechal seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

CLERK REPORT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT and AD REPORT

Clerk report. Presented in written form.

Superintendent Report. Mr. Whealon reviewed the items committed from Fund 224. A copy is included with these minutes.

AD Report. Addressed above.

**TOPICS FOR FUTURE
AGENDAS**

11- minute presentation on Investigations
Action steps on goals F and H.
2nd read 5314
Substitute employee list for 2012/13
Special Meeting 6:00 July 24th – Principal, Digital Academy, AD, Construction
Clerk Evaluation
Board Self-evaluation
Hard Rock Policy possible change in language with possible waive of 2nd reading
2012/13 Budget

Report to paper – Chair and Supt.
Building improvements – what and why
Clarification on approval of recommendations of superintendent
Strategic planning process

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 9:57 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, S. Steketee
Building/Grounds/Transportation: K. Jackson, T. Lloyd
Teaching/Learning: S. Steketee, L. Bryant