

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

**Executive Session:** The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on April 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Special Education Board 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) 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(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 Dr. Amy Pettit, Pat Sullivan, Cheryl Miller, Earl Taggart, Chelsea Morrison, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Travis Shepherd. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Philip Marsh, Carrie Manowitz and Lisa Hearne 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 7:03 p.m.

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

<https://youtube.com/live/-FtEn2sPaU?feature=share>

Board Members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Pat Sullivan, Cheryl Miller, Earl Taggart, Chelsea Morrison, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Travis Shepherd. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Todd Ebinger, Amanda Sullivan, Roy Herr, Lisa Hearne 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;
- VIA1. Field Trips;
- VIB1. Professional Staff: Leaves;
- VIB2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIB4. Conference Requests;
- VIC1. Support Staff: Leaves;
- VIC2. Support Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIC4. 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 4/03/2023

## **Agenda**

- I. Pledge  
The President opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Dr. Pettit reminded everyone that we are live streaming tonight's board meeting.
- II. Consent Agenda Items  
Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve consent agenda items. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- III. Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of April 13, 2023 and the Minutes of the Board Work Session of April 19, 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
  - JCMS Showcase Presentation  
Karen Pedigo, Principal JCMS, introduced Assistant Principals – Angie Klene and Mike Green, Science Teacher & STEM Director - Tara Kelley, Instructional Coach – Karen Field and JCMS Mascot - Pete the Panther.  
A powerpoint showed Highlights of JCMS Guidance Department, JCMS STEM in Action – “Go for Launch”, The Panther Den Intervention Team, Title 1 Remediation & Intervention Program and the value of our Parapros.

- Hayden Elementary Showcase Presentation  
Joe Hartwell, Interim HE Principal, introduced the STEM Team – Patricia Richey, Baylee Craddock and Tiffany Thurston. A powerpoint showed HE goals, school wide STEM clubs and photos of students involved in STEM activities from Kindergarten through sixth grade.  
Next up was a sneak peek from the Hayden Musical – SHREK JR.  
Jon Stoner, HE Music Teacher, introduced cast members Cecilia Stoner, Paisleigh Thurston and Violet Reecer who performed “I Know It’s Today”.

## V. Old Business

### A. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. 2023-2024 Student Handbooks, Approval  
Approval for K-12 handbooks  
Mrs. Manowitz asked for approval of K-12 Student Handbooks as they were presented at our last meeting.  
Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the student handbooks. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
2. Elementary Social Studies Textbook Adoption, Inform  
Mrs. Manowitz stated that this is an inform on where we are with the process of Social Studies textbooks. Books have been in the buildings, teachers are giving their input, curriculum team has met with the publishers, teachers filled out surveys and we’ve had some community and parent input. We are waiting on final quotes to move on with our choice.

## VI. New Business

### A. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Field Trips  
None at this time.

### B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves
  - Kristina Hartman, NVE Teacher, leave effective 5/01-5/05/2023.
  - Angela Keith, JCHS Teacher, paid administrative leave effective 4/14/2023.

These leaves were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.
2. Resignations/Retirements
  - Paige DeVore, GCE Teacher, resignation effective end of the 2022-2023 school year.
  - Callie Garrett, JCMS Panther Newspaper, resignation effective end of the 2022-2023 school year.
  - Kaitlin Harrell, NVE Music Teacher, resignation effective end of the 2022-2023 school year.
  - Angela Keith, JCHS Teacher, resignation effective 4/17/2023.
  - Angela Keith JCHS Girls Head Soccer Coach, resignation effective 4/17/2023.

These resignations were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Recommendations

- Career Increment / Master Teacher Stipend  
2023/2024, 2024/2025, 2025/2026, 2026/2027, 2027/2028
  - Nicole Cardinal
  - Kate Gray
  - Samantha Low
- Charlinda Evans, JCMS Panther Newspaper, \$1,168.00 stipend, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

4. Conference Requests

- Karen Pedigo, ISSSA Spring Advanced Safety Training, Indianapolis, IN., 5/15-5/16/2023.

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

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

- Julie Lee, SCE Para Pro, leave effective 5/03 - 5/05 & 5/08/2023.

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

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Karen Begeman, JCS Tech Support, resignation effective 5/31/2023.
- Brian Helton, JCS Maintenance, retirement effective 6/30/2023.
- Michelle Rowda, JCHS IT Secretary, resignation effective 5/05/2023.
- Stacey Tempest, JCHS Dance Team Coach, resignation effective 4/17/2023.

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

3. Recommendations

- Cheryl Birge, NVE Cook to GCE Cook, effective 2023-2024 school year.
- Rebecca Griffin, JCHS Custodian, termination effective 4/24/2023.
- Angela Richart, NVE Cook to JCHS Cook, effective 2023-2024 school year.

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

4. Conference Requests

- Matt Staples, NASRO / SRO Conference, Indianapolis, IN., 6/28/2023-7/03/2023.

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

D. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval

- F & A M Masonic Lodge, \$300.00 to BCE for Student Snacks.
- Anonymous, \$300.00 to BCE for Student Snacks.
- NVIC Grant, \$200.00 for Hayden 500 STEM Project.
- Dawn Schmidlapp, \$260.00 to NVE G.Y.M. Club
- The Erler – Cardinal Family Foundation, \$184.27 to NVE-Jennifer Sanders 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher for Scholastic News/Science Spin Subscription.
- Tara D. Johnson of Seymour, \$100.00 to JCMS Nutrition Club.

- Cincinnati Zoo, 4 Tickets (\$124.00 value) to JCMS for End of Year Awards Convocation.
- New Bethel Church & Alert Church, Truck Load of Canned Food Items to JCHS Panther Pantry.
- Nancy Gregory-In Memory of Marilyn Whiteaker, \$50.00 to JCHS Panther Pantry.
- Paul Schafer & Shelly Driver, \$100.00 to JCHS FFA Banquet.
- Stephen Elsner, \$200.00 to JCHS Junior Class.
- Fresh Printz, \$5,000.00 to JCHS Athletic Department.
- Joseph & Kimberly Ammerman, \$75.00 to JCHS Class of 2023.
- Donations In Memory of Mindy Jester to JCHS Music Department –
  - Thomas & Susan Beard, \$250.00
  - Helen C. Dillon, \$100.00
  - Edwin & Lois Kellar, \$20.00
  - Ronald & Barbara K. Bloemer, \$25.00

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

2. Food Service 2023-2024 Menu Prices, Approval

Mrs. Johnson recommended that we do not raise lunch menu prices for the 2023-2024 school year and asked for approval.

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

E. Property (Policy 7000)

1. JCHS Renovation Projects – CTE Advanced Manufacturing, Culinary Arts, and Health Sciences, Inform

Mrs. Johnson gave an update on the CTE Readi Grant Project. The first notice for the bond will be printed in Friday's 4/28 paper.

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,535,454.32 (claims 12,944 – 13,086) and payroll in the amount of \$1,246,422.04 (check date 4/28/2023). These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Updates

1. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 4/03/2023  
This item was included in the board packet.
2. Other

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Sullivan 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.

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