

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
September 5, 2024

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on September 5, 2024 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):

- (3) For discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans and systems. *IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(3)*.
- (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, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Earl Taggart, Mary Lynn Whitcomb, Chelsea Morrison and Travis Shepherd. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh and Lisa Hearne were also in attendance.

The executive session adjourned at 6:55 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 is also available to live stream the Regular Board meeting from your home:

<https://youtube.com/live/CLnw-nQ2Cbs?feature=share>

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Earl Taggart, Mary Lynn Whitcomb, Chelsea Morrison and Travis Shepherd. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Todd Ebinger, Amanda Sullivan, Lisa Hearne and Board Executive Secretary Deb Johnson 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 is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be 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 will be presented for approval without discussion:

- III. Minutes;
- VIB1. Field Trips;
- VIC1. Professional Staff: Leaves;
- VIC2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIC3. Professional Staff: Transfers;
- VIC6. Conference Requests;
- VID1. Support Staff: Leaves;
- VID2. Support Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VID3. Support Staff: Transfers;
- VID6. 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 will be shared with the Board:

- VIE6. August Fund Report.
- VIIIA1. Area Planning Commission Minutes, 8/5/2024.
- VIIIA2. Essential Service Committee Minutes, 8/20/2024.

Agenda

- I. Pledge
The President opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 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 22, 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.
There were no comments.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Programs (Policy 2000)
None at this time.
 - B. Finances (Policy 6000)
None at this time.
 - C. Operations (Policy 8000)
None at this time.

D. Property (Policy 7000)

1. JCHS CTE Project, Update.

Mr. Marsh stated we are about 95% complete with the JCHS CTE project. There are just a few things left in the culinary area to be completed.

VI. New Business

A. NEOLA

- NEOLA (*NEW*) Policy 0164, Notice of Meeting, First Reading.
 - Rescind PO 0164.1, 0164.2, 0164.3, 0164.5 and 0164.6
- NEOLA (*NEW*) Policy 0165, Notice of Board Meetings, First Reading.
 - Rescind PO 0165.1, 0165.2, 0165.3, 0165.4 and 0165.5

Dr. Johnson stated no substantial changes to the NEOLA policies that are combining several smaller policies into one policy number.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Field Trips

None at this time.

C. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Madalyn Simmons, NVE Sped Teacher, resignation effective 9/3/2024.

This resignation was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Transfers

None at this time.

4. STEM Contact for 2024-2025, Approval.

- Vi Davis - Scipio Elementary

Mrs. Hearne requested approval for STEM contact as read.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. Recommendations

None at this time.

6. Conference Requests

- Jeff Morrison, IHSWCA Fall Clinic, Marriot, Indianapolis, IN, 10/10-10/11/2024.
- Brad Briggs, National Association of Ag Educators/ACTE Career Tech Vision 2024, San Antonio, TX Convention Center, 12/1-12/7/2024.

These conferences were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

D. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

- Kathy McPeck, SCE Sped Para Pro, Leave effective 8/26/2024-9/6/2024.
- Madison Voss, Hayden Elementary Para Pro, Maternity Leave effective dates 9/22/2024-01/06/2025.

These leaves were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Adam Tucker, JCHS 2nd Shift Custodian, resignation effective 8/29/2024.

This resignation was approved without discussion as consent agenda item.

3. Transfers
 - Marcia McGill, correction from 8/22/2024 meeting: job title: JCSC Bus Assistant, 8 hr. / day to 6 hr. / day, effective 8/6/2024.
This correction to transfers was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.
 4. Bus Aide Pay Scale Revision, Approval.
Mr. Marsh requested to put in an adder for the Bus Aide pay scale to drive students to and from the schools for the deaf and blind.
Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve the adder on the pay scale. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
 5. Recommendations
 - Robin Coquerille, JCMS 7th Grade Head Girls Basketball Coach, \$2,889.00 stipend, effective 9/6/2024.
 - Kevin Gray, JCMS 8th Grade Girls Assistant Basketball Coach, \$2,336.001 stipend, effective 9/6/2024.
 - Kindra Irwin, SCE Sped Para Pro, \$14.00 / hr. x 7.5 hrs. per day, effective 8/27/2024.
 - Levi Ross, JCMS 8th Grade Girls Head Basketball Coach, \$2,889.00 stipend, effective 9/6/2024.
 Mrs. Hearne requested to approve all recommendations as read.
Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve all recommendations. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
 6. Conference Requests
None at this time.
- E. Finances (Policy 6000)
1. Donations, Approval.
 - NVIC, \$250.00 to HE used for 4th grade classes to build lemonade stands to use during events throughout the year, Approval.
 - Decatur Mold, \$1,125.00 to HOPE Food Program, Approval.
 - Joy of Giving, INC, \$4,500.00 to HOPE Food Program, Approval.
 - Chuck & Kathy Olds, \$20.00 to JCHS Social Studies Department in memory of Jim Harr, Approval.
 - Rosemary Edens, \$50.00 to JCHS Social Studies Department in memory of Jim Harr, Approval.
 - Powerlift Tri-State Hydraulic Doors, \$500.00 to JCHS PBIS, Approval.
 - Powerlift Tri-State Hydraulic Doors, \$1,000.00 to JCHS Hurley's Hooligans, Approval.
 - Shea Dances, LLC, \$250.00 to JCHS Hurley's Hooligans, Approval.
 - North Vernon Kiwanis \$50.00 Gift Card Winners:
 - Jennifer George
 - Courtney Kreutzjans
 - Brooke Musser
 - Julie Green
 - Sara Wathen
 - Wendy Shoop
 - Karen Jackson
 - Trish Speer

Mrs. Marsh requested approval for all donations as read.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve all donations. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. 2025 JCSC Budget, 3rd Presentation, Inform.

Mr. Marsh presented a small reduction in debt services area and changes were reviewed.

3. 2025 JCSC Capital Project Plan – 2nd Presentation, Inform.

Mr. Marsh informed the public there were no changes in the Capital Project Plan.

4. 2025 JCSC Bus Replacement Plan – 2nd Presentation, Inform.

Mr. Marsh informed the public that there were no changes to the Bus Replacement Plan.

5. Permission to Advertise 2024 General Obligation Bond Public Hearing, Approval.

Mr. Marsh is requesting to advertise 2024 General Obligation Bond Public Hearing on 10/3/2024.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the posting for the General Obligation Bond.

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

6. August Fund Report.

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

- F. Property (Policy 7000)

None at this time.

- G. Operations (Policy 8000)

1. Permission the Lease of Four Buses through Mercedes-Benz Financial Services, USA LLC, Approval.

Mr. Marsh had previously requested to lease four buses as an inform on February 2024. These four buses are finally ready to be delivered and requesting to go ahead and approve the lease.

Mr. Taggart made motion to approve the lease. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

- H. Relations (Policy 9000)

None at this time.

- VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$2,175,375.31 (claims 101804 – 102090) and payroll in the amount of \$1,269,436.00 (check date 8/30/2024).

These claims were approved without discussion as a consent agenda items.

- VIII. Other

Dr. Johnson asked for a pay increase for all classified staff, \$.50 per hour on all base pay, effective 2024-2025 school year, Approval.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the classified pay scale increase. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

- A. Updates.

1. Area Planning Commission Minutes, 8/5/2024.

2. Essential Service Committee Minutes, 8/20/2024.

The above items (A1 & A2) were included in the board packet.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Sullivan made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Board Meeting will be September 19, 2024 in the Board Room of the Jennings County School Corporation Central Office, 34 West Main Street, North Vernon, IN 47265. The regular meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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.

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