

**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Central Administration Office Building**  
**Executive Session**  
**Regular Board Meeting Agenda**  
**February 13, 2025**

**Executive Session:** The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on February 13, 2025 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).*
- (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).*
- (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, Travis Shepherd, Earl Taggart, Chelsea Morrison and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistant Carrie Manowitz was also in attendance.

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:59 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/K67X4Nhibl8?feature>

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Travis Shepherd, Earl Taggart, Chelsea Morrison and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Todd Ebinger, Amanda Sullivan, 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;
- VIB3. Field Trips;
- VIC1. Professional Staff: Leaves;
- VIC2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VID1. Support Staff: Leaves;
- VID2. Support Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VID3. Support Staff: Transfers;
- VID5. 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:

- VIE3. January Fund Report

## **Agenda**

- I. Pledge  
The President, Dr. Amy Pettit opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She reminded everyone that we are live streaming this board meeting tonight 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. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- III. Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of January 23, 2025.  
These minutes were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.
- IV. Community Non-Agenda Items
  - Recognition of 2024-2025 Fall Sports Achievements - Girls Volleyball.  
Dr. Johnson recognized Jennings County Lady Panthers Volleyball Team and Achievements for 2024-2025 season. Team members present were Sydney Kegley, Lauren Hauersperger, Addison Martin, Mallory Manowitz, Avynn Belding, Alexis Fox, Aniston Kent, Brooklyn Woods, Emma Wathen, Lydia Martin, Kenna Sentz, Madelyn Maschino, Kylee Barlow, Aylah Belding, Sylvia Kovacich, Paige Hack, Abrey Belding, Lilly Franks, Ava Ebbing, Karmindy Lowman, Kaydence Lowman, Kassidy Warren, Riley Burton, Alydia Sorenson and Ilene Hifo, accompanied by their coaches LeAna Matern, Ashley Martin, Emma Shockley and Jalana Belding. The Board congratulated the team on all their accomplishments during the season.
  - JCHS eSports Team.  
Dr. Johnson welcomed JCHS eSports Team, Dylan Hubble, Jeremiah Graham, Seth Shepherd, Noah Crater, Nolan Sochacki, Sam Hauersperger, Josey Barger. JCHS eSports Team members Vincent Anderson and Zac King were not in attendance. Coach Keenan Castetter stated that Jennings County eSports was

assembled almost one year ago and is showing a positive impact on all students participating.

- The President will ask if anyone would like to speak on any items on the agenda or any other topic.  
None at this time.

V. Old Business

A. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Physical Education 3542 Waiver, Approval.

Mrs. Manowitz asked for approval for the Physical Education Waiver that will start with 2025-2026 Freshman class.

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

VI. New Business

A. NEOLA

- NEOLA, Policy 0164, Notice of Meetings (T.C.), First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 0164.4 (*rescind*), Meeting on the Board Defined, First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 0165, Board Meetings, First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 0172, Legal Counsel (T.C.), First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 1213.01, Staff-Student Relations (T.C.), First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 1220, Employment of the Superintendent, First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 1230, Responsibilities of the Superintendent, First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 1617, Weapons, First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 2312 (*rescind*), Class Size, First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 2623, Student Assessment, First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 3217, Weapons, First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 3220.02, Supplemental Payments for Teachers, First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 4217, Weapons, First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 5410, Promotion, Placement, and Retention, First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 5460, Graduation Requirements, First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 5772, Weapons, First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 7217, Possession of Firearms, First Reading.

Dr. Johnson informed the board on several policies for first reading.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. JCHS School Improvement Team and MTSS, Inform.

Dr. Johnson introduced Mr. Roller and JCHS School Improvement Team to discuss positive results regarding planning and implementation to help our students in areas like attendance, course failures, on-track for graduation and improving our graduation rate through MTSS (Multi-tiered Systems of Support), SRT (Student Resource Time) and PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support).

2. Enrollment Update, Inform.

Dr. Johnson gave an update on current enrollment as 3,659 students, while the fall count was 3,719. This number does not include 34 mid-term graduates.

3. Field Trips

- Eric Kelley, JCHS Key Club, Indianapolis, IN, 2/28-3/2/2025, Approval. This field trip was approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

C. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

- Kaylin Castetter, GCE Teacher, Maternity Leave effective 3/31/2025 to end of 2024-2025 school year, Approval.
- Breann Woods, BCE Teacher, Maternity Leave effective 5/27/2025 to end of 2024-2025 school year, Approval.

