

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
April 10, 2025

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on April 10, 2025 at 5:30 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):

(2D) A real property transaction including:

- (i.) a purchase;
- (ii.) a lease as lessor;
- (iii.) a lease as lessee;
- (iv.) a transfer;
- (v.) an exchange; or
- (vi.) a sale;

By the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including *IC 36-1-10* or *36-1-11*.

(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)*.

(6) With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction:
(A) to receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct;
IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6).

(8) To discuss before a placement decision an individual student's abilities, past performance, behavior, and needs. *IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(8)*.

(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, Chelsea Morrison, Travis Shepherd and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistant Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Lisa Hearne were also in attendance.

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:44 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 will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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

<https://youtube.com/live/gMcLfH1wn-E?feature=share>

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Earl Taggart, Chelsea Morrison, Travis Shepherd and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. 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. Professional Staff: Leaves;
- VIB2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIB3. Conference Requests;
- VIC1. Support Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIC2. Support Staff: Transfers;
- 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:

- VID3. March Fund Report
- VIIIA1. Area Planning Commission Meeting Minutes, 3/3/2025.
- VIIIA2. Essential Service Committee Meeting Minutes, 3/18/2025.

Agenda

- I. Pledge
The President will open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
The President, Dr. Amy Pettit opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She reminded everyone that we are live streaming this board meeting and welcomed those joining us via the web and those present in person.
- 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 March 13, 2025.
These minutes were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.
- IV. Community Non-Agenda Items
 - BCE presentation
Dr. Johnson introduced Mrs. Likens who introduced our Brush Creek Pre-K students which presented on what they have been learning in the classroom that consisted of songs, sited their rhyming words and blending words. Mrs. Likens introduced Kristi Rice, BCE Literacy Coach that shared some of the things BCE

students have been working on. Mrs. Likens shared that BCE has a goal of 250 points for Accelerated Reading Program. These students have exceeded those goals astronomically. Mrs. Likens awarded the following students with a certificate for going above and beyond the AR goal: Maggie Hillen, Havah King and Hannah Mahoy. Congratulations!

- JCMS presentation

Mr. Shoultz introduced Mrs. Garrett and the students competing in the National History Day competition located at Hanover College (Whitney Barber, Ayden Chen, Delainey Ritz, Macey Willhite, Coraline Stevens and Mia Gassaway). The State competition will be April 26, 2025.

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

Marcia Boardman addressed bullying in our schools. Dr. Pettit stated that we are deeply committed to all Jennings County students to make sure that they have a safe learning environment and that we take any and all allegations of bullying very seriously. If any parent has a concern, we want to know so we can help. We have resources to assist. Dr. Pettit stated that there are several ways to share your concerns: by emailing the teacher, counselor, or administrators, sending a message on Parent Square, or reporting anonymously on the website. If you feel like you have reported something and it is not getting addressed, please contact Central Office for further assistance in order to help resolve any issues. Dr. Johnson, Mrs. Manowitz, Mrs. Sullivan and Mr. Ebinger can be reached at Central Office number is 812-346-4483. Direct contact and communication is vital in order to provide necessary help to our students and to our families. We are dedicated to making sure any issues are addressed.

V. Old Business

A. NEOLA, Approval.

- NEOLA, Policy 6320, Purchasing, Second Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 6320.01 (*rescind*) Purchasing Using Online Reverse Auctions, Second Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 5610, Suspension and Expulsion of Students, Second Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 6140 (*New*), Depository Agreements, Second Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 6250, Required ADM Counts for the Purpose of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership, Second Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 8420, Emergency Preparedness Plans and Drills, Second Reading.

Dr. Johnson requested approval for the policies.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the policies as read. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VI. New Business

A. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Say Something Program-Sandy Hook Promise, Inform.

Dr. Johnson introduced information about the Say Something Program-Sandy Hook Promise. This is an app and a website for an anonymous reporting system for anyone to use for reporting on school safety, suicide, self-harm and bullying.

2. School Number for the Online/Virtual School, Approval.

Mrs. Manowitz requested to file for a separate school number for our new online/virtual school to allow data tracking.

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

B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

- Christine White, Teacher, Administrative Leave, effective 3/14/2025-3/18/2025, Approval.

