

**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Central Administration Office Building**  
**Executive Session**  
**Regular Board Meeting Agenda**  
**August 8, 2024**

**Executive Session:** The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on August 8, 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, Chelsea Morrison, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Travis Shepherd. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Philip Marsh and Lisa Hearne were also in attendance. Administrative Assistant Carrie Manowitz was absent.

The executive session adjourned at 6:54 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 also available to live stream the Regular Board meeting from your home:

<https://youtube.com/live/ONZIF6UIF9E?feature=share>

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Chelsea Morrison, Pat Sullivan, Earl Taggart, Cheryl Miller, Travis Shepherd and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Philip Marsh, Todd Ebinger, Mandy Sullivan, Lisa Hearne and Board Executive Secretary Deb Johnson were also in attendance. Administrative Assistant Carrie Manowitz was not 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;
- VIA4. 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;
- VIC6. 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:

VID4. July Fund Report

## **Agenda**

- I. Pledge  
The President opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Dr. Pettit welcomed those in attendance and reminded everyone that we are live streaming tonight's meeting.
- II. Consent Agenda Items  
Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve consent agenda items. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- III. Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of July 25, 2024.  
These 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 any items on the agenda or any other topic.  
There were no comments.
- V. Old Business
  - A. Property (Policy 7000)
    - 1. JCHS CTE Project, Update.  
Mr. Marsh stated the CTE project at JCHS is coming along nicely, however we have been experiencing some supplier delays on deliveries. Health Science students were very excited to arrange the classroom. Culinary area appliances are being installed. Advanced Manufacturing welders are due to arrive within the week and will be scheduled to install. Overall, construction is coming along nicely.

## VI. New Business

### A. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Certified Staff Evaluation Tool 2024-2025, Inform.  
Dr. Johnson stated that it is an annual requirement to share our evaluation plan. There are no changes from last year's tool. All information will be shared with the JCCTA and will be brought back at the end of the month for approval.
2. Enrollment Update, Inform.  
Dr. Johnson shared our current enrollment number of 3,709 students. She thanked students, staff and parents for a great start to the new year.
3. Go Math Textbook disposal, Approval.  
Dr. Johnson stated that we have adopted iReady for our new math series. The old math series has been offered to students and families several times, so we are asking to dispose of the remaining obsolete math series.  
Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the disposal. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
4. Field Trips  
None at this time.

### B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves
  - Baylee Craddock, HE Teacher, Maternity Leave effective 9/3/2024-1/6/2025.  
This leave was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.
2. Resignations/Retirements
  - Ed Ertel, JCHS Guidance Director/Counselor, retirement effective end of 2026-2027 school year.
  - Jason Gambrel, JCMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach, resignation effective 7/29/2024.
  - Susan Kinney, JCHS Teacher, retirement effective end of 2026-2027 school year.
  - Adrian Kirchner, JCHS JV Basketball Coach (Boys), resignation effective 8/2/2024.
  - Krista Lane, JCMS Teacher, resignation effective 7/26/2024.

These resignations /retirements were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.
3. Transfers
  - Michael McBride, JCHS English to JCHS Impact / Alternative Education, effective 8/1/2024.
  - Breann Mefford, JCMS Sped Teacher to BCE Teacher, transfer effective 8/1/2024.
  - Pam Sporleder, BCE Teacher to JCMS Math Teacher, effective 8/1/2024.

These transfers were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.
4. Recommendations
  - Hannah Alexander, NVE Teacher, \$56,000 /year at 185 days, effective 8/1/2024.
  - Todd Hearne, JCS Safety Coordinator, up to 5 additional days / yr. at \$464.19 /day, effective 8/9/2024.

- Cameron Mills, JCHS Spanish Teacher (*correction of salary amt.*) to \$47,900 / year, effective 8/1/2024.

Recommendation (*Pending Hiring Requirements*)

- Lauryn Miller, NVE Music Teacher, \$46,100.00 / year.
- Chealsy Parr, JCMS Guidance Counselor, \$53,300.00 / year.

Dr. Johnson requested all recommendations be approved as read.

Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve all recommendations. Ms.

Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no, Approved.

5. Conference Requests

None at this time.

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Abigail Banks, SCE Para Pro, resignation effective 8/5/2024.
- Ken Bock, JCSC Floating Bus Driver, resignation effective 7/29/2024.
- Lorrie Goins, JCHS Classroom SpEd Nurse, resignation effective 11/1/2024.
- Bridget Jagger, SCE Sped Para Pro, resignation effective 7/14/2024.
- Stephanie Raymer, SCE Sped Para Pro, resignation effective 8/19/2024.
- Pilar “Pete” Rivera, Jr., SCE 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Lead Custodian, resignation effective 7/31/2024.
- Amy Shepherd, NVE Para Pro, resignation effective 7/24/2024.

