

**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Central Administration Office Building**  
**Work Session**  
**Executive Session**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**February 8, 2024**

**Work Session:** A Board Work Session was held on February 8, 2024, in the Board Room of the Jennings County School Corporation Central Administration Office Building, 34 West Main Street, North Vernon, Indiana 47265. The work session began at 5:30 p.m.

- Discussion – Preschool

Todd Ebinger shared that JCSC is exploring the opportunity to bring Pre-k back to our school corporation. 24% of our students scored less than a 60 on the Kindergarten readiness assessment in 2023. With the increase in state and federal funding, JCSC has an opportunity to build a sustainable Pre-K program for our students. In 2024-2025, families making less than \$185,000 could qualify for a voucher through the Child Care and Development Fund or On My Way Pre-K. These programs would allow us to provide high-quality Pre-K programming for 4-year old students in Jennings County.

Board members present were Pat Sullivan, Cheryl Miller, Mary Lynn Whitcomb, Travis Shepherd, Chelsea Morrison, and Amy Pettit. Earl Taggart was absent. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Todd Ebinger, Amanda Sullivan, Lisa Hearne and Board Executive Secretary Debbie Andis were also in attendance.

The Work Session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**Executive Session:** The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on February 8, 2024 at 6:05 p.m. in the Special Education Conference Room of the Jennings County School Corporation Central Administration Office Building, 34 West Main Street, North Vernon, IN 47265, to discuss the following in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b):

- (5) To receive information about and interview prospective employees.  
*IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5).*
- (6) With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction:
  - (A) to receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct;  
and
  - (B) to discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee, a student, or an independent contractor who is:
    - (i) a physician; or
    - (ii) a school bus driver.*IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)*

- (9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process. *IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9)*.

Board members present were Pat Sullivan, Cheryl Miller, Mary Lynn Whitcomb, Travis Shepherd, Chelsea Morrison, Amy Pettit and Earl Taggart. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh and Lisa Hearne were also in attendance.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Regular Meeting:** The Board of School Trustees held its regular meeting in the Board Room of the Jennings County School Corporation Central Administration Office Building, 34 West Main Street, North Vernon, IN 47265. The meeting began at 7:02 p.m.

The following link was also available to live stream the Regular Board meeting from your home:

<https://youtube.com/live/jaY1atBmQks?feature=share>

Board members present were Pat Sullivan, Cheryl Miller, Mary Lynn Whitcomb, Travis Shepherd, Chelsea Morrison, Amy Pettit and Earl Taggart. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Todd Ebinger, Amanda Sullivan, Lisa Hearne and Board Executive Secretary Debbie Andis were also in attendance.

This meeting was a meeting of the School Board in public for the purpose of conducting the School Corporation's business and it was not to be considered a public community meeting. There was time for public participation as indicated by the agenda. (Policy 0166)

Consent Agenda Items: The following items were provided to the Board for their review and approval. If any Board Member had a concern about an item, he/she would have requested that the item(s) be removed from this grouping to be voted upon individually.

The following consent agenda items were presented for approval without discussion:

- III. Minutes;
- VIB2. Field Trips;
- VIC1. Professional Staff: Leaves;
- VIC2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIC3. Professional Staff: Transfers;
- VIC5. Conference Requests;
- VID1. Support Staff: Leaves;
- VID2. Support Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VID3. Support Staff: Transfers;
- VID5. Conference Requests;
- VII. Claims;

Information Items: These items were given to the Board to review. If a Board Member wished to discuss any of these items; he/she would have indicated that the item(s) be removed from the grouping for discussion during the meeting.

The following information items were shared with the Board:

None at this time.

## **Agenda**

### **I. Pledge**

The President opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Pettit welcomed those in attendance and reminded everyone that we are live streaming tonight's meeting.

### **II. Consent Agenda Items**

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve consent agenda items. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

### **III. Minutes of the Executive Session, Annual Board of Finance Meeting and the Regular Board Meeting of January 25, 2024.**

These minutes were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

### **IV. Community Non-Agenda Items**

- The President asked if anyone would like to speak on any items on the agenda or any other topic.

Kayla Moore asked to start a conversation on homeschoolers participating in sports. Wants to work together so homeschooled students can participate in school sports.

Aaron Brooks was present to represent JCHS Music Department and stated that the musical "Momma Mia" will be coming up soon to JCHS. Showtimes are Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm and Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

- GCE Kindergarten Class STEM Presentation

Todd Hearne, Principal of GCE, introduced Mrs. Kent, GCE kindergarten teacher, and her class. Those students in attendance were Nolan Graham, Paislynn Little, Grace Cummings, Rylynn Dattilo, Cooper Highfill, Presley Abel, Bryer Burton, Vincent Foster, Henry Perry and Briar Pyles. They shared a power point and each student read about their STEM project.

