

**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Central Administration Office Building**  
**Executive Session**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**September 7, 2023**

**Executive Session:** The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on September 7, 2023 at 6:00 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):

- (2B) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following:  
Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this cause, “litigation” includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.
- (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. *IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).*

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

This meeting adjourned at 6:45 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 7:00 p.m.

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

<https://youtube.com/live/Agbqv-qNnL8?feature=share>

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Chelsea Morrison, Mary Lynn Whitcomb, Cheryl Miller, Travis Shepherd, Earl Taggart, and Pat Sullivan. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Lisa Hearne, Todd Ebinger, Amanda Sullivan 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;
- VIB3. Professional Staff: Transfers;
- VIB5. Conference Requests;
- VIC1. Support Staff: Leaves;
- VIC2. Support Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIC3. Support Staff: Transfers;
- VIC7. 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:

- VID5. August Fund Report
- VIIIA1. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 8/07/2023.

## **Agenda**

- I. Pledge  
The President opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Dr. Pettit welcomed everyone and added a reminder that we are live streaming this board meeting tonight.
- II. Consent Agenda Items  
Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve consent agenda items. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- III. Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of August 24, 2023.  
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.  
There were no comments.

V. Old Business

A. Finance (Policy 6000)

1. 2024 JCSC Budget - 3<sup>rd</sup> Presentation, Inform  
Mr. Marsh presented a powerpoint on the 2024 JCSC Budget.
2. 2024 JCSC Capital Project Plan - 2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation, Inform  
Mr. Marsh presented a powerpoint on the 2024 JCSC Capital Project Plan and asked permission to advertise.
3. Permission to Advertise Capital Project Plan, Approval  
Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the advertisement of the 2024 JCSC Capital Project Plan. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

B. Operations (Policy 8000)

1. 2024 JCSC Bus Replacement Plan - 2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation, Inform  
Mr. Marsh presented a powerpoint on the 2024 JCSC Bus Replacement Plan and asked permission to advertise.
2. Permission to Advertise Bus Replacement Plan, Approval  
Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve the advertisement of the 2024 Bus Replacement Plan. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VI. New Business

A. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. EL Presentation Update, Inform  
Mandy Sullivan shared an EL powerpoint presentation regarding our program numbers, services, and support for our EL students.
2. Field Trips  
None at this time.

B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves  
None at this time.
2. Resignations/Retirements  
None at this time.
3. Transfers  
None at this time.
4. Recommendations – Group
  - Tara Henry, NVE Teacher, \$44,100 yr., effective 9/11/2023.
  - Addy Lamb, BCE Title 1 Teacher, \$44,100 yr., effective 9/08/2023.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve professional staff group recommendations. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

Recommendation – Individual

- Julie Hadley, SCE SPED Teacher, 3 Unpaid Suspension days, effective 8/25, 8/28, and 8/29/2023.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve professional staff individual recommendation. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. Conference Requests
  - Dustin Bentz, Stacey King, Amanda Ruddick, and Jennifer Herr, IAACE Fall Conference, Michigan City, IN, effective 9/27 – 9/29/2023.
  - Nick Hill, IASP Fall Conference, Indianapolis, IN, effective 11/20-11/21/2023.

These conferences were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Cheyenna Hammon, SCE Para Pro, resignation effective 8/31/2023.
- Mandy Pike, JCHS Para Pro, resignation effective 9/15/2023.
- Brenda L. Simmons, JCMS Custodian, retirement effective 9/30/2023.
- Bailey Wilder, JCMS Boys Assistant Basketball Coach, resignation effective 9/05/2023.

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

3. Transfers

None at this time.

4. Recommendations

- Lauren Dimmitt, NVE Para Pro, \$13.95 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 9/08/2023.
- Katherine McPeek, SCE ESSER Para Pro, \$14.25 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 9/08/2023.

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

5. Permission to Post JCMS 29 hr. Title 1 Para Pro, Approval

Mrs. Johnson asked permission to post a JCMS 29 hr. Title 1 Para Pro to be paid by Title 1 funds.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve posting this position. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

6. Permission to Post JCHS ESSER Para Pro, Approval

Mrs. Johnson asked for permission to post a JCHS ESSER Para Pro to be used for EL support.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve posting this position. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

7. Conference Requests

None at this time.

D. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval

- Hayden Baptist Church, \$1,000.00 to BCE for Student Snacks.
- Floyd & Peggy Bowman, \$100.00 to BCE for Student Snacks.
- Billy Bloemer Memorial Golf Scramble, \$2,500.00 to JCHS Panther Pantry.
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- In Memory of Betty Polly to JCHS Panther Pantry
  - Dwight & Marisa Patterson - \$100.00
  - D & S Patterson, LLC - \$100.00
- HOPE Food Program:
  - The Eye Care Group - \$250.00
  - NVIC - \$225.00

**A Resolution to allow the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to make transfers of Appropriation within the Education, Debt Service, and Operations Funds in order to Balance Major Account Classifications**

**Whereas,** The Board of Trustees of Jennings County Schools is not scheduled to have a meeting between September 7, 2023, and September 21, 2023, and,

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

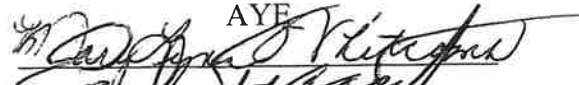

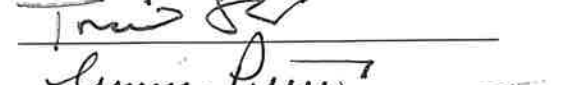
**Whereas,** It is deemed to be in the public interest to ensure that adequate appropriations are available within the major classification.