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

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Amber Hook, Scipio Elementary Instructional Coach, resignation effective end of 2024-2025 school year, Approval.
- Christine White, Teacher, resignation effective 3/19/2025, Approval.

These resignations were approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

3. Conference Requests

- Carrie Manowitz, Title Con, Plainfield, IN., April 15-16, 2025.

This conference was approved with discussion as a consent agenda item.

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Resignations/Retirements

- Tyler Brown, JCHS Custodian/Grounds Keeper, resignation effective 4/8/2025, Approval.
- Paula George, BCE Para Pro, resignation effective end of 2024-2025 school year, Approval.
- Tina Littrell, JCSC Administrative Assistant-Accounts Payable, retirement effective 8/29/2025, Approval.
- Myra McCall, Scipio Elementary SPED Para Pro, resignation effective end of 2024-2025 school year, Approval.
- Christina Wagers, JCHS Custodian (2nd Shift), resignation effective 3/26/2025, Approval.
- Drinda Mason Wilcox, JCMS Nurse, resignation effective 3/31/2025, Approval.
- Jennifer Wilson, Scipio Elementary Para Pro, resignation effective 3/14/2025, Approval.

These resignations and retirements were approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

2. Transfers

- Greg Diss, JCSC Permanent Floating Sub Bus Driver to JCSC 29 hr. Bus Driver, effective 4/1/2025, Approval.

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

3. Permission to Post Summer Support Positions, Approval.

- 4 Technology Positions
- 8 Custodian Positions
- 3 Grounds Worker Positions
- 1 Central Office Assistant Positions

Mrs. Hearne requested to post Summer Support positions.

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

4. Recommendations

- Jennifer Campbell, JCSC Permanent Floating Sub Cook, \$14.75 / hr. x 7 hrs. per day, effective 4/11/2025, Approval.
- Damien Dixon, JCMS Volunteer Track & Field Coach, effective 4/11/2025, Approval.
- James Hiday, JCHS Custodian (2nd Shift), \$14.00 / hr. x 8 hrs. per day, effective 4/1/2025, Approval.

Mrs. Hearne requested approval. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve recommendations. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

D. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval.

- Brush Creek Elementary, Approval.
 - Brush Creek PTO, \$35.00 to the 6th Grade Celebration.
 - Liz Cummins, \$100.00 for student snacks.
- JCSC donations, Approval.
 - Biehle Family Dentistry, 400 Toothbrushes and 400 Toothpaste for Kindergarten Roundup to all elementaries (estimated value \$1,450.00).
 - Expert Eye Care, 400 Coloring Book Pamphlets for Kindergarten Roundup to all elementaries (estimated value \$1,200.00).
 - Jennings County Health Dept., Stop the Bleed Kits (estimated value \$3,825.25) for all schools.
- JCHS donations, Approval.
 - Cheryl Todorovich Wade, \$1,000.00 to Touch of Class End of School Year Party.
- Sand Creek Elementary donations, Approval.
 - Jennings County Retired Teachers, Classroom Teacher Grant
 - Kate Gray -- \$400.00
 - Leslie Peacock -- \$140.00
 - NVIC, \$200.00 for Escape Room Club.
- Scipio Elementary donations, Approval.
 - Jennings County Retired Teachers, Classroom Teacher Grant
 - Casey Ernstes -- \$571.89

Mr. Marsh requested approval. Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve all donations. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. IDOE Rural Non-Congregate Summer Meal Food Program, Approval.

Dr. Johnson requested to approve the free summer food program for families with children 18 years of age or younger, offering five days of meals, one time per week. Pickup will be on Wednesdays during the months of June and July for curbside pickup at JCHS.

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

3. March Fund Report

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

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,783,188.13 (claims 105520 – 105943) and payroll in the amount of \$1,293,193.36 (check date 3/31/2025). These claims were approved without discussion as a consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

Dr. Pettit introduced a pamphlet of community resources and supports for any community member that would be interested. Copies are available for the public upon request located at Central Office.

A. Updates.

1. Area Planning Commission Meeting Minutes, 3/3/2025.
2. Essential Service Committee Meeting Minutes, 3/18/2025.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Mr. Taggart seconded the motion. Adjourned. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Board Meeting will be April 24, 2025 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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