

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Regular Board Meeting
May 9, 2024

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on May 9, 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):

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

The executive session adjourned at 7:00 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 7:02 p.m.

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

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

Board members present were Amy Pettit, Chelsea Morrison, Earl Taggart, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. Travis Shepherd was absent. Superintendent Nicole Johnson and Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Todd Ebinger, Amanda Sullivan, Board Executive Secretary Debbie Andis and 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 was not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation was 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:

- IV. Minutes;
- VIIB3. Field Trips;
- VIIC1. Professional Staff: Leaves;
- VIIC2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIIC3. Professional Staff: Transfers;
- VIIC6. Conference Requests;
- VIID1. Support Staff: Leaves;
- VIID2. Support Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIID3. Support Staff: Transfers;
- VIID6. Conference Requests;
- VIII. 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:

- IXA1. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 4/1/2024.
- IXA2. Essential Service Committee Meeting Minutes, 4/16/2024.

Agenda

- I. Pledge
The President will open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- II. Bylaws (Policy 0000)
 - 1. Organization (Policy 0151)
 - a. Appoint: Executive Secretary
Dr. Johnson recommended Deb Johnson for Executive Board Secretary role.
Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve this recommendation. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

- III. Consent Agenda Items
Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve consent agenda items. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

- IV. Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of April 25, 2024.
These minutes were approved without discussion as a consent agenda items.

V. 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.
- Brush Creek Elementary STEM Presentation and CRESCENDO Performance.
Mrs. Likens, principal of Brush Creek Elementary, was in attendance and spoke about the recent progress BCE is having with STEM certification and implementations of Club and Career Days that are allowing student participation during the day at school and BCE community involvement. Mrs. Likens introduced Mrs. Jackett and BCE CRESCENDO members as follows:
Addelain Bozikis, Brennan Brown, Olivia Morris, Alyvia Atkins, Elsa Evans, Carolyn Harris, Carolyn Harris, Aideen Wimberly, Jocelyn Jahrries and Mason Moore performed two short pieces for the Board and community. Great job, BCE CRESCENDO!

VI. Old Business

A. Property (Policy 7000)

1. JCHS CTE Project, Update.

Dr. Johnson reported that in the Advance Manufacturing area they have added a garage door opening in between welding and transportation areas, added a new support beam, added a wall with electrical drops, and began prep and electrical work in room 103.

VII. New Business

A. NEOLA

1. NEOLA Policy 9270.01, Non-Public Student Participation, First Reading
2. NEOLA Policy 3120.02, Adjunct Teachers, First Reading
3. NEOLA Policy 5720, Student Activism, First Reading

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. JCHS Textbook Adoption for AP US History, Inform
Mrs. Manowitz reported that the adoption chosen was the Amsco Advanced Placement Addition for US History.
2. JCHS Textbook Adoption for AP World History, Inform
Mrs. Manowitz reported that the adoption chosen was the Amsco Advanced Placement Addition for World History.
3. Field Trips
None at this time.

C. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves
None at this time.
2. Resignations/Retirements
 - Kelly Clarkson, JCSC SLP, resignation effective end of the 2023-2024 school year.
 - Karen Jackson, JCMS 8th Grade Volleyball Coach, resignation effective 5/1/2024.
 - Kevin McKeand, JCMS Engineering and Tech, resignation effective end of the 2023-2024 school year.

- Karen Pedigo, JCMS Principal, resignation effective 6/30/2024.
- Karen Pedigo, JCSC teacher, retirement effective end 2026-2027 school year.
- Tegan Petro, HE Teacher, resignation effective end of the 2023-2024 school year.

3. Transfers

- Jennifer Barber, JCSC SLP (Full Time) to JCSC SLP (Part Time) (2 days / week), effective 2024-2025 school year.

4. Permission to Post SPED Coordinator for JCMS, Approval.

Dr. Johnson requested to post SPED Coordinator for additional support to JCMS students, staff and parents.

