

**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Central Administration Office Building**  
**Executive Session**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**August 24, 2023**

**Executive Session:** The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on August 24, 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 Pat Sullivan, Dr. Amy Pettit, Chelsea Morrison, Earl Taggart, Mary Lynn Whitcomb, Travis Shepherd and Cheryl Miller. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz and Philip Marsh were also in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

**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/dh8C512m5Nk?feature=share>

Board members present were Pat Sullivan, Dr. Amy Pettit, Chelsea Morrison, Earl Taggart, Mary Lynn Whitcomb, Travis Shepherd and Cheryl Miller. 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;
- 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 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 tonight and noted that we are live streaming this board meeting this evening.
- 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 and the Regular Board Meeting of August 10, 2023.  
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.There were no comments.
- V. Old Business
  - A. NEOLA
    - 1. NEOLA Policy 0131.1, Bylaws and Policies, Second Reading
    - 2. NEOLA Policy 1521, Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting of Convictions and Substantiated Child Abuse and Arrests, Second Reading
    - 3. NEOLA Policy 2431, Interscholastic Athletics, Second Reading

4. NEOLA Policy 2464, Programs for High Ability Students, Second Reading
  5. NEOLA Policy 3220.01, Teacher Appreciation Grants, Second Reading
- Mrs. Johnson asked for approval of the group of NEOLA policies.  
Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve the above NEOLA policies. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Teacher Evaluation Tool, Approval  
Cody Robbins shared the changes on the teacher evaluation tool. Mrs. Manowitz and the JCCTA team worked to make minor updates to make sure we are in compliance with new state definitions for a beginning teacher. Mrs. Manowitz asked for approval.  
Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the Teacher Evaluation Tool. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
2. School Improvement Plans, Approval  
Mrs. Manowitz asked for approval for the annual school improvement plans. This year the plans were extensively developed by school teams at each building.  
Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve the School Improvement Plans. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

C. Finance (Policy 6000)

1. 2024 JCSC Budget. Second Reading, Inform  
Mr. Marsh presented a powerpoint on the 2024 JCSC Budget with some changes. This is a second reading.
2. Permission to Advertise, Approval  
Mr. Marsh asked permission to advertise the budget on September 8, 2023. We no longer have to advertise in the local paper but it will be on our school website.  
Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve advertising the budget. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VI. New Business

A. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. IREAD Assessment Update, Inform  
Mrs. Manowitz presented a powerpoint on IREAD update/inform on scores for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
2. Field Trips
  - Brad Briggs, National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN., 11/01 – 11/02/2023.

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

B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves  
None at this time.
2. Resignations/Retirements
  - Lacie Coquerille, JCMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach, resignation effective 8/16/2023.
  - Rob Darringer, NVE Teacher, resignation effective 9/09/2023.
  - Melody Russell, JCSC SPED Teacher (Deaf & Hard of Hearing), resignation effective 9/01/2023.

These resignations were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Transfers

None at this time.

4. Recommendations

- Mike Green, JCS Safety Coordinator, up to 5 additional days yr. at \$414.03 day, effective 8/25/2023.
- Chris Thurston, JCS Safety Coordinator, up to 5 additional days yr. at \$350.00 day, effective 8/25/2023.

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

5. Conference Requests

- Dustin Roller and Stephanie Ebbing, IACTE Statewide CTE Conference, Indianapolis, IN., 9/21 – 9/23/2023.
- Todd Ebinger and Amanda Sullivan, ICASE Fall Conference, Indianapolis, IN., 9/27 – 9/29/2023.

These conferences were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

- Sarah Arnold, HE Para Pro, leave effective 8/23/2023 – 10/18/2023.

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

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Kathy Jines, JCS Bus Driver, resignation effective 8/18/2023.
- Samantha Kelley, BCE SPED Para Pro, resignation effective 8/18/2023.
- Surunchana Ratcliff, JCMS Para Pro, resignation effective 9/01/2023.

These resignations were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Transfers

None at this time.

4. Recommendations

- Dorothy Daugherty, JCEC Testing Proctor, \$15.00 hr. (approx. 18 days' month), effective 8/21/2023.
- Alexander Gabbard, JCMS Custodian (2<sup>nd</sup> shift), \$14.00 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 8/17/2023.
- Paula George, BCE Para Pro, \$14.25 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 8/28/2023.
- Cheyenna Hammon, SCE Para Pro, \$13.00 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 8/25/2023.
- Addy Lamb, SCE Para Pro, \$13.50 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 8/31/2023.
- Keshia Little, JCS Floating Bus Aide (full-time), \$13.50 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 8/22/2023.
- Jeremy Luedeman, JCMS Custodian (2<sup>nd</sup> shift), \$13.00 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 8/23/2023.
- Julie Norton, NVE Custodian (2<sup>nd</sup> shift), \$13.50 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 8/10/2023.
- Katherine E. Schroeder, SCE Para Pro (self-contained), \$13.50 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 8/28/2023.
- Ronda Smith, BCE ESSER Para Pro, \$13.00 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 8/25/2023.
- Kian Strobe, JCS Floating Sub Cook to BCE Cook, effective 8/21/2023.
- Ben Thompson, JCHS Auditorium Lighting Director, \$2,792 stipend, effective 8/25/2023.

