

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Public Hearing on 2024 School Budget, 2024 CPF Plan and
2024 Bus Replacement Plan
Regular Board Meeting
September 21, 2023

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on September 21, 2023 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):

- (2B) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following:
Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this cause, “litigation” includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.
- (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 Cheryl Miller, Earl Taggart, Pat Sullivan, Mary Lynn Whitcomb, and Travis Shepherd. Dr. Amy Pettit and Chelsea Morrison were absent. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz and Philip Marsh were also in attendance.

This meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Public Hearing on 2024 School Budget, 2024 Capital Project Finance Plan and 2024 Bus Replacement Plan: A public hearing to receive taxpayer input on the proposed 2024 School Budget, 2024 Capital Project Finance Plan and 2024 Bus Replacement Plan was 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 6:43 p.m.

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

https://youtube.com/live/X1_M2eQK6kA?feature=share

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

Agenda:

1. Call to order

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order.

2. Overview of proposed budgets

Mr. Marsh reviewed the 2024 School Budget: Rainy Day at \$500,000, Education at \$36,000,000, Operations at \$16,000,000 and Debt Service at \$4,351,223.

The 2024 Capital Assets was advertised at \$351,000 for potential project purchases and the 2024 Capital Projects at \$1,975,000, 2025 at \$2,645,000 and 2026 at \$7,595,000.

The Bus Replacement Budget for 2024 and 2025 at \$259,653 per year, 2026, 2027, and 2028 at \$351,544 per year.

3. Public input or comment on proposed budgets

There were no comments

4. Adjournment

Mr. Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 6:45 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/QSxA2yTKZpU?feature=share>

Board members present were Cheryl Miller, Earl Taggart, Pat Sullivan, Mary Lynn Whitcomb, and Travis Shepherd Dr. Amy Pettit and Chelsea Morrison were absent. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Lisa Hearne, Todd Ebinger, Amanda Sullivan 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;
- VIB3. Field Trips;
- VIC1. Professional Staff: Leaves;
- VIC2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIC3. Professional Staff: Transfers;
- VIC6. Conference Requests;

- VID1. Support Staff: Leaves;
- VID2. Support Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VID3. Support Staff: Transfers;
- VID5. 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:

- VIIIA1. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 9/05/2023.

Agenda

- I. Pledge
The Secretary opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mr. Sullivan reminded everyone that we are live streaming and welcomed those in attendance.
- II. Consent Agenda Items
Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve consent agenda items. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- III. Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of September 7, 2023.
The minutes were approved as consent agenda items.
- IV. Community Non-Agenda Items
 - The Secretary 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. Property (Policy 7000)
 - 1. Martin Riley Architects 2024 Roof Proposal at various JCSC Locations, Approval
Mr. Marsh asked for approval of Martin Riley Architects 2024 Roof Proposal at various locations.
Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve Martin Riley Architects 2024 Roof Proposal. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- VI. New Business
 - A. NEOLA
 - 1. NEOLA Policy 3121, Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting of Convictions and Substantiated Child Abuse and Arrests, First Reading
 - 2. NEOLA Policy 4121, Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting of Convictions and Substantiated Child Abuse and Arrests, First Reading
 - 3. NEOLA Policy 5420, Reporting Student Progress, First Reading
 - 4. NEOLA Policy 5610, Suspension and Expulsion of Students, First Reading

5. NEOLA Policy 8120, Volunteers, First Reading

Mr. Sullivan stated that this is a first reading of the above NEOLA policies and will be voted on at our next meeting.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Summer School Report, Inform

Mrs. Manowitz stated that this is an inform on our summer school attendance and credit recovery for 55 high school students.

2. After School Tutoring, Inform

Todd Ebinger was excited to share a new opportunity to partner with Boys and Girls Club to offer after school tutoring (for qualified students - free of charge) through a state enrichment grant – Indiana Learn. There will be a site at every elementary school for students in 3rd – 8th grade beginning October 2, 2023.

3. Field Trips

- Clark Tyler, JCMS 8th Graders, Gettysburg, PA and Washington, DC, 5/15/2024 – 5/19/2024.

This field trip was approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

C. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Lee Brown, JCHS Teacher, resignation effective 9/13/2023.

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

3. Transfers

None at this time.

4. Recommendations

None at this time.

5. Permission to Post JCHS Night School Positions, Approval

Mrs. Manowitz requested permission to post one teacher night school position for 1st semester, and one teacher night school position for 2nd semester for JCHS. This program allows students to recover credits needed for graduation.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve posting these 2 JCHS night school positions. Mr. Taggart seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

6. Conference Requests

- Todd Ebinger, Amanda Sullivan, Carrie Manowitz, Taryn Kent, Anna Poore, Angie Klene, Molly Vaughan, Tara Kelley, Roger Williams, Rachel Neal, Christopher Thurston, Samantha Low, Brittany Layman, and Gretchen Sherrill to Indianapolis, IN for Elevating Education Conference (funded by ICTQ grant money), 11/28 & 11/29/2023.
- Jennifer Laman, Baylee Craddock, Tara Kelley & Eric Kelley to Indianapolis, IN for HECC Conference (funded by STEM grant money), 11/08 & 11/09/2023.

These conferences were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

D. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Stephanie Johns, JCS Bus Aide, resignation effective 9/12/2023.

This resignation was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Transfers

- Savannah Caneer, SCE 29 hr. Para Pro to full time Para Pro, effective 9/08/2023.