### **V. Old Business**

#### **A. NEOLA, Approval**

1. NEOLA Policy 5517.01, Bullying, Second Reading
2. NEOLA Policy 5771, Search and Seizure, Second Reading
3. NEOLA Policy 6152, Student Fees and Charges, Second Reading
4. NEOLA Policy 6250, Required ADM Counts for the Purpose of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership, Second Reading
5. NEOLA Policy 6550, Travel Payment and Reimbursement / Relocation Costs, Second Reading
6. NEOLA Policy 6700, Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), Second Reading
7. NEOLA Policy 7434, Use of Tobacco on School Property, Second Reading

8. NEOLA Policy 7440, Facility Security Program, Second Reading
9. NEOLA Policy 7540.02, Web Accessibility, Content, Apps, and Services, Second Reading
10. NEOLA Policy 8310, Public Records, Second Reading
11. NEOLA Policy 9111, Communications, Second Reading

Mrs. Johnson stated that these NEOLA Polices are a second reading and asked to take as a group for approval.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve these NEOLA Polices as presented. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

## VI. New Business

### A. NEOLA

1. NEOLA Policy 0141 (Technical Correction), Number, First Reading
2. NEOLA Policy 0142, Election and Eligibility to Serve, First Reading
3. NEOLA Policy 142.1, Term, First Reading
4. NEOLA Policy 0142.3, Vacancies and Appointment of Board Members, First Reading
5. NEOLA Policy 0144.1, Compensation, First Reading
6. NEOLA Policy 0144.2. Board Member Ethics, First Reading
7. NEOLA Policy 0152 (Technical Correction), Officers, First Reading
8. NEOLA Policy 0164.5, Member Participation in Meetings Through Electronic Means of Communication, First Reading

Mrs. Johnson stated that this is a first reading and will be brought back at our next board meeting for approval.

### B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. JCHS New Course Proposals for 2024 – 2025 School Year, Inform
  - Topics in Computer Science (7351)
  - Welding Technology Capstone (7226)
  - Gas Welding Processes (7101)
  - Shielded Metal Arc Welding (7111)
  - Principles of Welding Technology (7110)

#### Course Code Update

- Current – Agribusiness Management (5002) to Updated Course – Agribusiness Management Capstone (7238)

Mrs. Manowitz stated that these courses go along with our CTE Pathways and will ask for approval at the next board meeting.

2. Field Trips

None at this time,

### C. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves
  - None at this time.
2. Resignations/Retirements
  - Candace Nixon, JCMS Teacher, retirement effective 5/24/2023. This retirement was approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.
3. Transfers
  - None at this time.

4. Recommendations

- Career Increment / Master Teacher Stipend  
2024/2025, 2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2027/2028, 2028/2029  
➤ Carey Moore

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve professional staff recommendations.  
Mrs. Miller second the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. Conference Requests

None at this time.

D. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Ashley Brennan, JCMS Cook, resignation effective 2/02/2024.
- Mary Davis, SCE Head Custodian, resignation effective 1/26/2024.

These resignations were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Transfers

None at this time.

4. Recommendations

- Whitney Brison, JCS Bus Aide, termination effective 1/29/2024.
- Olivia Clarkson, JCS Van Driver (Deaf & Blind School), \$15.00 hr. (approx. 24 hrs. week), effective 2/09/2024.
- Scott Mytyk, JCMS Custodian (2<sup>nd</sup> shift), \$15.00 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 2/09/2024.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve support staff recommendations. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. Conference Requests

None at this time.

E. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval

- North Vernon First Baptist Church, \$1,740.00 in Clothes Divided Between 8 JC Schools.
- Tanner Resch, 55" LG TV and Wall Mount (valued at \$409.68) to HE.
- NVIC, \$100.00 to SCE for the Playground.
- Pat Enney, Drum Set to JCMS Band Dept.
- NV JayC, 30 boxes of Non-perishable Food to HOPE Food and Panther Pantry.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approved these donations as presented. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Resolution, Approval

- a. *Attachment* - A Resolution to allow the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to make adjustments to Appropriations within Major Funds (Education Debt, Operations, and Rainy Day) to establish the 2024 Budget for the current year from the State Approved Budget Order by Major Account Classification.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the above resolution. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

3. January Fund Report

A copy of this report was included in the board packet.

**A Resolution to allow the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to make adjustments to Appropriations within Major Funds (Education, Debt, Operations, and Rainy Day) to establish the 2024 Budget for the current year from the State Approved Budget Order by Major Account Classification.**

**Whereas,** The Board of Trustees of Jennings County Schools is not scheduled to have a meeting between February 8, 2024, and February 22, 2024, and,

**Whereas,** It is necessary to have Board action in order to transfer appropriations with major account classifications, and,







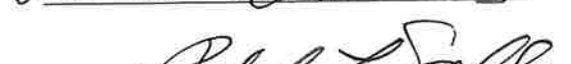
**Whereas,** It is deemed to be in the public interest to ensure that adequate appropriations are available within the major classifications.

**Now therefore be it resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of Jennings County Schools hereby authorizes the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer of the Corporation to transfer appropriated amounts within the 2024 Education, Debt Service, and Operations Funds between February 8, 2024 and February 22, 2024.

Be it further resolved that an appropriation transfer report summarizing these adjustments to establish the 2024 Budget for this period is to be presented to the Board for final action on or before the last regularly scheduled Board meeting in February 2024.

**Resolution #: Bus2024-001**                      Adopted this 8th day of February, 2024.

**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

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ATTEST:   
Secretary

F. Property (Policy 7000)

1. JCHS CTE Project Bid and Contract, Approval

Mrs. Johnson stated that we are excited that four companies put in bids for our JCHS CTE project. We are still on the timeline for completion of the project for this summer. Mrs. Johnson asked for approval of the lowest bid from Dunlap & Company, Inc. and also asked for approval of the contract with them, pending final legal approval.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to accept both the bid from Dunlap & Company, and approval of the contract (pending final legal approval). Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,546,532.70 (claims 18,149 – 18,281) and payroll in the amount of \$1,244,300.76 (check date 1/31/2024). These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Updates

1. Other

Dr. Pettit reminded everyone about the JCHS Musical “Momma Mia” on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm and Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

The Board of Trustees of Jennings County School Corporation did not discuss any subject matter in the Executive Session other than that specified in the Public Notice.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Pat Sullivan - Secretary

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