Ms. Whitcomb 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

- Mike Robbins / Dawn Koors, \$100.00 to BCE for Student Snacks.
- Jines Family / McGowans, \$150.00 to BCE Student Snacks.
- Hearne Vision, \$100.00 to BCE Student Snacks.
- Glorianna Robbins / Pieratt-Robbins Real Estate, \$100.00 to BCE Student Snacks.
- Biehle Family Dentistry, \$150.00 in School Supplies for JCS.
- Jennings County Drug & Alcohol Task Force, \$1,670.75 to JCEC Jail Program.
- Anonymous, \$300.00 to SE for Students in Need.
- Hayden Baptist Church, \$1,000.00 to HE for Student Lunches.
- Montie & Kimberly Polly, \$200.00 to JCHS Panther Pantry.
- HOPE Food Program –
  - Thirsty Goat Entertainment, LLC - \$150.75
  - Joy of Giving - \$4,500.00
  - Grayford Road Church of God - \$225.00
  - Decatur Mold - \$2,250.00
  - JC Community Foundation - \$894.86
  - Zion Baptist Church - \$500.00

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

2. CPF (Capital Projects Finance) Plan Presentation, Inform

Mr. Marsh presented a powerpoint on the 2024 Capital Projects Plan and is a first reading.

E. Property (Policy 7000)

1. *Attachment* - Resolution to Dispose of Surplus Items, Approval

Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve disposal of surplus items. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Permission to Advertise for the Sale of Surplus Items, Approval

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the advertisement for the sale of surplus items. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

F. Operations (Policy 8000)

1. Bus Replacement Plan Presentation, Inform

Mr. Marsh presented a powerpoint on the 2024 Bus Replacement Plan and is a first reading.

2. Transfer TJ Sporleder's Route 403 to Victoria Risk, Approval

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the transfer of route 403. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

3. Extra Pay for Short-term 2023-2024 Contracted Routes, Approval

Mr. Marsh asked for approval for extra pay on the following routes.

These are additional route pay for construction based or specific student needs.

- Bus 304, added 6 miles at \$12.00 day, effective 8/08/2023 through end of 2023-2024 school year.

Resolution

Disposal of Surplus Property








Whereas, the Jennings County School Corporation has in its possession a number of pieces of classroom and office furniture, hardware, and other equipment that are obsolete and no longer needed, functional, damaged or beyond economical repair; (attached list).

Whereas, the Jennings County School Corporation no longer has reason or space to store these items and some may be or become a liability if used by school personnel, patrons, or students;

Be it Resolved by the Board of School Trustees, Jennings County Schools, that this property be declared "Surplus" and be disposed of as "junk" or "salvage" in an appropriate manner through a sealed quote sale as per Indiana Code 5-22-22-5 and 5-3-1-2 (two advertisements one week apart at least seven days prior to the date bids will be received).

Board of School Trustee, Jennings County Schools

Date: August 24, 2023

## 2023 JCSC Surplus Auction Items

Kindergarten desks  
Old Metal Library Cassette Stand w/ Cassettes  
Rifton Stand Up Desk  
Old Wood Stand Up Desk  
(old) Projector Screens  
Black Leather Office Chairs  
Brown 2 Tier Wooden Book Shelf  
Large Cubby Closet  
Plastic Maroon Adult Chairs  
Wooden Brown Bookshelf  
Metal Kids Stools  
Tall Metal TV Stands  
Old TV-NVE  
DVD Players  
Amplifier  
Stereo w/2 Speakers  
Kindergarten Wooden Work Center  
Boxes of Books  
Laminator  
Office Printer  
Office Dye Cutter  
Assistants Desks  
Student Desks  
Assistant Desk (Broken Leg)  
Wooden Bookshelf  
Old Wooden Library Chairs (Backs Are Split)  
Computer Desks  
Standup Computer Desk  
Old Wooden Tables  
White Plastic Tables  
Conference Chairs  
Tech Table

## 2023 JCSC Surplus Auction Items

Student desks  
Computer table  
Robot Coupe Chopper—Does Work—FS  
3 Compartment Plates—FS  
16x26 Perforated Sheet Pans—FS  
Metal Tall cart w/wheels (for baking sheets)—FS  
Baking Pan w/Holes—FS  
Plastic Film & Foil Dispenser—FS  
Plastic Drinks Dispensers w/Stand—FS  
Percolator (Coffee Pot)—FS BCE  
Metal Rolling Cart—FS BCE  
Old poster maker with one box of paper  
Old smart board on wheels  
Blue small rack bookshelf  
Stove  
Printer  
Typewriter  
printer ink cartridges  
office chairs  
Classroom Clickers  
white computer carts  
wooden computer cart  
Metal easel w/hooks  
Tan metal filing cabinet (no wheels)  
Blue teacher's chair  
Long wooden tables  
Old metal 2 door cabinet  
Teacher Desk-gray  
Desk Top Organizer (Black)  
Black Bookshelf  
Black File Cabinets 4 drawers



