

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Regular Board Meeting
July 11, 2024

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on July 11, 2024 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):

- (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 had jurisdiction:
 - (A) to receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct; and
 - (B) to discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee, a student, or an independent contractor who is:
 - i. a physician; or
 - ii. a school bus driver.*IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7)*

- (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, Earl Taggart, Chelsea Morrison, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Travis Shepherd. Pat Sullivan was absent. 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 6:58 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/2cns3ADLLcl?feature=share>

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Chelsea Morrison, Earl Taggart, Cheryl Miller, Travis Shepherd and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. Pat Sullivan was absent. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Philip Marsh, Todd Ebinger, Lisa Hearne and Board Executive Secretary Deb Johnson were also in attendance. Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz and Amanda Sullivan were 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;
- VIA5. 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;
- VIC5. 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:

None at this time.

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. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- III. Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of June 13, 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. NEOLA, Approval.
 - NEOLA Policy 8510, Wellness, Second Reading.
Dr. Johnson asked for approval for NEOLA Policy 8510 for Second Reading for Wellness Policy.
Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the NEOLA policy. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

B. Property (Policy 7000)

1. JCHS CTE Project, Update.

Mr. Marsh presented an update on the CTE project at the High School. All areas are on pace for completion with potential delay on the Culinary Dept. which may be delayed until August 5th due to change to the flooring in just the one room.

VI. New Business

A. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Renewal for Online Programs, Approval.

- Renewal for Google Workspace, Approval.
- Renewal for Kami, Approval.
- Renewal for Seesaw, Approval.
- Renewal for IXL, Approval.
- Renewal for PLTW, Approval.
- Renewal for Parent Square, Approval.
- Renewal for Screencastify, Approval.
- Renewal for Frontline, Approval.

Dr. Johnson requested renewal for all Online Programs that are used in the classrooms and workspace that will be funded by ESSER III.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve all Online Programs. Mr. Taggart seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. 2024-2025 STEM Integration Grant, Approval.

Dr. Johnson stated we were chosen to receive this grant totaling \$73,430 for classroom STEM Integration for supplies, staff training and Project Lead the Way.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve to accept this grant. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

Dr. Pettit expressed her gratitude to Carrie Manowitz and Jennifer Laman for writing this grant to receive funds and their work was much appreciated.

3. Digital Learning Grant, Approval.

Dr. Johnson stated we were selected to receive a competitive grant of \$21,978 for Digital Learning going to virtual reality programs for JCMS students for STEM, PBL and other projects. Dr. Johnson thanked Carrie Manowitz and Mandy Sullivan for writing the grant!

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the grant. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

4. WHAS Crusade for Children, \$10,000 Grant to JCSC, Approval.

Dr. Johnson requested approval to accept the WHAS \$10,000 grant awarded to support JCHS special education department. Dr. Johnson thanked Mandy Sullivan for writing the grant.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve receipt of this grant. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. Field Trips

None at this time.

B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Pamela Eggeman, SCE SPED Self-Contained (Intellectual Disabilities) Teacher, resignation effective 7/11/2024.
- Lindsey Frey, JCMS Choir Teacher, resignation effective 6/11/2024.
- Jennifer Lee, GCE Teacher, resignation effective 7/10/2024.
- Megan Lustig, NVE Teacher, resignation effective 7/1/2024.
- Zabrina Nicholson, JCMS Guidance, resignation effective 7/1/2024.

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

3. Transfers

- Jessica Hall, Scipio Elementary Teacher to NVE Teacher, effective 8/1/2024.
- Ashley Long, Scipio Elementary SPED Teacher to SCE SPED Teacher (Intellectual Disabilities), effective 8/1/2024.

These transfers were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

4. Recommendations

- Jason Carter, JCMS Math Teacher, \$61,400 per year for 185 days, effective 8/1/2024.
- Jason Carter, JCHS Boys Soccer Coach, stipend \$4,469.00, effective 7/12/2024.
- William “Bill” Lane, JCHS Assistant Boys Baseball Coach, stipend \$3,301, effective 7/12/2024.
- Courtney Mansfield, NVE Teacher, \$47,000 per year for 185 days, effective 8/1/2024.
- Courtney Mansfield, JCHS Assistant Cross Country Coach, stipend \$1,652, effective 7/12/2024.
- Holly Rose, Scipio Elementary Teacher, \$46,100 per year for 185 days, effective 8/1/2024.
- Laney Warren, JCMS Choir Teacher, \$46,100 per year for 185 days, effective 8/1/2024.

