

**JEFFERSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Steve Bruce at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education offices, 315 East Dunklin.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Steve Bruce, Lorelei Schwartz, Lori Massman, Scott Hovis, Lindsey Rowden, and Ken Enloe. Rich AuBuchon arrived at 8:25 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Eagle Scout Troop 1 led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Lori Massman and seconded by Lindsey Rowden. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

OPEN FORUM

Stephanie Johnson - Boys and Girls Club is working to expand on the west side of town. Kids eligible for free and reduced lunch can attend at no cost.

Joy Sweeney - Council for Drug Free Youth is writing a grant that will help kids on the west side of town to receive free daycare before and after school.

James Janes - Simonsen 9th Grade Center - Supports later start times for secondary education.

Jessica Long and Jennifer McBaine - Cedar Hill Elementary - Supports early start times for elementary.

Jennifer Uptergrove and Shelly Newman - Lawson Elementary - Supports early start times for elementary.

Toree Hamilton - Belair Elementary - Supports early start times for elementary.

Nicole Myers - 327 Elm Tree Dr - Not in favor of start time changes. Affects child care and extracurricular activities.

Dr. Jennifer Krause - Shared research from the American Academy of Pediatrics that later start times for teenagers have several benefits. Such as, increase in math and science scores, decrease in stress, depression, and anxiety.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

President Bruce presented the Consent Agenda items for approval, including Regular Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2019, and Special Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2019. A motion was made by Ken Enloe and seconded by Lorelei Schwartz. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 5. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 1. Absent - 1.

RECOGNITIONS

School Board Recognition

Dr. Larry Linthacum, Superintendent, presented each Board Member a certificate and thanked them for their service to Jefferson City Public Schools. School Board Recognition week was February 10 through February 16, 2019.

Eagle Scout Troop 1

The troop is working towards a Communications Merit Badge. This badge consists of public speaking, writing a speech, and critical listening.

DIFFERENCE MAKERS

Learning

Darian Werdehausen is a first year Special Education teacher at Lawson Elementary. Darian's students have severe Autism, in fact, these students have the highest severity of Autism of all the students in the Jefferson City Public School District. To be a great teacher, you need to be kind, caring, compassionate, and loving. To be a Special Education Teacher to students with severe Autism you have to be all those things and more. You have to truly be an advocate. Darian is exactly that. Every day she is advocating for her students. Whether it be advocating for her students in the hallway, making sure other students and teachers understand the abilities of her students and treat them with equality and respect, or advocating for her students' basic needs, making sure they have shoes, coats in the winter, and buddy packs sent home. Darian is ALWAYS advocating, which is especially important with her students as they are not able to advocate for themselves. That is what makes her so special. Unfortunately, statistics show that post-secondary outcomes of students with severe Autism are very bleak. Darian is empowering her students at a very young age and making sure they reach their potential by giving them all the opportunity, education, and most of all love and support that she can. *"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not."* -Dr. Seuss.

Partnership

JCPS celebrated and recognized National School Counselors week February 4 through 8, 2019. Our school counselors work with all students to remove barriers to learning by addressing students' academic concerns, career awareness in post-secondary options and social/emotional skills. Comprehensive school counseling programs help to increase student achievement and provide a much needed resource for students, parents, teachers, and administrators.

Stewardship

About three weeks ago I was curbside in front of my house trying to hoist three 40 lb. bags of topsoil up 12 steps. It was very tough going. Suddenly, a car stopped, a man got out, he walked over with a big smile and said, "Let me help you." He took the bags up to where I needed them,

then introduced himself, said he works at East School and if I ever needed help to contact him. I did not contact this generous man, but today - as he was en route to work at the school - he rang my doorbell, was smiling again and said, "I stopped to see if there's anything I can do for you." His name is Nate Brinkley and I'm writing to praise his generosity, his thoughtfulness, kindness, polite demeanor, friendliness, all around goodness, and to say, 'What a grand PR guy he is for JCPS.' We need more people like him; thank God he's here in Jeff City and at nearby East School.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Chief of Learning

- 7-period day - students grades 8 -11 are enrolled in the 2019-2020 school year.
- Drug testing - Second Chance Program at JCAC offers kids to be drug tested at no charge. Policy JFCI will be reviewed by the Policy Review Committee on Wednesday, April 25.
- Cell Phones - disruption in the classroom. Will collect and share information at the next policy committee meeting so all buildings are consistent.