**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 2023 Education, Debt Service, and Operations Funds between September 7, 2023 and September 21, 2023.

Be it further resolved that an appropriation transfer report for this period is to be presented to the Board for final action on or before the last regularly scheduled Board meeting in September 2023.

**Resolution #: Bus2023-009**                      Adopted this 7th day of September, 2023.

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

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ATTEST:   
Secretary

## AGREEMENT

### COMMON SCHOOL FUND

**THIS AGREEMENT** made by and between the Indiana Common School Fund, herein after referred to as the Party of the First Part, and

Jennings County Schools  
34 W Main St  
North Vernon, IN 47265-1706

Here in after referred to as the Party of the Second Part, **WITNESS:**

**WHEREAS**, said Party of the Second Part has heretofore made application for an advancement in the sum of *Three Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$386,000.00)* from the Indiana Common School Fund for the purpose of the purchase of data processing instructional equipment for said consolidated school corporation and;

**WHEREAS**, said Party of the First Part has heretofore determined that said Second Party has qualified for such advancement according to the terms and provisions of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana for 1983, Public Law 216, and is entitled, in accordance with provisions of said Act to the advancement of a maximum sum of *Three Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$386,000.00)* upon producing prescribed documentation that portions of said money has been committed for such purchases, and is not payable, and in accordance with the provisions of said Act, and;

**WHEREAS**, said Party of the Second Part has done and performed all things necessary on its part to be done and performed in order to receive such advancement as herein above mentioned and;

**WHEREAS**, it is mutually agreed by the Parties herein, that said *Three Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$386,000.00)* will be retained in said Indiana Common School Fund, until specific amounts are withdrawn upon the documentation provided above.

**IT IS THEREFORE AGREED** by and between the Parties that in consideration of the promise of said First Party to advance said sum of *Three Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$386,000.00)* to said Second Party, that the said Second Party agrees to use said funds in accordance with the terms and provisions of Public Law 216, Acts of the General Assembly of 1983.

**SAID** Second Party further agrees that said sum of *Three Hundred Eighty Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$386,000.00)* shall be returned by it to the Indiana Common School Fund by the deductions from any monies due it as its distributive share from State Tuition Fund, at the times and in the amounts as follows:

August 21, 2023

The deductions from the State School Tuition Fund shall include the principal together with 1.0000% interest on the outstanding balance thereof at the time of such respective deductions, as set out in the redemption table, all set out by said statute.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this *18th* day of *August, 2023*.

THE INDIANA COMMON SCHOOL FUND  
Party of the First Part

By: *Michael Frick*  
Deputy Treasurer

ATTEST:

By: *Christina Thomas*  
Account Clerk

*Jennings County Schools*  
Party of the Second Part

By: *Lenny Pettit*

ATTEST:

By: *Patrick R. Sullivan*

August 21, 2023

STATE OF INDIANA \*\* R E D E M P T I O N   T A B L E \*\*   T R E A S U R E R  
COMMON SCHOOL FUND   R E P A Y M E N T   S C H E D U L E   S T A T E   O F   I N D I A N A  
ADVANCEMENT OF COMMON SCHOOL FUND  
LOAN FOR JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOLS  
LOAN NO.: B0399

No. of Years	5	Accrued Interest to Starting Date:	\$1,427.67
Interest Rate:	1.0000%	Amount of Advancement:	\$386,000.00

Dates of Semi-Annual Distribution	Amount of Interest Withheld	Amount of Principal Withheld	Interest and Principal Withheld	Outstanding Balance of Advancement
Jan 01 2024	1,427.67	38,600.00	40,027.67	347,400.00
Jul 01 2024	1,737.00	38,600.00	40,337.00	308,800.00
Jan 01 2025	1,544.00	38,600.00	40,144.00	270,200.00
Jul 01 2025	1,351.00	38,600.00	39,951.00	231,600.00
Jan 01 2026	1,158.00	38,600.00	39,758.00	193,000.00
Jul 01 2026	965.00	38,600.00	39,565.00	154,400.00
Jan 01 2027	772.00	38,600.00	39,372.00	115,800.00
Jul 01 2027	579.00	38,600.00	39,179.00	77,200.00
Jan 01 2028	386.00	38,600.00	38,986.00	38,600.00
Jul 01 2028	193.00	38,600.00	38,793.00	0.00
	10,112.67	386,000.00	396,112.67	

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ACCRUED INTEREST REPORT  
LOAN NO: B0399