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

3. Transfers

- Alicia Lack, JCHS Sped Para Pro, full-time to part-time, effective 8/6/2024.

This transfer was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

4. SLPA Pay Scale, Approval.

Mr. Marsh requested approval for a non-certified pay scale for a Speech Language Pathologist Assistant.

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

5. Recommendations

- Andrea Corya-York, NVE Para Pro, \$13.50 / hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 8/6/2024.
- Gregory Diss, JCSC Floating Bus Driver, \$15.50 / hr. x 6 hrs. day, effective 8/6/2024.
- Gracie Earl, SCE Para Pro, \$14.00 / hr. x 7 hrs. / day, effective 8/6/2024.
- Nicole Phelps, JCSC Floating Bus Driver, \$17.50 / hr. x 8 hrs. / day, effective 8/6/2024.
- Megan Stevens, JCHS Girls Cross Country Coach, \$2,889.00 stipend, effective 8/8/2024.
- Makayla Stidham, JCHS Sped Para Pro, \$14.70 / hr. x 7 hrs. / day, effective 8/6/2024.
- Shyann Young, NVE Sped Para Pro, \$15.50 / hr. x 7 hrs. / day, effective 8/6/2024.

Recommendation (*Pending Hiring Requirements*)

- Michel Beaty, JCHS Para Pro (HUB), \$16.45 / hr. x 7 hrs. / day, effective 8/12/2024.
- Macie Cowan, SCE Sped Para Pro (split schedule 3 days / wk.), \$14.00 / hr. x 7 hrs. / day, effective 8/8/2024.
- Katrina Holley, NVE Sped Para Pro, \$14.75/ hr. x 8 hrs. / day, effective 8/12/2024.
- Bonnie Jones, JCHS Library Para Pro, \$14.50 / hrs. x 8 hrs. for 185 days, effective 8/12/2024.
- Skyann Lovitt, NVE Sped Para Pro, \$14.75 / hr. x 8 hrs., effective 8/9/2024.
- Katie Lykins, Scipio Elementary Nurse, \$27.50 / hr. x 8 hrs. / day, effective 8/5/2024.
- Misty Proctor, Scipio Elementary Custodian 2<sup>nd</sup> shift, \$13.50 / hr. x 8 hrs. / day, effective 8/12/2024.
- Summer Ritz, SCE Para Pro, \$13.50 / hrs. x 7 hrs. / day, effective 8/9/2024.
- Adam Tucker, JCHS Custodian 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, \$14.00 / hrs. x 8 hrs. / day, effective 8/7/2024.

Mrs. Hearne requested approval for all recommendations as read.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve all recommendations as read. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no, Approved.

6. Conference Requests

None at this time.

D. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval.

- Anonymous, \$160.00 donation to BCE for student snacks, Approval.
- Dawn Koors, \$200.00 donation to BCE for student snacks, Approval.
- Walmart, \$1,500.00 Spark Good local grant to JCHS School Supply Shop, Approval.
- St. Vincent Ascension, \$5,000.00 donation to JCMS for student P.E. Shirts, Approval.

Mr. Marsh requested for all donations to be approved as read.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve donations as read. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no, Approved.

2. 2025 JCSC Budget, 1st Presentation, Inform.

Mr. Marsh presented The 2025 JCSC budget and introduced each fund plan. There will be another presentation and a hearing. The process will be concluded on or by October 3, 2024.

3. Resolution, Approval.

- a. *Resolution BUS2024-009* – A resolution to allow the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to make transfers of appropriation within the Education, Debt Service, and Operations Funds between August 8, 2024 and August 22, 2024 in order to Balance Major Account Classifications.

Mr. Marsh requested approval to move money around within funds to Balance Major Account Classifications.

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

4. July Fund Report

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

E. Property (Policy 7000)

None at this time

F. Operations (Policy 8000)

None at this time

G. Relations (Policy 9000)

1. MOU between Wilson Education Service Center and JCSC for Procurement Agreement, Approval.

Dr. Johnson requested approval for a Procurement Agreement with Wilson Education Center in order to buy goods and products at a reduced rate.

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

2. MOU between Vincennes University and Sand Creek Elementary, Approval.

Dr. Johnson requested approval for an annual agreement for student teaching placement with Vincennes University, particularly with Sand Creek Elementary.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the MOU with Vincennes University.

Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no, Approved.

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,045,928.60 (claims 101330 – 101472).

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

VIII. Other

Dr. Johnson wants to say thank you to our community, our Law Enforcement Officers, teachers and our parents for making our first week of school a success!

A. Updates.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Morrison made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no, Approved.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next Regular Board Meeting will be August 22, 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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