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

4. Recommendations

- Shannon Clark, JCHS Custodian (2nd shift), \$14.50 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 9/08/2023.
- Diana Earl, JCHS ELL Para Pro, \$16.20 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 9/22/2023.
- Hunter Euler, JCMS 7th Grade Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, \$2,336 stipend, effective 9/22/2023.
- Hunter Euler, JCMS 8th Grade Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, \$2,336 stipend, effective 9/22/2023.
- Shawna Goins, JCS Floating Bus Aide, \$13.00 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 9/22/2023.
- Phillip Hatton, JCS Floating Bus Driver, \$17.00 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 9/08/2023.
- Hannah Henson, JCMS Para Pro, \$14.00 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 9/22/2023.
- Olivia McClain, JCS Floating Sub Cook, \$13.75 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 9/08/2023.
- Holly Ojeda, SCE Para Pro, termination effective 9/05/2023.
- Ashley Pawar, NVE SPED Para Pro (self-contained), \$14.75 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 9/22/2023.
- Mandy Pike, JCHS Para Pro, \$13.50 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 9/13/2023.
- Levi Ross, JCMS Head Girls Basketball Coach, \$2,889 stipend, effective 9/22/2023.
- Richard Sochaki, JCMS Assistant Wrestling Coach, \$962.50 (1/2) stipend, effective 9/22/2023.
- Brandon Sotelo, SCE ELL Para Pro / Translator, \$15.00 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 9/22/2023.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approved these support staff recommendations.

Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Taggart asked regarding the basketball coaching position, if the basketball practices were staggered? Lisa Hearne stated yes.

5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. Conference Requests

None at this time.

E. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval

- Rose Acres, \$600.00 to BCE for Student Snacks
- Gary & Janet Speer, \$200.00 to BCE for T-Shirts for Reading Rewards Program
- Jeffrey Gearries, \$100.00 to SCE for Megan Mathews KG Class
- Mitchell & Connie Barr, \$882.00 to SCE for Student Lunches
- Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc., \$200.00 to SCE Family Picnic
- Scipio United Methodist Church, \$100.00 to SE Lunch Accounts
- Kiwanis Club of NV, \$150.00 to JCMS Panther Project

- Terry Loux, \$200.00 to JCHS Student Needs
- HOPE Food Program:
 - Graham Baptist Church - \$675.00

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approved the above donations. Mrs. Miller second the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Boyce Systems Contract, Inform

Mr. Marsh stated that we need to upgrade our financial systems –Boyce / Komputrol. Mr. Marsh noted that we are on the operating system from the 1990s, and the company will no longer be supporting that platform (dos). We need to convert to the cloud operating system in the spring of 2024. This is an inform and will be voted on at our next meeting.

F. Relations (Policy9000)

1. *Attachment* - Resolution to Accept Settlement from Altria Group, Inc., Approval
Mrs. Johnson asked for approval of this resolution to accept a settlement from Altria Group, Inc. This is related to the previous settlement that we have with JUUL.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve this resolution to accept settlement. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Social Media Litigation Option, Inform

Mrs. Johnson shared with the board that schools in Indiana and across the nation are joining a social media litigation. This is litigation against a joint conglomerate of social media groups. If the board is interested in pursuing this litigation, we can bring a resolution back at our next meeting.

Discussion: Mr. Shepherd asked if there is any cost? Mrs. Johnson stated there is no cost. It is only if there are damages awarded.

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,416,542.39 (claims 14,492 – 14,683) and payroll in the amount of \$1,377,799.55 (check date 9/15/2023). These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Updates

1. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 9/05/2023

This item was included in the board packet.

2. Other

Mrs. Johnson asked to celebrate our parents again. This week was our parent/teacher conferences for elementary and we had a great turn out. We are very grateful for parent support.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 5 yes 0 no. Approved.

Resolution Bus2023-009 – Appropriation Transfer Report

September 21, 2023

<u>Transfer from</u> <u>Account Number & Name</u>	<u>Transfer to</u> <u>Account Number & Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
0101-22250.00-655.00-3393 Computer Supplies - JCMS	0101-22230.00-655.00-3393 AV Supplies - JCMS	\$700.00
0101-22250.00-655.00-3393 Computer Supplies - JCMS	0101-24100.00-611.00-3393 Office Supplies - JCMS	\$400.00
0300-26200.00-611.03-4015 Maint. Equip Under Thresh	0300-26200.00-735.00-4015 Maint. Equip Over Thresh	\$16,800.00
0300-26200.00-611.04-4015 Custodial Equip Under Thresh	0300-26200.00-735.00-4015 Maint. Equip Over Thresh	\$7,500.00
0300-26200.00-611.04-4015 Custodial Equip Under Thresh	0300-26200.00-611.03-4015 Maint. Equip Under Thresh	\$3,200.00
0101-11100.00-580.00-3389 Travel - BCE	0101-11100.00-130.52-3389 Elem. Cert Sub - BCE	\$1,500.00
0300-45100.00-490.00-4015 Building Imp. - CO	0300-45100.00-490.00-3393 Building Imp. - JCMS	\$4,000.00
0101-11100.00-655.00-3361 Instruct Equip - GCE	0101-11100.00-611.00-3361 Instruct Supplies - GCE	\$1,500.00
0101-22250.00-655.00-3393 Computer Supplies - JCMS	0101-22230.00-655.00-3393 AV Supplies - JCMS	\$200.00

Resolution Bus2023-009 – Appropriation Transfer Report

September 21, 2023

The above transfers were made following Board approval by Resolution Bus2023-009 on September 7, 2023.

Presented this 21st day of September, 2023.

**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF
SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

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ATTEST: 
Pat Sullivan

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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