Accrual Date: 01/01/2024

Interest Rate: 1.0000

Draw Amount	Draw Date	Days Outstanding	Factor	Interest Due
0.00	12/08/2022	388	0.010630	0.00
386,000.00	08/18/2023	135	0.003699	1,427.67
			Total Due	<u>1,427.67</u>

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**WHEREAS**, said Party of the Second Part has heretofore made application for an advancement in the sum of *Three Hundred Eighty One Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$381,000.00)* from the Indiana Common School Fund for the purpose of the purchase of data processing instructional equipment for said consolidated school corporation and;

**WHEREAS**, said Party of the First Part has heretofore determined that said Second Party has qualified for such advancement according to the terms and provisions of the Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana for 1983, Public Law 216, and is entitled, in accordance with provisions of said Act to the advancement of a maximum sum of *Three Hundred Eighty One Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$381,000.00)* upon producing prescribed documentation that portions of said money has been committed for such purchases, and is not payable, and in accordance with the provisions of said Act, and;

**WHEREAS**, said Party of the Second Part has done and performed all things necessary on its part to be done and performed in order to receive such advancement as herein above mentioned and;

**WHEREAS**, it is mutually agreed by the Parties herein, that said *Three Hundred Eighty One Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$381,000.00)* will be retained in said Indiana Common School Fund, until specific amounts are withdrawn upon the documentation provided above.

**IT IS THEREFORE AGREED** by and between the Parties that in consideration of the promise of said First Party to advance said sum of *Three Hundred Eighty One Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$381,000.00)* to said Second Party, that the said Second Party agrees to use said funds in accordance with the terms and provisions of Public Law 216, Acts of the General Assembly of 1983.

**SAID** Second Party further agrees that said sum of *Three Hundred Eighty One Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$381,000.00)* shall be returned by it to the Indiana Common School Fund by the deductions from any monies due it as its distributive share from State Tuition Fund, at the times and in the amounts as follows:

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By: Michael Frick  
Deputy Treasurer

ATTEST:

By: Christina Thomas  
Account Clerk

*Jennings County Schools*  
Party of the Second Part

By: Conny Pettit

ATTEST:

By: Patrick R. Sullivan

August 21, 2023



ACCRUED INTEREST REPORT  
LOAN NO: B0431

Accrual Date: 01/01/2024

Interest Rate: 1.0000

Draw Amount	Draw Date	Days Outstanding	Factor	Interest Due
0.00	05/11/2023	234	0.006411	0.00
381,000.00	08/18/2023	135	0.003699	1,409.18
			Total Due	<u>1,409.18</u>

- North Vernon Kiwanis \$25.00 Gift Card Winners:
  - Stephanie Puckett
  - Kim Chilman
  - Tammy Galloway
  - Andrea Kent
  - Kaycee Downey
  - Jennifer Barber
  - Krista Lane
  - Jacqueline Graves

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the above donations. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. *Attachment* - A Resolution to allow the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to make transfers of appropriation within the Education, Debt Service, and Operations Funds between September 7, 2023 and September 21, 2023 in order to Balance Major Account Classifications.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve this resolution. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

3. *Attachment* - Common School Loan B0399 Fund Agreement Schedule, Approval  
Mr. Marsh stated that on October 6, 2022 the Board approved permission to apply for a Common School Loan for the purchase of Chromebooks and asked for approval to accept the fund agreement schedule. This is the final paperwork that needs to be signed and sent back to State Board of Accounts.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve Common School Loan B0399 agreement. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

4. *Attachment* - Common School Loan B0431 Fund Agreement Schedule, Approval  
Mr. Marsh stated that on March 9, 2023 the Board approved permission to apply for a Common School Loan for the purchase of additional Chromebooks and asked for approval to accept the fund agreement schedule. This is the final paperwork that needs to be signed and sent back to the State Board of Accounts. Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve Common School Loan B0431 agreement. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. August Fund Report

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

#### E. Property (Policy 7000)

1. Martin Riley Architects 2024 Roof Proposal at various JCSC Locations, Inform  
Mr. Marsh stated that this is an inform for the 2024 Roof Proposal at various JCSC locations.

#### F. Relations (Policy 9000)

1. Ivy Tech Community College – Columbus, MOU for the 2023-2024 Dual Credit Program with Jennings County High School, Approval
2. Southeast Indiana Workforce Investment Board (JAG) MOU with JCSC, Approval
3. Foster Grandparent Program 2023-2026 MOU with JCSC, Approval
4. Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge MOU with Hayden Elementary School, Approval.

Dr. Pettit suggested taking these 4 MOU's as a group.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the above 4 MOU's. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,509,705.86 (claims 14,325 – 14,491) and payroll in the amount of \$1,216,721.64 (check date 8/31/2023). These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Updates

1. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 8/07/2023.

This item was included in the board packet.

2. Other

➤ Mrs. Johnson thanked our parents at JCMS & JCHS for the good turnout for Parent/Teacher Conferences. We appreciate all the parent involvement.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Mr. Sullivan 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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Amy Pettit - President

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Travis Shepherd

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Chelsea Morrison - Vice President

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Earl Taggart

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Pat Sullivan - Secretary

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Mary Lynn Whitcomb

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Cheryl Miller