

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Regular Board Meeting
July 14, 2022

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on July 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Special Education Board 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)
- (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.

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Earl Taggart, Pat Sullivan, Tony Daeger, Chelsea Morrison, Susan Wahlman and Travis Shepherd. Assistant Superintendent Nicole Johnson and Administrative Assistant Philip Marsh were also in attendance.

The executive session adjourned at 6:56 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 Walnut Street, North Vernon, IN 47265. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

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

https://youtu.be/zcJw9Td2_dg

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Earl Taggart, Pat Sullivan, Tony Daeger, Chelsea Morrison, Susan Wahlman and Travis Shepherd. Assistant Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Shannon Lacoursiere, Philip Marsh, Amanda Sullivan, Todd Ebinger, Roy Herr 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;
- VIA2. Field Trips;

- VIB1. Professional Staff: Leaves;
- VIB2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIB4. Conference Requests;
- VIC1. Support Staff: Leaves;
- VIC2. Support Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIC4. 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 was shared with the Board:

VID3. June Fund Report

Agenda

- I. Pledge
The President opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- II. Consent Agenda Items
Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mrs. Wahlman seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

- III. Minutes of the Executive Session of June 15, 2022 and the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of June 16, 2022.
The minutes were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

- IV. Community Non-Agenda Items
 - The President asked if anyone would like to speak on an item not on the agenda. There were no comments.

- V. Old Business
 - A. NEOLA, Approval
 - 1. NEOLA Policy 6220, Budget Preparation, Second Reading
Mr. Marsh stated that this is the second reading on this policy and is asking the board for approval.
Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the above NEOLA policy. Mr. Shepherd second the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

- VI. New Business
 - A. Programs (Policy 2000)
 - 1. IXL Learning Contract, Approval
Mrs. Johnson is asking for approval on the IXL Learning Contract. She stated that we get a discount for a 3-year contract.
Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve this contract. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
 - 2. Field Trips
None at this time.

B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

- Johnny Bright, JCHS Credit Recovery Teacher, paternity leave effective 8/10/2022 – 9/21/2022 (6 weeks).
- Callie Garrett, JCMS Teacher, maternity leave effective 10/17/2022 – 1/03/2023.

These leaves were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Tamara Bates, SCE Teacher, delay retirement, effective the end of 2022-2023 school year.
- Derek Stewart, JCMS 7th Grade Head Football Coach, resignation effective 7/01/2022.

This retirement/resignation were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Recommendations

- Chris Billings, JCHS Lighting Director, \$2,792 stipend, effective 8/03/2022.
- Lee Brown, JCEC Adult Education Instructor, \$33.00 hr. x 6 hrs. week, effective 7/15/2022.
- Heather Feiles, BCE Teacher, \$45,900 yr., effective 8/03/2022.
- Jamie Kelly, JCHS Counselor, 15 additional days @ \$4,232, effective 7/22/2022
- Tegan Petro, HE Teacher, \$49,500 yr., effective 8/03/2022.
- Stephanie Puckett, Summer Tutoring, 8 (1/2 day) sessions x \$175.89, effective 7/05/2022.
- Chris Thurston, SCE Assistant Principal, \$71,750 yr., effective 7/18/2022.
- Eric Wernke, JCHS Teacher, \$54,000 yr. effective 8/03/2022.

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

Mrs. Johnson welcomed Chris Thurston, SCE Assistant Principal, who was present. She asked if he'd like to come around and meet the board.

4. Conference Requests

- Jennifer Laman, National Science Teaching Association Conference, Chicago, IL, 7/20/2022 – 7/23/2022.

This conference was approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

- Ellen Gerring, SCE Para Pro, maternity leave effective 2/12/2023 – 5/24/2023.

This leave was approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Keagan Craig, NVE Para Pro, resignation effective 6/14/2022.
- Rebecca Griffin, HE Custodian, resignation effective 6/14/2022.
- Laura Gudgel, HE Cook, resignation effective 7/11/2022.
- Sharon Medlock, NVE Cook, resignation effective 7/11/2022.
- Kim Reeves, BCE Nurse, resignation effective 8/05/2022.