Mrs. Hearne requested to approve all recommendations as read. Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve all recommendations as read. Mr. Taggart seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. Conference Requests

- Andrew Krummen, Paxton & Patterson: Career & College Ready Training, July 17 & 18, 2024.

These conferences were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Sharon Gardner, SCE SPED Para, resignation effective 7/5/2024.
- Rebecca Sochacki, JCHS Assistant Cross Country Coach, resignation effective 6/17/2024.
- Dana Ochs, JCSC Payroll Officer, retirement effective 1/31/2025.

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

3. Transfers

- Nik Leonard, JCHS Custodian to NVE Custodian 2nd shift, effective 7/8/2024.
- Tyler Vogel, JCHS Paid Asst. Baseball Coach to JCHS Volunteer Asst. Baseball Coach, effective 7/12/2024.

These transfers were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

4. Recommendations

- Dakota Beesley, JCHS Volunteer Football Coach, effective 7/12/2024.
- Blain Blanton, JCHS Volunteer Football Coach, effective 7/12/2024.
- Miranda Elam, JCHS Custodian 2nd shift, \$14 / hrs. x 8 hrs. per day, effective 7/3/2024.
- Samantha Lacey, BCE Para Pro, \$13.50 / hrs. x 7 hrs per day for 180 days, effective 8/6/2024.
- Joy Miller, Scipio Nurse, \$20 / hrs. x 8 hrs. per day for 185 days, effective 8/1/2024.
- Betty Ogez, JCMS Cook, \$13.50 per hrs. x 8 hrs per day, effective 7/29/2024.
- Rick Sochacki, JCMS Boys Tennis Coach, stipend \$1,237, effective 7/12/2024.
- Jordan Walker, JCHS Para Pro Music Dept., \$13.50 per hrs. x 7 hrs. per day, effective 8/1/2024.

Mrs. Hearne requested all recommendations be approved as read.

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

Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. Conference Requests

None at this time.

D. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval.

- Mary Lynn Whitcomb, \$820.00 donation to JCHS for plaques.
Mr. Marsh asked to approve donation for JCHS plaques.
Mr. Taggart made a motion to accept the donation. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 5 yes, 1 abstain (Ms. Whitcomb)
- St. Vincent Jennings Ascension, \$5,000 donation to JCMS for P.E. Shirts.
Mr. Shepherd made a motion to table the above donation from St. Vincent Jennings Ascension. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no.
Tabled.

2. June Fund Report

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

E. Operations (Policy 8000)

1. Authorization for the Superintendent to Fill Positions without board action prior to August 8, 2024, Approval.

Dr. Johnson requested to extend the previous date to August 8th in order for JCSC to hire new personnel without board action to ensure that we are prepared to start school.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to extend the date without board action. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Classified Handbook, Revised July 2024, Inform
Dr. Johnson proposed a revised copy of the Classified Handbook that will be presented at the next board meeting for approval.

F. Relations (Policy 9000)

1. MOU between Southeastern Career Center and JCSC for 2024-2025 school year, Approval.

Dr. Johnson requested approval the annual MOU between Southeastern Career Center and JCSC.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve the MOU. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$6,153,782.35 (claims 100704 – 101113) and payroll in the amount of \$1,250,791.26 (check date 6/28/2024) and \$1,278,923.34 (check date 7/15/2024).

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

VIII. Other

NEOLA Policy po5136.01, Wireless Devices Prohibition to Policy 5136, Personal Communication Devices, First Reading

Dr. Johnson stated that NEOLA Policy po5136.01 regarding Wireless Devices will need to be re-evaluated due revised updated language and will be brought back to next board meeting for second reading.

A. Updates.

1. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes, 6/3/2024.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm. Mr. Taggart seconded the motion. 6 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.

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