

JMPHS Board Minutes: 4/17/18

Start time: 5:30pm

Members Present:

- Justin Davis (President)
- Shelly Renfroe (Treasurer)
- Bo Hardee (Legal Counsel)
- Julia Waldrep (Treasurer)
- Jimmy Durst
- Sonical Mitchell

Administrators Present:

- Scot Bunch (Principal)
- James Johnson (Assistant Principal)

Call to Order - Justin Davis

I. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes were reflected on by Justin Davis
- Motion to approve by Justin Davis
 - Seconded by Jimmy Durst
 - Unanimously approved by all members

II. Financial Update

- Dr. Gibson was unable to get the updates out in time to meet with Shelley Renfroe but as the Board reflected they did not give her time to know the meeting date had moved forward.
- Justin Davis asked that Shelley Renfroe ask Dr. Gibson to cc the Financial Reports to her and the school administration for an added accountability measure.
- Justin Davis asked about the independent line of credit that was applied to at the Madison County Community Bank.
 - They had some follow-up questions to ask and Dr. Gibson will be responding to them.
- Motion to approve by Shelley Renfroe
 - Seconded by Julia Waldrep
 - Unanimously approved by all members

III. Teacher Time

- Scot Bunch noted that there will be a booth at the annual Down Home Days festival
 - Donna Law, Rickey Walker, and Kaitlyn Ortega will be displaying school materials and offering information about the school.
- Patrick White presented an update about graduation and told us that we were sending out a graduation notification letter which is also posted on the school website.
 - There will be a Senior Class meeting on Friday the 20th of April.

- The graduation update letter will be posted on the website, will be notified on a One Call Now, sent out by email, mailed out by standard mail, and will be mailed home.
- Graduation will be on May 26th and the Senior Walk on May 18th.
- We will notify all seniors by May 17th if they will or will not be graduating.
 - The concern for this is that there will be some who will not meet the academic requirements in order for students to march in the graduation ceremony.
 - Scot Bunch notified the Board that there are 5 students who are currently on the bubble for whether or not they can march due to not passing all the required requirements.
 - Scot Bunch noted that the state of Florida is looking to go up on the graduation requirements when it comes to test scores and wanted the Board to be aware of it.
 - The School Board expressed approval so long as there was proper documentation that parent/guardians have been notified.
- Patrick White also asked for blessing to start the process to raise money to send the students to the civil rights museum in Atlanta, GA.
 - The Board approved the trip and the process to begin raising funds.
- The Board asked information on Grad Bash and James Johnson let them know that Universal Studios took two dates off of the calendar and so they were sold out by the time that we tried to get tickets.
 - Sonical Mitchell remarked that due to the timing we would have to organize our own time.
 - The Board said they would get with the PTO to try and arrange a trip to somewhere like Universal Studios or Disney World.

IV. Enrollment Update

- Scot Bunch explained that we currently have 187 students.
 - 49 Freshmen
 - 54 Sophomore
 - 46 Juniors
 - 38 Seniors
- We currently have 45 applications for the next year.

V. Testing Update

- Students started testing this week and will be coming over the next two months.
- The other events are listed on the school website.

VI. District Contract Update

- Bo Hardee said that we can agree to send our charter the Madison District in as it is or we can have them add in that we can extend our contract from a 5 year to a 15 year if we become a High Performing Charter School.
 - Jimmy Durst made a motion to approve sending the charter to the District.
 - Julia Waldrep seconded the motion.
 - The Board unanimously approved accepting it the way it is.

VII. SB 7026 Discussion

- Scot Bunch explained that Dr. Pickles from the Madison District has stated that they are still trying to figure it out.
 - They want a full-time, uniformed officer which will cost us at least \$25,000.00 and possibly more.
 - Sheriff Stewart has met with leaders to approve Scot Bunch as our school's School Resource Officer (SRO) so as to save us money and we can use the Guardian Program.
 - The District does not want to use the Guardian Program but we, as our own school board, has the ability to use the Guardian Program.
 - Our school has to have a team put together as a school safety team by July 31, 2018.
 - We are waiting for them to come back with a decision to see where we can move forward from here.
- Bo Hardee stated that the Bill shows that the responsibility ultimately lies with the county and not with the schools.
 - There are grants being written and millage rates may be raised but those things could take months or a year possibly.
 - Due to the timeframe of needing this done in a few months the city is willing to help and provide officers to help cover our needs if no other agreement can be reached.

VIII. Set Date for Strategic Planning Meeting

- Justin Davis offered to meet with everyone to set a date for the initial meeting to go over existing documents and plan for another meeting during the summer to formalize the plans.

IX. Administrative Contract Renewals

- Bo Hardee asked for copies of the contract in James Johnson's personnel file to use as a working document to draw up new ones for the Board to issue in the next month's meeting.

X. School Graduation Rate

- James Johnson met with the State Representatives to review the school grading policies and noted these changes:
 - Students who withdraw to a private school will lower our graduation rate
 - Level 1 and Level 2 scores on the state EOCs have been divided into parts so that a student can show progress even if they do not raise their scores and an entire level.
 - The PERT will no longer usable as an alternative test effective August of 2018.

XI. Facility Update

- Scot Bunch mentioned that roof repair needs to be done soon since there are 3 leaks needing repaired.
 - Justin Davis remarked that there will be a person coming this month to do a patch.
- Bo Hardee asked what gutter work needed to be repaired.
 - Scot Bunch said that some are bowed and needed to be replaced.
 - Bo Hardee said that he had a friend that could cut the pieces and we could install them.

Next meeting was set on May 17th by Justin Davis and was unanimously approved.

Adjournment was called by Justin Davis and unanimously approved.