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

5. Recommendations

- Valerie Bingham, NVE Summer School Teacher, (9 days), effective 5/28/2024-6/7/2024.
- Stacy Campbell, NVE Summer School Teacher, (9 days), effective 5/28/2024-6/7/2024.
- Ellen Capes, HE Summer School Teacher, (9 days), effective 5/28/2024-6/7/2024.
- Monique Christensen, JCHS Summer School Teacher, \$43.69 / hr. x 4 hrs. per day, effective 5/28/2024-6/28/2024.
- Rebecca Claycamp, SCE Summer School Teacher, (9 days), effective 5/28/2024-6/7/2024.
- Tyler “John” Clerkin, JCHS Summer School Teacher, \$34.96 / hr. x 4 hrs. per day, effective 5/28/2024-6/28/2024.
- Leonard Collett, Scipio Elementary to NVE Principal, \$94,000 per year at 210 days, effective 7/1/2024.
- Casey Ernstes, SE Summer School Teacher, (9 days), effective 5/28/2024-6/7/2024.
- Toby Harrell, JCHS Summer School Teacher (split position), \$37.66 / hr. x 4 hrs. per day, effective 5/28/2024-6/28/2024.
- Angie Klene, JCMS Asst. Principal to NVE Asst. Principal, \$80,055 per year at 205 days, effective 7/1/2024.
- Brittany Layman, BCE Summer School Teacher, (0.5 days), effective 5/28/2024.
- Shannon McFall, NVE Literacy Cadre Coach, (5 additional days), effective Summer 2024 (training).
- Karen Pedigo, JCSC Elementary EL Teacher \$78,500 per year at 185 days, effective 8/1/2024.
- Anna Poore, JCHS Summer School Teacher (split position), \$53.08 / hr. x 4 hrs. per day, effective 5/28/2024 – 6/28/2024.
- Stephanie Puckett, BCE Summer School Teacher, (1 day), effective 5/28/2024.
- Kristi Rice, BCE Literacy Cadre Coach, \$59,600 per year, effective 2024-2025 school year.
- Kristi Rice, BCE Literacy Cadre Coach, (5 additional days), effective Summer 2024 (training).

- Colby Vogel, JCHS Summer School Teacher, \$36.31 / hr. x 4 hrs. per day, effective 5/28/2024-6/28/2024.
 - Roger Williams, BCE Summer School Teacher, (7.5 days), effective 5/28/2024-6/7/2024.
 - Shelby A. Wilson, HE Elementary Teacher, \$46,100 per year at 185 days, effective 2024-2025 school year.
 - Melissa Patterson, NVE Instructional Coach to Scipio Elementary Principal, \$80,975 per year at 205 days, effective 7/1/2024.
- Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve all recommendations as presented. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

6. Conference Requests

None at this time.

D. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Madison Brasher, JCMS Nurse, resignation effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
- Keagan Craig, JCHS Head Boys Soccer Coach, resignation effective 5/2/2024.
- Madison Harsh, JCMS Cheer Coach, resignation effective 4/29/2024.
- Arianne Seniors, JCMS Custodian (2nd shift), resignation effective 5/13/2024.
- Makayla Stidham, NVE SPED ParaPro, resignation effective 4/23/2024.
- Blake Thomas, JCSC Transportation Mechanic, resignation effective 5/2/2024.
- Amanda Young, JCHS Girls Cross Country Coach, resignation effective 4/30/2024.
- Shyann Young, NVE Custodian (2nd shift), resignation effective 7/5/2024.

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

3. Transfers

- Leeann Kelley, JCSC Bus Aide to SE Kitchen Manager \$20.50 / hr. effective 5/13/2024.

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

4. Permission to Post Summer Transportation Intern, Approval.

Dr. Johnson requested to Post Summer Transportation Intern.

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

5. Recommendations

- Mike Aubuchon, JCHS Summer School Para Pro \$20.20 / hr. x 4 hrs. per day, effective 5/28/2024-6/28/2024.
- Kailey Boswell, JCHS Varsity Cheerleading Coach, stipend \$2,889 effective 5/10/2024.

- Samantha Collins, NVE Summer School Para Pro \$13.50 / hr. x 7 hrs., effective 5/28/2024-6/7/2024 (9 days).
- Kylia Goen, BCE Summer School Para Pro \$14.25 / hr. x 7 hrs., effective 5/28/2024 – 6/7/2024 (9 days).
- Madison Harsh, JCHS Varsity Cheerleading Coach, stipend \$2,889 effective 5/10/2024.
- Julia Robertson, SCE Summer School Para Pro \$14.45 / hr. x 7 hrs., effective 5/28/2024 – 6/7/2024 (9 days).
- Kayla Sturgill, HE Summer School Para Pro \$16.00 / hr. x 7 hrs., effective 5/28/2024 – 6/7/2024 (9days).
- Hannah Tungeitt, SE Summer School Para Pro \$15.95 / hr. x 7 hrs., effective 5/28/2024 – 6/7/2024 (9 days).
- Drinda Mason, JCMS SPED Classroom Nurse, \$28.50 / hr. x 8 hrs. for 185 days per year, effective 5/10/2024.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve all recommendations. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved

- Robert Sullivan, JCHS Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach, effective 5/10/2024.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 5 yes, 1 abstain by (Mr. Sullivan).