## 2023 JCSC Surplus Auction Items

File Cabinet 2 drawers  
Wooden DVD Cabinet  
Blue Student Chairs  
Student table  
Washer  
Dryer  
Picture  
Bookcase  
Lad. File Cabinet  
File Cabinet  
6ft wooden tables  
Box of World Book of Knowledge Encyclopedias  
Box of Compton's Encyclopedias  
Box of Paperback books  
Simplicity w/deck and blade  
Weedeaters  
Gas powered snow blower  
Tape deck  
HP Scanjet G4050  
bxs. of Tri-Folders  
New Balance 5K 6100 Recumbent Bike  
Trophy Case w/light  
Trophy Case-Snapper Heavy Duty Snow Thrower, 8hp/24clearing width  
Simplicity Snow-Away 10  
Computer desk  
Tall wooden cabinets  
Metal cabinets  
Lumber w/shelving  
Drywall jack, slits, and step stools  
Table saw  
Vinyl floor roller  
Portable heater

## **2023 JCSC Surplus Auction Items**

Concrete finishing (bump) board

Multi skids of plumbing and construction equipment and supplies

Milwaukee saw

Mini refrigerator

Table-

Spray-

Filing cabinet 2 drawers

Nail Gun and saw-blue stool

PT saunas

Air hose racks

Water hose rack

TV's

Case of vinyl gloves (variety of sizes and types)

Radio

Old scoreboards (located at maintenance building)

**Resolution Bus2023-008 – Appropriation Transfer Report**

**August 24, 2023**

<b><u>Transfer from</u></b> <b><u>Account Number &amp; Name</u></b>	<b><u>Transfer to</u></b> <b><u>Account Number &amp; Name</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
0101-22220.00-640.00-3345 Library Books - JCHS	00101-22320.00-655.00-3345 Media Center Equip - JCHS	\$1,200.00
0300-27100.00-655.00-4015 Office Tech Equip - Trans	0300-27010.00-614.00-4015 Food - Trans	\$800.00
0300-27300.00-612.00-4015 Repairs & Tires - Trans	0300-27100.00-611.02-4015 Office Supplies – Trans	\$2,000.00
0300-26200.00-611.05-4015 Maint. Emergency Reserve - CO	0300-26200.00-611.02-4015 Maint. Major Repair - District	\$6,800.00
0300-45100.00-490.00-4015 Building Imp. - CO	0300-45100.00-490.00-3345 Building Imp. - JCHS	\$27,705.00
0300-45100.00-490.00-4015 Building Imp. - CO	0300-45100.00-490.00-3385 Building Imp. - Hayden	\$572.00
0300-45100.00-490.00-4015 Building Imp. - CO	0300-45100.00-490.00-3393 Building Imp. - JCMS	\$15,817.00
0300-45100.00-490.00-4015 Building Imp. - CO	0300-45100.00-490.00-3397 Building Imp. – NVE	\$725.00




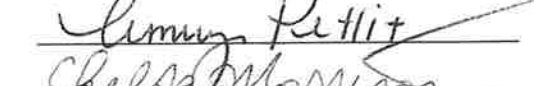


**Resolution Bus2023-008 – Appropriation Transfer Report**


**August 24, 2023**

The above transfers were made following Board approval by Resolution Bus2023-008 on August 10, 2023.

Presented this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF  
SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

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ATTEST:   
Pat Sullivan

- Bus 310, added 6 miles at \$12.00 day, effective 8/08/2023 through end of 2023-2024 school year.
- Bus 404, added 13 miles at \$26.00 day, effective 8/08/2023 till bridge is complete.
- Bus 410, added 13 miles at \$26.00 day, effective 8/08/2023 till bridge is complete.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the short-term extra pay. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

4. Extra Pay for Long-term 2023-2027 Contracted Routes, Approval

Mr. Marsh stated that as part of the bus contract agreement, contractors were offered a pay differential for purchasing a 2016 or newer school bus (\$20 a day), the following drivers did so and will receive an increased daily rate. (Barb Boswell 301, Shane Boswell 305, Josh Yeager 308 and 310, Gayle Jines 311, Cathy Shuler 404, Devin Koors 502, Brandon Koors 503, Lynde Doup 504, Ken Whipple 808).

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the extra pay for long-term contracted routes. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

G. Relations (Policy9000)

1. Cancellation of MOUs for Hearing Impaired Services, Approval

Mr. Ebinger asked permission to cancel MOUs with South Harrison, Scott County 2 and South Central Area Special Education Coop to provide services for hearing impaired students.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to cancel this MOU. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Agreement for Special Education Services, Approval

Mr. Ebinger asked permission to enter into an agreement with Peggy Sommer to provide Hearing Impaired services for our students.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve this agreement for HI Services. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes 0 no. Approved.

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,343,765.16 (claims 14,169 – 14,324) and payroll in the amount of \$1,224,397.22 (check date 8/15/2023).

These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Updates

1. Other

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Ms. Morrison 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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