

**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Central Administration Office Building**  
**Executive Session**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 28, 2022**

**Executive Session:** The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on April 28, 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):

- (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, Travis Shepherd and Susan Wahlman. Chelsea Morrison and Tony Daeger were absent. Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown, Assistant Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Shannon Lacoursiere and Philip Marsh were also in attendance.

The executive session adjourned at 6:40 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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CcQix2r6t0>

Board Members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Earl Taggart, Pat Sullivan, Travis Shepherd and Susan Wahlman. Chelsea Morrison and Tony Daeger were absent. Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown, 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;
- VIB2. Field Trips;
- VIC1. Professional Staff: Leaves;

- VIC2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIC4. Conference Requests;
- VID1. Support Staff: Leaves;
- VID2. Support Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VID4. 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:

VIIA1. North Vernon Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes 3/21/2022.

## **Agenda**

- I. Pledge  
The President opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Dr. Pettit welcomed everyone in attendance and reminded them that we are live streaming this school board meeting tonight.
  
- II. Consent Agenda Items  
Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.
  
- III. Minutes of the Board Work Session of April 11, 2022, Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of April 14, 2022.  
The minutes were approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.
  
- 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.
  
  - Stronger Together Recognition  
JCS Instructional Coaches
    - Morgan Likens
    - Amber Hook
    - Jennifer Laman
    - Tamara Bates
    - LuAnn Gant
    - Karen Field
    - Cynthia Law
    - Melissa PattersonDr. Brown gave a special thanks to our JCS Instructional Coaches for all they do for our students and staff.
  
  - JCSC MTSS Presentation – Instructional Coaches  
Mrs. Johnson stated that this presentation was done for our new beginning teachers this year to help them understand our MTSS system district wide.

Mrs. Johnson asked the JCS Instructional Coaches to share this with us tonight. Amber Hook and Melissa Patterson presented a power point on the MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support). It summarized what we're currently doing with MTSS to support kids in need throughout the district.

- JCSC STEM/PBL Website Presentation – Jennifer Laman  
Mrs. Laman presented a power point on the JCSC STEM/PBL Website. This is available as a link on our jcsc.org website.

## V. Old Business

### A. Programs (Policy 2000)

#### 1. 2022–2023 Student Handbooks, Approval

Mrs. Johnson stated that we are bringing for approval student handbooks for elementary, middle and high school for the 2022-2023 school year and is asking for approval.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Student Handbooks. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

### B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

#### 1. Recommendations

- Josh Land, JCHS Head Boys Varsity Basketball Coach (add on a year to current supplemental contract) extended through 2022-2023.
- Kristi Sigler, JCHS Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach (add on a year to current supplemental contract) extended through 2022-2023.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the above recommendations. Mrs. Wahlman seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

## VI. New Business

### A. NEOLA

1. NEOLA Policy 4120.08, Employment of Personnel for Extracurricular Activities, First Reading
2. NEOLA Policy 4214, Staff Gifts, First Reading
3. NEOLA Policy 5113.02, School Transfer Options, First Reading
4. NEOLA Policy 5340.01, Student Concussions and Sudden Cardiac Arrest, First Reading
5. NEOLA Policy 5460, Graduation Requirements, First Reading
6. NEOLA Policy 5540, The Schools and Governmental Agencies, First Reading
7. NEOLA Policy 6105, Authorization to Accept and Distribute Electronic Records and to Use Electronic Signature, First Reading
8. NEOLA Policy 6114, Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds, First Reading
9. NEOLA Policy 6220, Budget Preparation, First Reading
10. NEOLA Policy 6230, Budget Hearing, First Reading

Mrs. Brown stated that we are bringing several policies as a first reading. These will be voted on at our next meeting.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Curtis & Livers LLC Invoice, Approval

Mr. Ebinger stated that Curtis & Livers is our SPED data base that we use to create our TOR lists and double-check the numbers being submitted to the IDOE on reports and is asking the board for approval.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve this invoice. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Field Trips

None at this time.

C. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Melissa Andres, JCHS Guidance Counselor, resignation effective 4/22/2022.
- Nicholas Vasilchek, JCHS PE Teacher & JCHS Head Football Coach, resignation effective 4/25/2022.

These resignations were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Recommendations

- Kristin Jahn, GCE SPED Teacher, \$44,100 yr., effective 8/3/2022.
- Tim Poer, Interim Director of Transportation to Director of Transportation, \$65,000 yr., effective 4/01/2022.
- Katherine Rappa, SCE Teacher, \$46,800 yr., effective 8/3/2022.

Mrs. Wahlman made a motion to approve the above recommendations. Mr. Taggart seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

4. Conference Requests

None at this time.

D. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

- Lauren Clayton, SCE Para Pro, 1.75 hrs. unpaid leave, effective 4/19/2022.
- Ashton Lucas, JCHS/NVE Nurse, extend maternity leave, effective through 5/27/2022.
- Kayla Pyle, JCS Bus Aide, unpaid leave, effective 4/14/2022 – 5/03/2022.

These leaves were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Donna Bellack, JCHS Interim Kitchen Manager, retiring, effective 5/27/2022.
- Penny Feeney, BCE Custodian, resignation, effective 4/14/2022.
- Samantha Lopez, JCS Bus Aide, resignation, effective 4/25/2022.

These resignations/retirement were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Recommendations

- Kara Allen, JCHS Floater Cook to 7-hr. Cook, effective 4/18/2022.
- Jerri Bliton, Medical Support for Golf and Track, effective 4/25/2022.
- Faith Heaton, JCS Tech Intern (summer), \$11.00 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 5/26/2022.

- Abigail Kincaid, JCHS CNA (classroom), \$15.50 hr., effective 4/25/2022.
- Carmen Kopitzke, JCS Tech Intern (summer), \$11.00 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 5/26/2022.
- Ian Sawyer, JCS Tech Intern (summer), \$11.00 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 5/26/2022.
- Brady Shepherd, JCS Tech Intern (summer), \$11.00 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 5/26/2022.
- James Bailey-Smith, JCS Tech, \$15.70 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 4/25/2022.
- Gabe Wilson, JCS Volunteer Wrestling Coach, effective 4/28/2022.

Mrs. Wahlman made a motion to approve these recommendations. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

4. Conference Requests  
None at this time.

#### E. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval

- Jennings County Community Foundation, \$100.00 to NVE – Mrs. Neal’s 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Winner

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the above donation. Mrs. Wahlman seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Resolution, Approval

- a. *Attachment* - Resolution to Purchase Real Estate

Mr. Marsh is asking the board for approval to consider exploring the potential of purchasing real estate adjacent to our current school property.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the above resolution. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

#### F. Relations (Policy 9000)

1. MOU Between AP-TIP IN and Jennings County High School, Approval

Mrs. Johnson stated that this MOU between AP-TIP IN and JCHS is to increase staff training for AP courses and to encourage and increase student participation. Mrs. Wahlman made a motion to approve this MOU. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

### VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,423,118.54 (claims 9180 – 9324) and payroll in the amount of \$1,156,715.39 (check date 4/29/2022).

The claims were approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

### VIII. Other

#### A. Update

1. North Vernon Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes 3/21/2022.

These minutes were included in the board packet.

2. Other

Dr. Brown shared with the board that JCSC received another \$50,000 grant. She thanked Todd Ebinger and Mandy Sullivan for working on this.

Mr. Ebinger stated that we were awarded the 2022 Digital Learning Grant. The Digital Learning Grant is a \$50,000 grant with a focus on improving blended and

**Resolution to purchase real estate**

**Whereas,** The Board of Trustees of Jennings County Schools is considering exploring the potential of purchasing real estate adjacent to current school property in the county of Jennings, IN;

**Whereas,** Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-10.5, the Board of School Trustees must adopt a resolution designating its interest in purchasing Real Estate and authorizing a purchasing agent to bring about the effect of potential purchase of that Real Estate.

**Now therefore be it resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of Jennings County Schools hereby determines that it wishes to explore and potentially purchase Real Estate on behalf of the School Corporation in order to advance the purpose of the School Corporation; and, hereby authorizes the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to contract, negotiate and potentially complete the purchase of Real Estate for the use by the School Corporation including but not limited to utilizing the services of various service professionals such as attorneys, real estate agents, brokers, title preparation, deed research, surveys etc. along with the appointment of the certified appraisers to help in determining fair market value. If the property is purchased with the approval of the Board of Trustees, the purchasing agents as named above may represent and sign documents at the closing on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

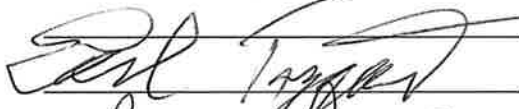


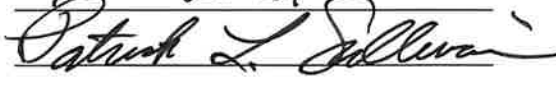
**Resolution #: Bus2022-003**

Adopted this 28th day of April, 2022.

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

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ATTEST:

  
Secretary

online learning through Universal Design for Learning. This grant pairs very well with the Indiana Center for Teacher Quality grant the JCSC has already received to develop and implement UDL practices in our classroom in JCSC.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Taggart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 5 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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