

**Jefferson County School District 509-J  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Minutes of July 17, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Chair Tom Norton, Jr. called the first meeting of the 2017-18 fiscal year to order at 7:05 p.m. New Superintendent Ken Parshall and the full 5-member board were present: Tom Norton, Jr., Laurie Danzuka, Stanley Sullivan, Courtney Snead and new member Jamie Hurd. The visitor roster of those signing in is filed with these minutes.
2. ELECT BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR. Chair Norton opened nominations for 2017-18 Board Chair. Mr. Norton nominated Laurie Danzuka. Ms Danzuka acknowledged her ability and availability to serve. There being no other nominations, the Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination of Laurie Danzuka as Board Chair. (5-0)  
Chair Danzuka opened nominations to serve as Board Vice-chair. Stan Sullivan nominated Courtney Snead who indicated she was willing and available to serve. There being no other nominations, the Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination of Courtney Snead as Board Vice-chair. (5-0)
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA. **Stan Sullivan moved that the Board adopt the agenda as amended to include "Election of Board Chair and Vice-chair " as item #2. Motion carried. (5-0)**

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4. SUPERINTENDENT and BOARD HIGHLIGHTS. Superintendent Parshall was excited about his new role as superintendent. The Board received a copy of a brief summary of the walk-through submitted by Darryl Smith. A follow-up report will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.
5. CORRESPONDENCE. The Board received a copy of two letters received from community members regarding the status of the JROTC program.
6. HEARING OF CITIZENS / DELEGATIONS. The 509-J Board of Directors reserves this time for citizens to be heard to share comments or concerns regarding the operations of the District. Forty-two persons spoke to the Board on the topic of the Board's decision at the June 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to discontinue the JROTC program at Madras High School for lack of a qualified instructor. Comments supported finding a way to keep the program and ranged from personal testimony as JROTC a cadet to the positive impact members of JROTC have brought to the community. Superintendent Parshall thanked all speakers for commenting from the heart. He stated that although the challenge to find high quality, caring adults to lead the program remains, each Board member is supportive of what the JROTC program offers to students and has listened to input from the community.  
Chair Danzuka offered her respect for the veterans present and acknowledged retaining JROTC as an important subject. The Board took the comments under advisement. Vice-chair Snead commented that she taught a political science class as COCC this day on the subject of civic participation. As a second year board member, Mrs. Snead conceded not to be infallible but to take seriously each decision. Tom Norton, Jr. thanked the community for attending to share their viewpoint before the Board. He described the Board's role as to set policy, listen and hire the superintendent. Mr. Norton believes the Board has hired one of the best in the country for future leadership of the District. **Stan Sullivan moved that the Board agree to add the topic of "JROTC Program" as an agenda item on the July 31<sup>st</sup> School Board agenda. Motion carried. (5-0)**

Following a 15-minute break, the meeting resumed at 9:15 p.m.

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7. CONSENT AGENDA. Approval of July 17, 2017, board minutes and review of bills. **Stan Sullivan moved that the Board adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried. (4-0)** Snead outside of the meeting room.

8. PERSONNEL. Superintendent Parshall introduced Randy Bryant as the new Human Resources and Operations Director with six years of experience as the HR Director of Gresham Barlow School District. The proposed contract is the same as the past director HR Director. **Tom Norton moved that the Board approve all personnel action items as listed. Motion carried. (4-0). Courtney Snead abstained from voting since absent from the first part of discussion of this item.**
9. REMINDERS. On July 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Board and Superintendent will meet with OSBA consultant Steve Kelley for two training sessions about Board and Superintendent roles and responsibilities. The consultation cost is included in the agreement with OSBA to provide superintendent search services.  
  
The second Board meeting in July will be held the 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the 509-J Board Conference Room at the Support Services Building.
10. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, Chair Danzuka adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Stanfield, Executive Assistant

Draft to Board for approval July 31, 2017.

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Laurie Danzuka, Board Chair

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Ken Parshall, Superintendent