

**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Central Administration Office Building**  
**Executive Session**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**February 12, 2026**

**Executive Session:** The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on February 12, 2026 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):

- (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 the clause, “litigation” includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.
- (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, Travis Shepherd, Chelsea Morrison, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Curt Nieman. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistant Carrie Manowitz, and Philip Marsh were also in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 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 will begin at 7:00 p.m. The following link is also available to live stream the Regular Board meeting from your home:

<https://youtube.com/live/PfKv675nXsw>

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Travis Shepherd, Chelsea Morrison, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Curt Nieman. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Amanda Sullivan, Todd Ebinger, Lisa Hearne, 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 were presented for approval without discussion:

- III. Minutes;
- VIB2. Field Trips;
- VIC1. Professional Staff: Leaves;
- VIC2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIC3. Professional Staff: Transfers;
- VIC5. 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:

- VIE3. January Fund Report.
- VIIIA1. Area Planning Commission Meeting Minutes, 12/1/2025.

## **Agenda**

- I. Pledge  
The President, Dr. Amy Pettit, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She reminded everyone that we are live-streaming this board meeting and welcomed those joining us via the web and those present in person.
- II. Consent Agenda Items.  
Mr. Sullivan 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 January 8, 2026.  
These minutes were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.
- IV. Community Non-Agenda Items
  - Graham Creek Elementary Presentation.  
Mrs. Kreutzjans, GCE Instructional Coach, introduced Simon Kreutzjans, a fourth-grade student at GCE for his exceptional work on his 4-H project regarding Selmier State Forest. Simon's project not only was awarded "Grand Champion" status at the State Fair but has also received the 4-H Leaders' Choice Award. The 4-H Leaders' Choice Award will allow Simon's 4-H project to be housed at the 4-H headquarters at Purdue and will be sent around the state for the year to be showcased. Mrs. Bailey, president of the Jennings County 4-H Council, also presented the Rosette Ribbon to Simon for all his accomplishments.

Due to HVAC issues at GCE the band and orchestra performance will be rescheduled at a later date. Dr. Pettit asked for an update on GCE, in which Dr. Johnson stated that a part was on order and that GCE will be on virtual learning for Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and additional communication will be shared through Parent Square regarding the status of the repair and how it will affect any additional GCE school days.

- JCSC Board Information Statement.  
This policy can be located on our District Website: [jcs.org/Board of Trustee/Board Reports/Board Policies/Bylaws/po0167.3](http://jcs.org/Board of Trustee/Board Reports/Board Policies/Bylaws/po0167.3) (Public Participation at Board Meetings).
- The President asked if anyone would like to speak on any items on the agenda or any other topic.  
None at this time.

## V. Old Business

### A. NEOLA, Approval.

- NEOLA, Policy 8500, Food Service Program, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 8540, (*rescind*), Vending Machines, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.  
Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

### B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Advanced Math Course Additions for 2026-2027, Approval.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math (0430.07)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math (0430.08)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Math (2520)Mr. Nieman made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

### C. Finances (Policy 6000)

None at this time.

### D. Operations (Policy 8000)

None at this time.

### E. Property (Policy 7000)

1. Performance Service Contract for JCMS Pool Upgrade, Approval.  
Mr. Marsh requested approval for the contract with Performance Services, our energy savings partner, to complete JCMS pool upgrade previously approved using the 2024 General Obligation Bond. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
2. Safety Upgrades- All Buildings, Inform.  
Mr. Marsh advised the timeline for all building safety upgrades are on track to completed this summer.

## VI. New Business

### A. NEOLA, Inform.

- NEOLA, Policy 1422 (*Replacement*), Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti-Harassment, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 2260, Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 2260.01, Nondiscrimination Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

- NEOLA, Policy 2266, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.
  - NEOLA, Policy 3122 (*Replacement*), Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti-Harassment, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.
  - NEOLA, Policy 4122 (*Replacement*), Nondiscrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.
- Dr. Johnson presented NEOLA policies for first reading.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. IDOE & Legislative Updates, Proposed Accountability Model, Inform.  
Dr. Johnson updated on the proposed state accountability model for schools. Additional details will be presented at a later date when the model is officially approved.  
Dr. Johnson also mentioned a few legislative updates that could possibly lead to updates regarding our student handbooks.
2. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Computer Foundations for a Digital Age (4565) Course Addition for 2026-2027, Inform.  
Mrs. Manowitz presented a new course addition request for JCMS.
3. Field Trips  
None at this time.

C. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves
  - Eric Wernke, JCHS Teacher, Paternity Leave effective 4/27/2026-5/15/2026, Approval.  
This leave was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.
2. Resignations/Retirements
  - Matt Capes, JCMS Asst. Boys Track Coach, resignation effective 2/6/2026, Approval.
  - Casey Ernstes, JCMS Girls Track Coach, resignation effective 1/30/2026, Approval.  
These resignations/retirements were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.
3. Transfers  
None at this time.
4. Recommendations  
None at this time.
5. Conference Requests
  - Megan Buchanan, NCTM Spring Conference, Indianapolis, IN., 2/11/2026-2/13/2026, Approval.
  - Philip Marsh and Myra Fischvogt, IASBO Annual Meeting, French Lick Convention Center, French Lick, IN., 5/6/2026-5/8/2026, Approval.
  - Ashley Sedam, IASP WE Conference, Carmel, IN., 2/24/2026-2/25/2026, Approval.  
These conferences were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

D. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves  
None at this time.
2. Resignations/Retirements
  - Victoria Boles, JCSC Nurse, resignation effective 1/30/2026, Approval.

- Tarina Bullard, JCMS Cook, resignation effective 1/30/2026, Approval.
- Aaron Martin, JCHS Asst. Track Coach, resignation effective 1/9/2026, Approval.

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

3. Transfers

- Jennifer Campbell, JCSC Floating Cook to JCMS Cook, 7 hrs. per day x 184 days, effective 2/13/2026, Approval.
- Autumn Temple, SCE SPED Para Pro to JCEC Administrative Asst./JCEC Proctor, \$17.20/hr. to \$18.20/hr. x 8 hrs. per day x 195 days, effective 2/16/2026, Approval.

These transfers were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

4. Recommendations

- Brad Barber, JCHS Girls Soccer Coach, \$4,469.00 stipend, effective 2/13/2026, Approval.
- Anthony Jarvis, JCHS Volunteer Football Coach, effective 2/13/2026, Approval.
- Mallory Rockey, JCMS SPED Para Pro, \$14.50 / hr. x 7 hrs. per day x 180 days per year, effective 2/13/2026, Approval.

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

5. Conference Requests

None at this time.

E. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations/Grants, Approval.

- Hayden Elementary, Approval.
  - Steve & Tina Brewer, \$100.00 for student assistance.
- JCHS, Approval.
  - The Harmon Group, donation of clothing and shoes.
- North Vernon Elementary, Approval.
  - Anonymous, \$100.00 for supplies.
  - First Baptist Church Mission Team, \$1,000.00 for purchase shoes for students.
  - Hayden Methodist Church, \$150.00 for student snacks.
  - NVIC, \$100.00 to purchase a mini projector for the news crew.
  - Tucker Real Estate, \$600.00 to purchase coats for students in need.
- Sand Creek Elementary, Approval.
  - Sherida Burgmeier Moore Fund-Avenue of Flags, \$200.00 for student activities.
- Scipio Elementary, Approval.
  - Scipio Geneva Township Fire Department, \$200.00 for school lunches.
  - Scipio United Methodist Church, \$100.00 for student meal accounts.

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

2. Resolution, Approval.

1. *Resolution BUS2026-003*- Resolution to allow the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer to make transfers of appropriations with Major Funds (Education, Operations, and Rainy Day) to establish the 2026 Budget for the year for the State Approved Budget Order by Major Account Classification.

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

3. January Fund Report.

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

- F. Property (Policy 7000)

None at this time.

- G. Operations (Policy 8000)

None at this time.

- H. Relations (Policy 9000)

1. Jennings County Public Library Board of Trustees Appointment, Approval.

Dr. Johnson requested approval for the Public Library Board of Trustee appointment for Jessica Floyd. Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. MOU Career+ Pathways by Skyepack, Inc. and JCSC, Enhancing the Educational and Career Readiness, Approval.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Mr. Nieman seconded the motion.  
7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

#### VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$2,237,303.05 (claims 110756 – 111049) and payroll in the amount of \$1,211,676.18 (check date 1/30/2025).

These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

#### VIII. Other

Ms. Whitcomb congratulated the JCHS Girls Basketball team on winning the Sectional.

##### A. Updates.

1. Area Planning Commission Meeting Minutes, 12/1/2025.

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

#### IX. Adjournment

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion.  
7 yes, 0 no. Adjourned.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next Regular Board Meeting will be on February 26, 2026 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.

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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