6. Conference Requests
None at this time.

E. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval

- Rush Branch Church, \$75.00 donation to purchase student snacks and clothing for BCE.
- Mr. Mike Waskom, \$1,471.18 to upgrade HE stage monitor and speakers stage area.
- NVIC, \$250.00 grant to purchase Snap Circuit kits for Tricia Richey's 4th grade classroom at HE.
- Amber Roberts, Student bicycle (\$217.95) to JCEC.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the donations as listed. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Resolution, Approval

- a. A Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of Jennings County Schools to make payments of claims without board action prior to May 30, 2024, and to allow the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to make transfers of Appropriations within the Education, Debt Service, and Operations Funds in order to Balance Major Account Classifications.

Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

3. April Fund Report

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

F. Property (Policy 7000)

1. Technology Department recycling various electronic items, Inform.
Mrs. Manowitz stated we are able to sell some of our obsolete technology items for recycling. We have received multiple quotes and will bring the winning quote for approval.
2. Chromebook Buy Back, Inform.
Mrs. Manowitz stated we have an opportunity to sell older Chromebooks, which have been replaced with new devices this year. We are collecting quotes for the buy back programs and will bring quotes back for approval.
3. Permission to Purchase, two vehicles with McKinney Vento Funds, Inform.
We have a need for additional vehicles to transport our students who are homeless and we are required to provide transportation to and from school. The McKinney Vento grant for homeless students allows us to use the funds to purchase vehicles for transportation. Mr. Marsh and Mr. Ebinger have been working on quotes for vehicles that fit our needs and grant criteria.

G. Operations (Policy 8000)

1. Extended, Autumn McKeand- Bus Route 704, 16 miles per day (due to Highway 3 Detour), Approval.
Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the additional 16 miles per day to Bus Route 704. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
2. Food Service Update / Presentation, Inform.
Mrs. Green provided an update on the food service department. Mrs. Green shared general information, progress on updates that have discussed (ex. High school fruit/veg bar), and information on our next potential project at JCHS (updated student cafeteria seating).
3. Food Service 2024-2025 Menu Prices, Approval.
Dr. Johnson requested due to the increase in food costs, paper and plastic products, along with chemicals and cleaning supplies, we are recommending a \$0.10 increase to lunch (ONLY) price for adults and students for the 2024-2025 school year. The prices have been the same since 2018-2019, the costs of inflation are driving our need to increase prices.
Mr. Sullivan made a motion to accept the \$0.10 increase starting 2024-2025 school year. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
4. Content Filter Update (Technology), Inform.
Mrs. Manowitz shared we have a need to increase for content filtering. The IT Dept. is investigating solutions and options.
5. Firewall Update (Technology), Inform.
Mrs. Manowitz shared that our internet capacity is limited by our current firewall and impacting our daily educational processes. We have worked with Five Star to review solutions and recommendations. An updated firewall system and content filter manager will improve this function. We have vetted the recommended providers with other school corporations, they speak highly of both companies.

H. Relations (Policy 9000)

1. Ivy Tech dual enrollment MOU with JCSC, Approval.
This MOU allows us to partner with Ivy Tech for our new CTE pathways. They will be providing instructors for our Welding and CNA courses. Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
2. MOU Between NVE and The Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning to partner in the Indiana Literacy CADRE, Approval.
The MOU for NVE to join the Literacy CADRE program. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
3. MOU Between BCE and The Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning to partner in the Indiana Literacy CADRE, Approval.
The MOU for BCE to join the Literacy CADRE program. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VIII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,126,324.37 (claims 19,185 – 19,350) and payroll in the amount of \$1,277,594.76 (check date 5/15/2024). These claims were approved without discussion as a consent agenda items.

IX. Other

A. Updates.

1. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes, 4/1/2024.
2. Essential Service Committee Minutes, 4/16/2024.
3. Dr. Johnson recognized the following achievements and celebrations:
Congratulations to HE on getting STEM certified! Congratulations to Jennifer Sanders as The Rural Teacher of the year!
4. Dr. Pettit thanked the teachers for all their hard work in recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Taggart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Sullivan 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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