

**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Central Administration Office Building**  
**Executive Session**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**July 13, 2023**

**Executive Session:** The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on July 13, 2023 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):

- (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 Earl Taggart, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Chelsea Morrison, Dr. Amy Pettit, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Travis Shepherd. Superintendent Nicole Johnson and Administrative Assistant Lisa Hearne were also in attendance.

The executive session adjourned at 6:52 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/fBaz0usQnU0?feature=share>

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

- III. Minutes;
- VA3. Field Trips;
- VB1. Professional Staff: Leaves;
- VB2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VB4. Conference Requests;
- VC1. Support Staff: Leaves;
- VC2. Support Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VC5. Conference Requests;
- VI. 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:

- VD2. June Fund Report
- VIIA1. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 6/5/2023
- VIIA2. Essential Service Committee Meeting Minutes 6/20/2023
- VIIA3. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 7/5/2023

## **Agenda**

- I. Pledge  
The President opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Dr. Pettit welcomed those that were in attendance and reminded everyone that we are live streaming this event.
- 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 June 15, 2023.  
The 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. New Business

A. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. 2023-2024 Curriculum Materials List, Approval

Mrs. Manowitz stated that we don't have textbook rental fees this school year and asked for approval of the 2023-2024 Curriculum Material List. The fees listed are only what the charge would be if students lost or damaged a book and needed to pay for the replacement.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Curriculum Material List. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. 2023-2024 STEM Integration Grant, Approval

Mrs. Manowitz stated that we received a 2023-2024 STEM Integration Grant for \$69,078. This will allow us to continue to fund STEM programming needs in all schools and asked for approval.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 STEM Integration Grant and thanked Carrie for all her hard work. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

3. Field Trips

None at this time.

B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- AshLeigh Gay, SCE Teacher, resignation effective 6/26/2023.
- Marissa Miller, SCE Teacher, resignation effective 6/14/2023.
- Candace Nixon, JCMS Teacher, retiring end of 2025-2026 school year.

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

3. Recommendations

- Stacy Campbell, NVE SPED Teacher (self-contained), \$44,100 yr., effective 8/03/2023.
- Adam Capes, JCHS SPED Teacher, \$47,700 yr., effective 8/03/2023.
- Adam Capes, JCMS Head Football Coach, \$2,889 stipend, effective 7/13/2023.
- Carissa Copley, JCS Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP), \$50,400 yr., effective 8/03/2023.
- Kaycee Downey, NVE Teacher to SCE Teacher, effective 8/03/2023.
- Stevi Flemmings, NVE SPED Teacher to JCHS FACS Teacher, effective 8/03/2023.
- Andrew Krummen, JCHS MTSS Remediation Instructor (\*1 year temp. contract – ESSER III), \$54,900 yr., effective 8/03/2023.
- Cody Robbins, BCE Teacher to HE Teacher, effective 8/03/2023.
- Tiffany Thurston, HE Teacher to JCS English Language/High Ability Elementary Teacher, effective 8/03/2023.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve professional staff recommendations.

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

Tiffany Thurston, Carissa Copley and Adam Capes were in attendance and were welcomed by the board.

4. Conference Requests

None at this time.

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirement

- Malinda Bott, JCS Bus Driver, resignation effective 6/24/2023.
- Nancy Bott, JCS Summer Custodial Intern, termination effective 6/27/2023.
- Stacy Campbell, NVE Para Pro, resignation effective 7/10/2023.
- Matt Capes, JCMS Head Football Coach, resignation effective 6/28/2023.
- Chelsea Day, GCE Para Pro, resignation effective 6/26/2023.
- Kenda Maschino, GCE Para Pro, resignation effective 7/05/2023.
- Margaret Miller, JSC Summer Custodial Intern, termination effective 6/12/2023.
- Blaine Minnick, JCHS Assistant Football Coach, resignation effective 6/17/2023.
- Deanna Smith, SCE Para Pro, termination effective 5/25/2023.
- Rebecca Sochacki, JCEC Testing Proctor, resignation effective 6/31/2023.
- Jessica Stillabower, SCE Para Pro, resignation effective 7/10/2023.
- Jessica Wilkerson, JCMS Nurse, resignation effective 7/10/2023.
- Tammy Williams, BCE Para Pro, resignation effective 7/11/2023.

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

3. Recommendations

- Allison Baker, JCMS Custodian (2<sup>nd</sup> shift), \$14.00 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 7/05/2023.
- Brad Barber, JCMS Head Soccer Coach to JCMS Volunteer Head Soccer Coach, effective 7/13/2023.
- Levi Byrne, JCHS Strength and Conditioning Coach, \$8,500 stipend, effective 7/13/2023.
- Stacey Hall, JSC Full-time Floating Bus Driver, \$17.00 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 7/13/2023.
- Madisyn Harsh, JCMS Cheer Coach, \$1,652 stipend, effective 2023/2024 school year.
- MaKenna Hooten, JCMS IMPACT Para Pro, \$15.25 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 2023/2024 school year.
- Emily Inman, JCMS Cheer Coach, \$1,652 stipend, effective 2023/2024 school year.
- Autumn McKeand, SCE 29-hr. Para Pro, \$14.50 hr., effective 2023/2024 school year.
- Brittany Lykins Mortensen, JCMS Assistant Soccer Coach, \$2,567 stipend, effective 2023/2024 school year.
- Rebecca Sochaki, JCMS Attendance Secretary, \$16.50 hr. x 8 hrs. day (195 days), effective 2023/2024 school year.
- Rebecca Sochacki, JCHS Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach, effective 2023/2024 school year.

