

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Regular Board Meeting
June 15, 2023

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on June 15, 2023 at 5:30 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) 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 Dr. Amy Petit, Chelsea Morrison, Pat Sullivan, Cheryl Miller, Earl Taggart, and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. Travis Shepherd was absent. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Philip Marsh and Lisa Hearne were also in attendance.

Executive Session adjourned at 6:58 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 7:01 p.m.

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

<https://youtube.com/live/SLIQlBaum6o?feature=share>

Board Members present were Dr. Amy Petit, Chelsea Morrison, Pat Sullivan, Cheryl Miller, Earl Taggart, and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. Travis Shepherd was absent. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Lisa Hearne, Todd Ebinger, and Amanda Sullivan 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;
- VIA4. 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:

- VID3. May Fund Report
- VIIIA1. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 5/01/2023.

Agenda

- I. Pledge
The President opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Dr. Pettit welcomed everyone and reminded everyone that we are live streaming this meeting.
- II. Consent Agenda Items
Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- III. Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of June 1, 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.
- V. Old Business
 - A. NEOLA
 - 1. NEOLA Policy 8510, Wellness, Approval
Mrs. Johnson asked for approval of our Wellness Policy. She stated that annual approval is now needed each school year. They paused the requirement during COVID, but is now back in effect.
Pat Sullivan made a motion to approve this Wellness Policy. Cheryl Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VI. New Business

A. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Frontline Comparative Analytics Program, Approval

Mrs. Johnson asked for approval of Frontline Comparative Analytics Program. This will be paid for with the ESSER II funds to help us meet a strategic plan action step. It is comparative software that allows us to look at our staffing numbers and ratios.

Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve this Frontline Analytics Program. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Return to Instruction Plan, Approval

Mrs. Manowitz stated that as part of ESSER III funding, we are supposed to reapprove our return to instruction plan every six months. Mrs. Manowitz revised our document to say we are in traditional school instruction and have no need for the additional plan and asked for approval.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the Return to Instruction Plan. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

3. Parent Square Proposal, Approval

Mrs. Johnson stated that this communication platform would be paid for with ESSER II funds. This would allow us to improve our communication options for administration, teachers, parents, and students. It is all in one streamlined app. Several districts who are currently using it gave it a glowing recommendation. Most importantly, it will allow us to communicate more quickly in possible emergency situations and asked for approval.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve the Parent Square Proposal. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

4. Field Trips

None at this time.

B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Madalyn Cardinal, JCHS Assistant Softball Coach, resignation effective 6/15/2023.

- Nancy Samons, NVE Teacher, retirement effective 9/01/2023.

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

3. Recommendations

- Lacie Coquerille, JCHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, \$4,814 stipend, effective 2023-2024 school year.
- Hope Ferguson, SCE Teacher, \$44,100 yr., effective 2023-2024 school year.
- Ashleigh Gay, SCE Teacher, \$54,000 yr., effective 2023-2024 school year.
- Katherine Jackett, JCS Elementary Instrumental Teacher, \$52,000 yr. plus \$3,000 (one-time – for hard to fill position) stipend, effective 2023-2024 school year.
- Megan Mathews, SCE Teacher, \$44,100 yr., effective 2023-2024 school year.

Pat Sullivan made a motion to approve the professional staff recommendations. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
Hope Ferguson was in attendance and was welcomed by the board.

- T.J. Newton, JCHS Head Football Coach – contract extended through 2024-2025 school year, \$12,789 stipend.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve T.J. Newton, JCHS Head Football Coach. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

4. Conference Requests

- Susan Webster, Cynthia Law, and Samantha Low, 2023 INDOE Early Literacy Cohort, Indianapolis, IN., 6/21 – 6/22/2023.
- Susan Webster and Cynthia Law, IN Literacy Cadre Summer Training, Indianapolis, IN., 7/10 – 7/14/2023.

These conferences were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

None at this time.

3. Recommendations

- Brad Barber, JCMS Head Soccer Coach, \$2,613 stipend, effective 2023-2024 school year.
- Bryan Beiswanger, JCHS Volunteer Assistant Track & Field Coach, effective 6/15/2023.
- Dillon Eaton, JCHS Custodian (full time), \$13.50 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 5/31/2023.
- Thomas Forney, JCS Summer Custodian Intern, termination effective 6/09/2023.
- Sean Hill, JSC Tech Support, \$14.50 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 6/16/2023.
- Caitlin Hurley, JCMS Head Volleyball Coach, \$2,613 stipend, effective 2023-2024 school year.
- Paula Lashley, SE 2nd Shift Head Custodian, \$15.00 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 6/12/2023.
- Linda Minger, NVE Custodian to JCMS/JCEC Custodian, \$16.50 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 6/12/2023.
- Sarah Snyder, JCHS Cook, \$14.50 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 2023-2024 school year.
- Blake Thomas, JSC Bus Garage Mechanic, \$20.00 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 6/16/2023.
- Connor Waldo, JCMS Lifeguard, \$11.00 hr., effective 5/16/2023.
- Chuck Worrell, JCMS/JCEC Custodian to SE Head Custodian, \$16.75 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 6/12/2023.

Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve support staff recommendations. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

Blake Thomas was in attendance and was welcomed by the board.

- Rob Kent, JCHS Head Boys Basketball Coach, \$12,789 stipend, effective 6/16/2023.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve Rob Kent, JCHS Head Boys Basketball Coach. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

- Kristi Sigler, JCHS Head Girls Basketball Coach – contract extended through 2024-2025, \$12,789 stipend.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve Kristi Sigler, JCHS Head Girls Basketball Coach. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

4. Conference Requests
None at this time.

D. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval

- Mary Lynn Whitcomb, \$540.00 to JCHS Athletic Department for plaques to commemorate the 2022-2023 Boys Basketball season
- Jennings Church of Christ, Inc., \$200.00 to JCHS Panther Pantry.

Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve the above donations. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Ms. Whitcomb)

2. Resolution, Approval

- a. A Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of Jennings County School Corporation to make payments of claims without board action prior to July 13, 2023, 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.

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

3. May Fund Report

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

E. Property (Policy 7000)

1. Disposal of Old Social Studies Textbooks, Approval

Mrs. Manowitz asked for approval for disposal of old social studies textbooks. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the disposal of these books. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

F. Relations (Policy 9000)

1. MOU between JCSC and South Harrison Community Schools to Provide DHH Services, Approval

2. MOU between JCSC and Scott County School District 2 to Provide DHH Services, Approval

3. MOU between JCSC and South Central Area Special Education Cooperative to Provide DHH Services, Approval

Mr. Ebinger has coordinated agreements with several area districts to provide a full schedule of time for our Deaf and Hard of Hearing teacher. He asked for approval of three MOU's with South Harrison Community Schools, Scott County School District 2, and South Central Area Special Education Cooperative.

Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve the above MOU's. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

A Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of Jennings County Schools to make payment of claims without board action prior to July 13, 2023, and to allow the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to make transfers of Appropriation within the Education, Debt Service, and Operations Funds in order to Balance Major Account Classifications

Whereas, The Board of Trustees of Jennings County Schools is not scheduled to have a meeting between June 15, 2023, and July 13, 2023, and,

Whereas, It is necessary to have Board action in order to pay claims and to transfer appropriations with major account classifications, and,

Whereas, It is deemed to be in the public interest to facilitate the payment of amounts which are owed by the school corporation and to ensure that adequate appropriations are available for payment of such claims.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Jennings County Schools hereby authorizes the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer of the Corporation to pay outstanding claims and to transfer appropriated amounts within the 2023 Education, Debt Service, and Operations Funds between June 15, 2023 and July 13, 2023.

Be it further resolved that a claim docket and appropriation transfer report for this period is to be presented to the Board for final action on or before the last regularly scheduled Board meeting in July 2023.

Resolution #: Bus2023-007

Adopted this 15th day of June, 2023.

**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

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Mary Lynn Whitcomb
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Chelsea Morrison
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ATTEST:

Robert L. Sullivan
Secretary

4. JCSC and Ohio Valley Opportunities Head Start Agreement for Provision of Educational Services to Preschool Children with Disabilities, Approval
Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the above MOU. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
5. MOU between Ohio Valley Opportunities Head Start and JCSC, Approval
Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve the above MOU. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
6. McKibben Demographic Research, LLC, - Enrollment Study, Approval
Mrs. Johnson asked for approval to work with McKibben Demographic Research. They will provide us with enrollment trends. They will use our fall count to help us project what enrollment will be for the next 5-10 years. This company has completed several enrollment studies for surrounding corporations who were pleased with the work. This will be funded by ESSER II grant money.
Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve working with McKibben Demographic Research. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,210,160.56 (claims 13,450-13,619) and payroll in the amount of \$1,250,775.21 (check date 6/15/2023).
These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Updates

1. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 5/01/2023.
This item was included in the board packet.
2. Other
 - a. Mrs. Hearne had one additional support staff recommendation.
 - Alexandra Caldwell, JCS Tech Support, \$17.75 hr. x 8 hrs. day, effective 7/05/2023.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the above (pending hiring requirements).
Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
 - b. Mrs. Johnson congratulated the JCHS Golf and Track teams on their success.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Ms. Morrison 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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