These resignations were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Recommendations

- Matt Capes, JCMS 8th Grade Head Football Coach, \$2,889 stipend, effective 7/01/2022.
- Rene Gross, JCMS Cook, \$13.50 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 8/03/2022.
- Russell Ilsley, JCHS Cook, \$14.50 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 8/05/2022.
- Lori McClain, JCS Bus Aide/Driver (Indiana School Deaf/Blind), part-time to full-time, effective 8/03/2022.
- Molly Meador, JCMS Nurse, \$25.00 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 8/03/2022.
- Ashton Messer, BCE Nurse, \$23.50 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 8/03/2022.
- Sadie Sarver, JCHS Custodian (3rd Shift), \$14.50 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 6/20/2022.
- Amy Shepherd, NVE Para Pro, \$13.00 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 8/08/2022.
- Rick Sochaki, JCMS 7th Grade Head Football Coach, \$2,889 stipend, effective 7/01/2022.
- Kian Stope, JCMS Floater Cook, \$14.50 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 8/03/2022.
- Amanda Wells, JCHS Cook, \$13.75 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 8/03/2022.

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

4. Conference Requests

None at this time.

D. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval

- Brewer Livestock, \$500.00 to JCHS School Supply Shop.
- R & M Tool and Engineering, Inc., \$200.00 to JCHS School Supply Shop.

Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve the above donations. Mr. Daeger seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Resolution, Approval

- a. *Attachment* - A Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer of Jennings County Schools to transfer the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund, to reimburse the Operations Fund for expenses that are not allocated to student instruction and learning for the period of July 2022.

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

3. June Fund Report

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

E. Relations (Policy 9000)

1. MOU between New Horizons and Jennings County Middle School and Jennings County High School for Pre-Employment Transition Services, Approval

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

2. Permission for JCSC to use the University Search Team to assist in identifying candidates for the Superintendent position, Approval

Dr. Pettit reminded everyone that Dr. Teresa Brown resigned her role as JCSC Superintendent at the 6/15/2022 board meeting. We are excited for Teresa as she moves on to work in a different area and we thank her for her service to JCSC.

A Resolution to Transfer amounts from Education Fund to the Operations Fund



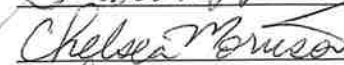
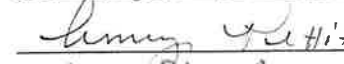

- Whereas,** The Board of School Trustees is the governing body of the Jennings County School Corporation, Jennings County, Indiana, and
- Whereas,** HB 1009 required the governing body of each school corporation to establish an education fund for the payment of expenses allocated to student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5, and
- Whereas,** HB 1009 required the governing body of each school corporation to establish an operations fund for the payment of expenses that are not allocated to student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5, and
- Whereas,** HB 1009 requires that distributions of tuition support be received in the education Fund.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Jennings County Schools hereby authorizes the Treasurer of Jennings County School Corporation to transfer the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund, to reimburse the Operations Fund for expenses that are not allocated to student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5 for the period of July 2022.

This resolution was duly made, and seconded and adopted this 14th day of July 2022.

Resolution #: Bus2022-006

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

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ATTEST: 
Secretary

It is time now for us as a corporation to work towards finding a new school superintendent. Dr. Pettit asked for a motion to use the University Search Team to assist and identify candidates for the superintendent position.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the University Search Team. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$5,353,571.24 (claims 9782 – 10,038) and payroll in the amount of \$2,330,741.49 (check dates 6/30/2022 and 7/15/2022).

The claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Update

1. Mr. Taggart made a motion to give the school board president the authority to negotiate and approve the interim superintendent contract for James Halik for the amount presented for a minimum of 25 days from July 18 – September 30, 2022 and also approve the board president to add-on an additional 5 days during this time frame within parameters discussed. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Mrs. Wahlman 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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Chelsea Morrison - Vice President

Pat Sullivan

Susan Wahlman - Secretary

Earl Taggart

Tony Daeger