- Karma Warren, JCMS Assistant Volleyball Coach, \$1,925 stipend, effective 2023/2024 school year.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve support staff recommendations. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

4. 2023-2024 Pay Scale Change for JCS IT Support Positions, Approval

Mr. Marsh asked for approval to increase the rate of our IT support technicians at \$2.00 an hour to the base rate. We've taken a position out (coverage can still be handled) and divided that position.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Pay Scale Change for JCS IT Support Positions. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. Conference Requests

None at this time.

D. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval

- Gilbert & Lucinda Smith in memory of Mindy Jester, \$500.00 to JCHS Music Department.

- German American Bank, \$6,000 to JCHS Athletic Department.

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

2. June Fund Report

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

E. Operations (Policy 8000)

1. Transportation Handbook, Approval

Mrs. Johnson asked for approval of the updated transportation handbook. Minimal changes are highlighted or red line for clarity.

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

2. JCHS Girls Basketball Charitable Game Fundraising, Approval

Mrs. Johnson asked for approval of a charitable game fundraiser. This will be a pilot program. Kristi Sigler has put a lot of work into preparing a very organized presentation to raise funds for the girls' basketball program. She wants to have a Muscata" Ducks" Derby, which is a rubber ducky race down the Muscatatuck River and asked for approval for this fundraiser.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the Muscata" Duck" Derby Fundraiser. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

3. School Safety Update, Inform

Mrs. Johnson stated that she has been giving monthly updates on improvements to school safety. She thanked the true partnership that has developed in the county to support our kids in safety. Next year through the support of NV City Police and JC Sheriff's Department we are able to have 5 full time SRO's in our buildings. In addition, we'll have some floating hourly officer positions in and out as well. We will have very broad coverage of our buildings with law enforcement. Kuddos to the entire Jennings County team, both from law enforcement, city and county council side that made this happen. A huge thanks also to Philip Marsh for bringing this together and helping to work through the budget and making this a reality.

ALLOWANCE OF TRANSFERS

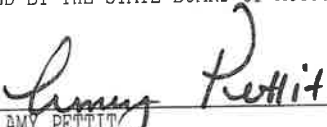
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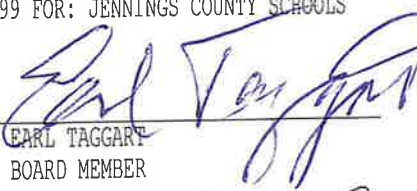
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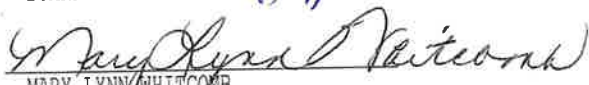
WE HAVE EXAMINED THE TRANSFERS LISTED ON THE FOREGOING BUDGET TRANSFER EDIT LISTING, CONSISTING OF PAGES, AND EXCEPT FOR TRANSFERS NOT ALLOWED AS SHOWN ON THE LISTING SUCH TRANSERS ARE HEREBY ALLOWED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$ 2,500,000.00 DATED THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July 2023.

APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS OCTOBER 1999 FOR: JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOLS

  
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Approved Resolution : BUS 2023-005  
June 1, 2023

**Resolution Bus2023-007 – Appropriation Transfer Report**

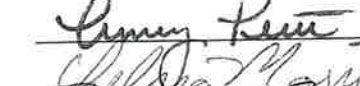
**July 13, 2023**

<u>Transfer from</u> <u>Account Number &amp; Name</u>	<u>Transfer to</u> <u>Account Number &amp; Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
0300-45100.00-490.00-4015 Building Imp. - CO	0300-45100.00-490.00-3345 Building Imp. - JCHS	\$62,606.67
0300-45100.00-490.00-4015 Building Imp. - CO	0300-45100.00-490.00-3349 Building Imp. - SCE	\$23,300.00
0300-45100.00-490.00-4015 Building Imp. - CO	0300-45100.00-490.00-3361 Building Imp. - CO	\$29,850.00
0300-45100.00-490.00-4015 Building Imp. - CO	0300-45100.00-490.00-3385 Building Imp. - HE	\$15,397.22
0300-45100.00-490.00-4015 Building Imp. - CO	0300-45100.00-490.00-3393 Building Imp. - JCMS	\$60,351.06
0300-45100.00-490.00-4015 Building Imp. - CO	0300-45100.00-490.00-3397 Building Imp. - NVE	\$1,922.42

The above transfers were made following Board approval by Resolution Bus2023-007 on June 15, 2023.

Presented this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF  
SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

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ATTEST:   
Pat Sullivan

F. Relations (Policy 9000)

1. Red Cross Sheltering Agreement, Approval

Mrs. Johnson stated that bi annually we have an agreement with Red Cross that in case of a declared emergency need, that they have access to our buildings and asked for approval.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve the Red Cross Sheltering Agreement.

Mr. Taggart seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Jennings County Sheriff's SRO Agreement, Inform

Mrs. Johnson stated that this is an inform. The updated agreement for the SRO's with the Sheriff's Department will be brought back at the next board meeting for approval.

VI. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$5,701,200.99 (claims 13,620 – 13,899) and payroll in the amount of \$\$2,394,230.63 (check dates 6/30/2023 & 7/14/2023).

These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VII. Other

A. Updates

1. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 6/05/2023

2. Essential Service Committee Meeting Minutes 6/20/2023

3. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 6-7/05/2023

These items were included in the board packet.

4. Other

VIII.. Adjournment

Ms. Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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