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

2. Conference Requests

- Melissa Patterson, Cynthia Law and Tevin Shultz, Indiana School Safety Basic Training, Indianapolis, IN., February 16-17, 2025.

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

D. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

- Makayla Stidham, JCHS SPED Para Pro, Maternity Leave effective 2/7/2025-3/31/2025, Approval.
- Faith Vance, SCE Preschool Para Pro, Maternity Leave effective 1/24/2025-3/28/2025, Approval.

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

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Maci Cowan, SCE SPED Para Pro (part-time), resignation effective 2/7/2025, Approval.
- Lexi Doup, JCSC Bus Assistant, resignation effective 2/13/2025, Approval.
- Karen Franks, JCHS Cook, retirement effective 1/24/2025, Approval.
- Betty Ogez, JCMS Cook, resignation effective 2/21/2025, Approval.
- Britta Vance, JCMS Custodian, resignation effective 2/7/2025, Approval.

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

3. Transfers

- Christina Alexander, FT Sub Cook to JCHS Cook, effective 2/17/2025, Approval.
- This transfer was approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

4. Recommendations

- Sonja Jackson, SCE SPED Para Pro, \$17.00 / hr. x 7 hrs. (180 days), effective 2/10/2025, Approval.
- Brandon Maloy, JCHS Custodian (2<sup>nd</sup> shift), \$14.50 / hr. x 8 hrs., effective 2/10/2025, Approval.
- Austin Martin, JCHS Volunteer Baseball Coach, effective 2/14/2025, Approval.
- Charlene Sproles, SCE Part-time Custodian, \$14.50 / hr. x 20 hrs. per week, effective 2/10/2025, Approval.
- Christina Wagers, JCHS Custodian (2<sup>nd</sup> shift), \$16.50 / hr. x 8 hrs., effective 2/11/2025, Approval.

Mrs. Hearne requested approval for all recommendations as read.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve all recommendations. Mr.

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

5. Conference Requests

- Philip Marsh and Myra Fischvogt, IASBO Annual Meeting, Ft. Wayne, IN., May 7-9, 2025.

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

E. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval.

- BCE donations, Approval.
  - Jill Wahlman, \$100.00 for Student Snacks, Approval.
  - Butlerville Grocery, \$100.00 (approx. value) for student snacks.
  - Anonymous, \$100.00 for student snacks.
  - Floyd & Peggy Bowman, \$100.00 for student snacks.
  - Liz & Justin Tucker and Family, \$100.00 for student snacks.
- JCSC donations, Approval.
  - Jennings County Farm Bureau, Inc., Six Books on Agriculture donating to six elementary schools (estimated value \$17.99 ea.), Approval.
- JCHS donations, Approval.
  - Coffee Creek Conservation Club, \$1,500.00 donation to Academic Honors Programs, Approval.
  - Mark & Pamela Hauersperger, \$200.00 donation to eSports Team, Approval.
  - Toyota Material Handling, Columbus, IN., JC Forklift donation, Approval.
- JCMS, donations, Approval.
  - Alisha Roberts, State Farm Insurance of Columbus, IN, \$280.00 donation for Student Council Field Trip.
  - Wendy's, 60 Frosty Coupons donation for Panther Den IXL Challenge.
- SCE donations, Approval.
  - Jeff Gearries, \$100.00 donation for Megan Mathews KG classroom, Approval.
  - NVIC, \$250.00 donation to Sand Creek Elementary, Karen Pedigo for Library Books, Approval.

Mr. Ebinger requested all donations be approved as read.

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

- Mary Lynn Whitcomb, \$1,000.00 donation for Plaques to Commemorate the 2024 JCHS Volleyball Season, Approval.

Mr. Ebinger requested approval for this donation.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve this donation. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 1 abstain (Ms. Whitcomb)

2. Resolution, Approval.

- a. *Attachment* – **BUS2025-002** – Resolution to allow the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to make transfers of appropriations within Major Funds (Education, Operations, and Rainy Day) to establish the 2025 Budget for the current year for the State Approved Budget Order by Major Account Classification.

Dr. Johnson requested approval for this resolution.

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

3. January Fund Report

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

F. Relations (Policy 9000)

1. MOU between JCSC and Jennings County Health Department, Approval.

Dr. Johnson requested approval for the annual MOU with Jennings County Health Department.

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

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$2,310,164.84 (claims 104534 – 104915) and payroll in the amount of \$1,248,116.29 (check date 1/31/2025).

These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Updates.

None at this time.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Mr. Taggart seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Adjourned.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next Regular Board Meeting will be February 27, 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.

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