

**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Central Administration Office Building**  
**Executive Session**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**July 27, 2023**

**Executive Session:** The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on July 27, 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).*
- (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 Mary Lynn Whitcomb, Cheryl Miller, Earl Taggart, Pat Sullivan, Chelsea Morrison, Travis Shepherd, and Dr. Amy Pettit. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh and Lisa Hearne were also in attendance.

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 7:01 p.m.

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

<https://youtube.com/live/-YSpnOopM8k?feature=share>

Board members present were Mary Lynn Whitcomb, Cheryl Miller, Earl Taggart, Pat Sullivan, Chelsea Morrison, Travis Shepherd, and Dr. Amy Pettit. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Lisa Hearne, Todd Ebinger, Amanda Sullivan, 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;
- VIA2. Field Trips;
- VIB1. Professional Staff: Leaves;
- VIB2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIB3. Professional Staff: Transfers;
- VIB6. 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 were shared with the Board:

None at this time.

## **Agenda**

- I. Pledge  
The President opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Dr. Pettit thanked everyone for joining us this evening and reminded everyone that we are live streaming tonight's board meeting.
- II. Consent Agenda Items  
Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- III. Minutes of the Executive Session of July 10, 2023, Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of July 13, 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. Old Business
  - A. Relations (Policy 9000)
    - 1. Jennings County Sheriff's SRO Agreement, Approval  
Mrs. Johnson asked for approval of the Jennings County Sheriff's SRO Agreement.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve the JC Sheriff's SRO Agreement. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VI. New Business

A. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Assessment, Inform

Mrs. Manowitz presented a powerpoint showing the 2022-2023 State Assessment Data.

2. Field Trips

None at this time.

B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

- Abigail Brown, BCE Teacher, leave effective 12/01/2023 – 3/12/2024. This leave was approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

2. Resignations/Retirements

None at this time.

3. Transfers

None at this time.

4. Recommendations - Group

- Dylan Boswell, JCHS Assistant Football Coach, \$3,610.50 (3/4) stipend, effective 7/27/2023.
- Jennifer Lee, GCE Teacher, \$63,000 yr. (185 days), effective 8/03/2023.
- Alaina Newby, NVE Para Pro to NVE Teacher, \$44,100 yr. (185 days), effective 8/03/2023.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve professional staff recommendations as a group. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

Recommendation - Individual

- Josh Land, JCHS Assistant Principal, 3 Unpaid Suspension days, effective 7/20, 7/21, and 7/24/2023.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve this professional staff recommendation-individually. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 1 no (Taggart). Approved.

5. Permission to Fill Positions Before School Starts, Approval

Mrs. Johnson asked permission to fill positions prior to the next board meeting in order to be staffed for the start of school.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve permission to fill positions before school starts. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

6. Conference Requests

- Karen Pedigo, INALI Conference, Indianapolis, IN., effective 7/17-18/2023, 9/11/2023, 2/5/2024, 4/16/2024, 7/17/2024 & 9/10/2024.

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

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Andrea Amis, JCMS SPED Para Pro, resignation effective 7/21/2024.
- Myah Borntreger, JCHS Girls Assistant Soccer Coach, resignation effective 7/12/2023.
- Rose Craig, NVE SPED Para Pro, resignation effective 7/18/2023.
- Kassie Hale, NVE Para Pro, resignation effective 7/13/2023.

- Sandy Jacobs, JCHS Custodian (2<sup>nd</sup> shift), resignation effective 8/07/2023.
- Debbie Sharp, SPED Administrative Assistant, retiring effective 6/30/2024.
- Avery Townsend, JCMS Custodian, resignation effective 7/28/2023.
- Mari DeAnn Yeager-Sharp, BCE Cook, resignation effective 7/17/2023.

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

3. Transfers

None at this time.

4. Recommendations

- Matt Capes, JCHS Assistant Football Coach, \$3,610.50 (3/4) stipend, effective 7/27/2023.
- Zach Day, JCHS Assistant Football Coach, \$2,407 (1/2) stipend, effective 7/27/2023.
- Cole Elmore, JCHS Assistant Football Coach, \$2,407 (1/2) stipend, effective 7/27/2023.
- Chelsea Fields, JCMS Assistant Volleyball Coach, \$1,925 stipend, effective 7/27/2023.
- Destiney Brooke Gerringer, GCE Para Pro, \$13.00 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 8/08/2023.
- Faye Rowell, JCHS Girls Assistant Soccer Coach, \$2,889 stipend, effective 7/27/2023.
- Alexis Tharpe, JCHS PACE Para Pro, \$15.70 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 8/08/2023.
- Everett Wilcher, Jr., JCMS Girls Assistant Basketball Coach, \$2,336 stipend, effective 7/27/2023.

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

5. Conference Requests

None at this time.

D. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval

- Layman Hummel Insurance – Bailey Sanders, \$300.00 to JCHS Culinary Arts Class.
- Tri Kappa of North Vernon, \$225.00 to JCMS Nutrition Club.

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

2. 2024 JCSC Budget Timeline, Inform

July 27, 2023	Present Timeline
August 10, 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> Presentation of Budget
August 24, 2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> Presentation of Budget & Permission to Advertise 1 <sup>st</sup> Presentation of Capital Projects Finance Plan 1 <sup>st</sup> Presentation of Bus Replacement Plan
September 7, 2023	1 <sup>st</sup> Advertisement of Budget 2 <sup>nd</sup> Presentation of CPF & Permission to Advertise 2 <sup>nd</sup> Presentation of BRP & Permission to Advertise
September 21, 2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> Advertisement of Budget Advertisement of CPF and BRP

September 21, 2023 Hearing for Budget, CPF, and BRP  
October 5, 2023 Adoption of Budget, CPF, and BRP

E. Operations (Policy 8000)

1. 2023-2024 Transportation Update on Phase 7 Road Construction, Inform Tim Poer, Director of Transportation, presented a powerpoint which showed the detailed plan for the start of school regarding transportation changes due to construction.
2. Transfer Larry Kirby's Contract Route 809 to Melissa Bailey, Approval  
Mr. Marsh asked for approval to transfer Larry Kirby's contract route 809 to Melissa Bailey.  
Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve the transfer of route 809. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
3. Continue the additional SPED Route for the 2023-2024 School Year, Approval  
Mr. Marsh asked for approval to continue the additional SPED route for the 2023-2024 school year.  
Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve continuing the additional SPED route for the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

F. Relations (Policy9000)

1. Vincennes University Project EXCEL Dual Credit Program 2023-2024 MOU with Jennings County High School, Approval  
Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve this Vincennes University Project EXCEL Dual Credit Program MOU with JCHS. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
2. Southeastern Career Center MOU with Jennings County School Corporation, Approval  
Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve this Southeastern Career Center MOU with JCSC. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,544,846.79 (claims 13,900 – 14,043) and payroll in the amount of \$1,176,147.30 (check date 7/31/2023).  
These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Updates

1. Other
  - Todd Ebinger asked for permission to post an additional teacher position at SCE for students with Intellectual Disabilities.  
Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve posting this position. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Adjourned.

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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