

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Public Hearing on 2024 General Obligation Bond
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
October 3, 2024

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on October 3, 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 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, Earl Taggart, Chelsea Morrison, Travis Shepherd and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson and Administrative Assistants Philip Marsh were also in attendance.

This meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Public Hearing on 2024 General Obligation Bond: A public hearing to receive taxpayer input on the proposed 2024 General Obligation Bond for corporation-wide safety improvements and long-term maintenance will be held in the Board Room of the Jennings County School Corporation Central Administration Office Building, 34 West Main Street, North Vernon, IN 47265. The hearing began at 6:45 p.m.

The following link was available to live stream this Public Hearing from your home:

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

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

Agenda:

1. Call to order
Dr. Pettit Called to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. Overview of proposed projects
Dr. Johnson shared information for the need of a proposed tax neutral General Obligation Bond that would be used for some long term maintenance projects but the first priority is to use it for school safety improvements to all schools.
3. Financial Information
Mr. Marsh explained aspects of the General Obligation Bond for a 10-year bond. JCSC would still have capacity available if we had an emergency need for borrowing.
4. Public input or comment on bond & projects
Dr. Pettit asked if there are any questions from the board. Dr. Pettit asked if there was any public input or comments. There were none.
5. Adjournment
Dr. Pettit adjourned this meeting at 6:49 p.m.
Mr. Taggart made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no, Approved.

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:

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Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Earl Taggart, Chelsea Morrison, Travis Shepherd and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants, Philip Marsh, Lisa Hearne, 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;
- VIA2. 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:

VID3. September Fund Report

VIIIA1. Essential Service Committee Minutes, 9/17/2024.

Agenda

- I. Pledge
The President opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 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 September 19, 2024.
These 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.Mr. Speer spoke concerning his family member being denied to play his senior year of basketball by the IHSAA.
- V. Old Business
 - A. NEOLA, Approval.
 - NEOLA Policy 5200, Attendance, Second Reading.
Dr. Johnson requested approval for the NEOLA attendance policy.
Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the policy. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
 - B. Programs (Policy 2000)
None at this time.
 - C. Finances (Policy 6000)
 1. Resolution, Approval.
 - a. *Resolution* BUS2024-011 – Resolution to Adopt 2025 School Budget, Approval.
Mr. Marsh requested to adopt the 2025 School Budget.
Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve adopting the 2025 School Budget. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
 - b. *Resolution* BUS2024-012 – Resolution to Adopt 2025 Capital Project Plan, Approval.
Mr. Marsh requested to adopt the 2025 Capital Project Plan.
Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve adopting the 2025 Capital Project Plan. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
 - c. *Resolution* BUS2024-013 – Resolution to Adopt 2025 Bus Replacement Plan, Approval.
Mr. Marsh requested to adopt the 2025 Bus Replacement Plan.
Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve adopting the 2025 Bus Replacement Plan. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

D. Operations (Policy 8000)

None at this time.

E. Property (Policy 7000)

1. 2025 Roof Proposal from Martin Riley, Approval.

Mr. Marsh asked for approval for the 2025 roof proposal.

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

2. JCHS CTE Project, Update.

Mr. Marsh stated we are nearing the finish line and we are in the process of setting a date for the ribbon cutting/open house.

VI. New Business

A. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Inclement Weather Days Plan for 2024-2025, Inform.

Dr. Johnson commented that we are following the same guidelines as last year and a letter with information will be sent to parents/guardians.

2. Field Trips

None at this time.

B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

- Terri Denise Hoffman, Paid Admin. Leave, effective 9/23–9/27/2024, Approval.

- Cassidy Redicker, SCE Teacher, Maternity Leave effective 12/1/2024 – 2/7/2025, Approval.

These leaves were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Resignation Settlement Agreement- T.Hoffman, Approval.

This resignation was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Transfers

- Cody Robbins, JCHS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach to JCMS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, \$2,336 stipend, effective 10/4/2024, Approval.

This transfer was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

4. Recommendations

- Joseph Kelley, JCHS Boys Golf Coach, \$2,889 stipend, effective 10/4/2024, Approval.

Mrs. Hearne requested approval for the recommendation as read.

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

5. Conference Requests

None at this time.

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

- Ashleigh Lucas, SCE Sped Para Pro, unpaid leave ½ day 1/16/2025 and full day 1/17/2025, Approval.

This leave was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Kristie Asbury, BCE Sped Para Pro, resignation effective 10/4/2024, Approval.

- Diana Earl, JCHS ELL Para Pro, resignation effective 10/11/2024, Approval.
- Chad Speer, JCMS Boys Head Basketball Coach, resignation effective 9/20/2024, Approval.

These resignation was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Transfers

- Thomas Feiles, JCSC Part-time Mechanic to Full-time Mechanic, 240 days, effective 10/14/2024, Approval.

This transfer was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

4. Recommendations

- Emma Campbell, JCHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, \$4,814 stipend, effective 10/4/2024.
- Stacey Hall, JCSC Transportation Administrative Assistant, \$20.00 x 8 hrs. per day at 260 days, effective 10/10/2024, Approval.

Mrs. Hearne asked for approval for recommendations as read.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the recommendations as read. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. Conference Requests

None at this time.

D. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval.

- First United Methodist Church, \$225.00 donation to HOPE Food Program, Approval.
- Janie Russell, \$100.00 donation to JCMS Food Pantry, Approval.
- Chassie Broadus, \$800.00 donation to JCHS PBIS Attendance Incentive, Approval.
- Hayden United Methodist Church, \$100 donation to NVE for student needs, Approval.
- NVIC, \$250.00 grant to NVE teacher Judy Alford for STEM Projects, Approval.
- Walmart, \$300.00 donation to NVE for School Supplies, Approval.

Mr. Marsh ask for approval for all donations as read.

Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve all donations as read. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Resolution, Approval

- a. *Resolution* BUS2024-014 - Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of providing funds for corporation-wide safety improvements and long-term maintenance, Approval.

Mr. Marsh requested approval for the General Obligation Bond.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the General Obligation Bond. Mr. Taggart seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

- b. *Resolution* BUS 2024-015 – Resolution Authorizing Additional Appropriation of the 2024 General Obligation Bond proceeds and interest, Approval.

Mr. Marsh requested approval for the General Obligation Bond proceeds and interest.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the General Obligation Bond proceeds and interest. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

- c. *Resolution* BUS2024-16 – Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of Jennings County Schools to make payments of claims without board action prior to October 24, 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, Approval.

Mr. Marsh requested approval for standard resolution to make payments on claims and/or transfers without Board approval prior to October 24th.

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

- d. *Resolution* BUS2024-017 – Resolution Authorizing Reductions in Appropriations in the Education and Operations Funds, Approval.

Mr. Marsh stated that this is an annual resolution during budgeting time and asked for approval.

Ms. Morrison made a motion to approval the resolution. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

3. September Fund Report

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

E. Property (Policy 7000)

None at this time.

F. Operations (Policy 8000)

None at this time.

G. Relations (Policy 9000)

- 1. MOU with Ivy Tech Community College and JCHS, Dual Credit, Approval.

Dr. Johnson requested to approve MOU with Ivy Tech Community College.

Mr. Sullivan 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 \$1,936,899.67 (claims 102521 – 102838) and payroll in the amount of \$1,360,224.51 (check date 9/30/2024).

These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Updates.

- 1. Essential Service Committee Meeting, 9/17/2024.

This was included in the board packet.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Morrison made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Board Meeting will be October 24, 2024 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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