CFO/COO

Construction Project: Furniture bids were \$725,000 under budget. Will allocate money to other areas:

- 2 areas of roofing at Jefferson City High School
- Expand tennis court from 4 to 8 at Capital City High School
- Lighting around the tennis courts
- Viewing pavilion around the tennis courts
- Lighting around the baseball and softball fields at Capital City High School
- Lighting around the soccer fields at Capital City High School

Superintendent Update

Learning:

- APR update
- Drove bus #2 and #11
- Improve communication

Partnership:

- Town Hall Meetings - Start Times
- Coffee with Larry first Friday each month
- Building projects on time and under budget

FUTURE DATES

President Bruce reminded the Board members of the upcoming events as listed on the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Read MSBA Policies

Mr. Ken Enloe, Committee Chair, presented Board Policies: *Boundary Line Proposal, IGB, and IGBH* for second read:

Boundary Line Proposal: A motion was made to adopt as presented by Lorelei Schwartz and seconded by Lindsey Rowden. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

IGB: A motion was made to adopt as presented by Lorelei Schwartz and seconded by Scott Hovis. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

IGBH: A motion was made to adopt as presented by Lindsey Rowden and seconded by Lori Massman. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

NEW BUSINESS

JCPS Foundation Update

Mrs. Karen Enloe, Executive Director of JCPS Foundation, and Mrs. Morgan Werdehausen, Associate Director, presented highlights and activities of the Foundation for the past year. (See powerpoint in Board Book).

Tech Electronics - Lewis and Clark Middle School

Mr. Frank Underwood, Director of Transportation and Facilities, presented a contract with Tech Electronics for a new Intercom and bell system. A motion to accept was made by Lorelei Schwartz and seconded by Lori Massman. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 6. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 1.

Tech Electronics - Thomas Jefferson Middle Clark

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APR Update

Mrs. Dawn Berhorst, Director of Student Information, Planning & Assessment, gave an update on the Annual Performance Report (APR). The report included the academic achievement, attendance, and graduation rate from 2016 to 2018. (See powerpoint in Board Book).

Start Times

Dr. Linthacum gave an update on start times. Changing start times would save the district \$500,000 a year. Dr. Linthacum suggested elementary would start earlier and secondary later.

A survey will be sent to all students, parents, and stakeholders to vote for the new time change. Options are:

- Option A:
 - Elementary - class times 7:40 am - 2:40 pm
 - High School - class times 8:35 am - 3:35 pm
 - Middle School - class times 8:45 am - 3:45 pm

- Option B:
 - Elementary - class times 7:45 am - 2:45 pm
 - High School - class times 8:40 am - 3:40 pm

Middle School - class times 8:50 am - 3:50 pm

- Option C:
Elementary - class times 7:50 am - 2:50 pm
High School - class times 8:45 am - 3:45 pm
Middle School - class times 8:55 am - 3:55 pm

Lorie Rost, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, surveyed elementary staff (teachers and principals) and they are 100% in favor of earlier start times.

Gary Verslues, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, surveyed secondary principals and the majority would like to keep the start times the same.

Jason Hoffman, CFO/COO:

- If we do not make a change it would cost the district an additional \$350,000 next year.
- If all schools start at 8:30 a.m. it would cost the district an additional \$1,500,000.

Dr. Brian Shindorf, Chief of Learning, shared research from the Seattle Study regarding later start times for secondary education. Research found:

- 4.5% increase in grades
- Fewer tardies
- Increase daily sleep duration
- Better attention, more alertness
- Better participation

Mrs. Brenda Hatfield, Director of Quality Improvement, gave a report on the Student Focus group that she lead. It was conducted with 70 JCPS students. Also, she surveyed over 40 daycares in the area that would offer services for families. (See both reports in the Official Board Book).

Community Partnership

Dr. Linthacum shared we have many community partners within our schools and churches. Two programs that we are looking at are:

- JAG - Jobs for America's Graduates
- Junior Achievement

MOTION TO SUSPEND OPEN TO ENTER INTO CLOSED MEETING

At 9:05 p.m. a motion was made to suspend the regular meeting to enter into closed meeting pursuant to §610.021 (1) legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body,...; (2) leasing, purchase or sale of real estate,...; (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees,...; (13) individually identifiable personnel records,...; (14) records which are protected from disclosure by law. The motion was made by Lorelei Schwartz and seconded by Rich AuBuchon. The motion carried with a roll call vote: Steve Bruce - Aye. Rich AuBuchon - Aye. Lorelei Schwartz - Aye. Lori Massman - Aye. Scott Hovis - Aye. Lindsey Rowden - Aye. Ken Enloe - Aye.

ADJOURN CLOSED MEETING

The Board adjourned the closed meeting at 10:48 p.m. with a motion made by Lindsey Rowden and Lorelei Schwartz. The motion carried with a roll call vote: Steve Bruce - Aye. Rich AuBuchon - Aye. Lorelei Schwartz - Aye. Lori Massman - Aye. Scott Hovis - Aye. Lindsey Rowden - Aye. Ken Enloe - Aye.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Lindsey Rowden presented a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Lorelei Schwartz. The motion carried with the following vote: Ayes - 7. Nays - 0. Abstentions - 0. Absent - 0. The regular, open meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m.

Steve Bruce, President

Stephanie Sappenfield, Secretary