

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Annual Board of Finance Meeting
Regular Board Meeting
January 22, 2026

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on January 22, 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):

- (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).
- (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).*
- (10) When considering the appointment of a public official, to do the following:
(A) Develop a list of prospective appointees.
(B) Consider applications.
(C) Make one (1) initial exclusion of prospective appointees from further consideration.

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 6:29 p.m.

Annual Board of Finance Meeting – The annual meeting of the Board of Finance for Jennings County School Corporation was held in the Board Room of the Jennings County School Corporation Central Administration Office Building, 34 West Main Street, North Vernon, IN 47265. This meeting began at 6:45 p.m.

The following link was also available to live stream the Annual Board of Finance Meeting from your home:

<https://youtube.com/live/XCSGcCN4eEg>

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.

Agenda

Dr. Johnson called the Annual Board of Finance meeting to order (Bylaw 0151.1).

A. Election of a President and Secretary

Dr. Johnson asked for nominations for President and Secretary of the Board of Finance.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to nominate Dr. Amy Pettit for President. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no.

Dr. Pettit asked for nominations for Secretary of the Board of Finance. Mr. Nieman made a motion to nominate Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no.

B. Designation of Depositories

Mr. Marsh stated that the designated depositories are German American Bank and Jackson County Bank.

C. Receive and review the Annual Investment Report

Mr. Marsh stated that we have the G.O. Bond invested from 2025, and reviewed other investments.

D. Review the Investment Policy of the Corporation, Policy 6144

Mr. Marsh recommended that no changes be made to Policy 6144.

E. Cancellation of Outstanding Checks

Mr. Marsh stated that there is no outstanding check in the system older than 2 years.

F. Corporation Fiscal and Qualitative Indicators

Mr. Marsh reviewed the packet given to the board.

G. Adjournment

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Adjourned.

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/qw0is1Kd65Q>

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 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;
- 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:

None at this time.

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. Shepherd 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 January 8, 2026.
These minutes were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.
- IV. Community Non-Agenda Items
 - JCSC Board Information Statement.
This policy can be located on our District Website: jpsc.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. Programs (Policy 2000)
None at this time.
 - B. Finances (Policy 6000)
 - 1. Permission to lease six (6) SPED buses, Approval.
Mr. Marsh requested permission to proceed with the lease of six (6) SPED buses previously approved at the February 22, 2024 school board meeting.
Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
 - C. Operations (Policy 8000)

None at this time.

D. Property (Policy 7000)

None at this time.

VI. New Business

A. NEOLA, Inform.

- NEOLA, Policy 8500, Food Service Program, First Reading.
- NEOLA, Policy 8540, (*rescind*), Vending Machines, First Reading.

Dr. Johnson presented NEOLA policies for first reading.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. 6th – 8th Grade – Advanced Math Course Additions for 2026-2027, Inform.
Mrs. Manowitz advised that advanced math courses for grades 6th-8th grade for the 2026-2027 school year are required by legislation for students who score above average in math during ILEARN.

- Grade 6 Advanced Math – Grade 7 Math (Course Code: 0430.07)
- Grade 7 Advanced Math – Grade 8 Math (Course Code 0430.08)
- Grade 8 Advanced Math – Algebra 1 (Course Code: 2520)

2. Field Trips

- JCHS FFA, Brad Briggs, LDW Camp at the Indiana FFA Center in Trafalgar, IN., 1/30/2026-2/1/2026.
- JCHS Key Club, Eric Kelley, Annual IN District Key Club Convention, Indianapolis, IN., 2/27/2026-3/1/2026.

These field trips were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

C. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

None at this time.

3. Transfers

None at this time.

4. Recommendations

None at this time.

5. Conference Requests

- Nichole Creech, IN School Safety Basic Training, Indianapolis, IN., 2/2/2026-2/3/2026.
- Mandy Sullivan, IN School Safety Basic Training, Indianapolis, IN., 2/2/2026-2/3/2026.

These conferences were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

D. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

- Savanna Michi, JCMS SPED Para Pro, Maternity Leave effective 4/7/2026-5/5/2026, Approval.
- Emilie Robinette, NVE Nurse, Maternity Leave effective 1/8/2026-4/6/2026, Approval.

These leaves were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Amber Cooper, JCMS SPED Para Pro, resignation effective 1/16/2026, Approval.

- Jeanna Greathouse, BCE Administrative Asst., retirement effective 6/8/2026, Approval.
- Kim Herr, BCE Administrative Asst., retirement effective 6/8/2026, Approval.
- Olivia Owens, JCHS Girls Head Soccer Coach, resignation effective 1/6/2026, Approval.
- Aries Ray, SCE Para Pro, resignation effective 1/14/2026, Approval.

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

3. Transfers

None at this time.

4. Recommendations

- Carmel Campfield, GCE Para Pro, \$14.00 / hr. x 7 hrs./ day x 180 days, effective 1/26/2026, Approval.
- Evan Sochacki, JCMS SPED Para Pro, \$14.00 / hr. x 7 hrs./ day x 180 days, effective 1/23/2026, Approval.

Mrs. Hearne requested approval. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. Conference Requests

None at this time.

E. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations/Grants, Approval.

- Brush Creek Elementary, Approval.
 - First United Methodist Church - \$150.00 for extra clothing in the nurse's office.
 - Sherida Burgmeier Moore Fund-Jennings County Community Foundation, \$200.00 for student snacks.
- JCHS, Approval.
 - Student Activities Fund
 - Jennings County Pallets, Inc. - \$500.00
 - Tri-State Doors, Inc. - \$500.00
- JCMS, Approval.
 - Jennings County Community Foundation of North Vernon, IN, \$200.00 to support the Food Pantry.
- JCSC, Approval.
 - Hope Food Program
 - Sardina Baptist Church - \$353.18
 - Scott A Terry, DDS, PC - \$225.00
- Scipio Elementary, Approval.
 - Sherida Burgmeier Moore Fund-Jennings County Community Foundation, \$200.00 for student snacks.

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

2. Resolution, Approval.

- a. *Resolution BUS2026-001*- Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of Jennings County Schools to make payments of claims without board action prior to February 12, 2026, 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, Approval.

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

b. *Resolution BUS2026-002* - Early Retirement Incentive, Approval.

Dr. Johnson requested approval of the funding for the proposed Early Retirement Incentive for certified staff.

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

F. Property (Policy 7000)

None at this time.

G. Operations (Policy 8000)

None at this time.

H. Relations (Policy 9000)

1. MOU between Indiana Wesleyan University and JCSC, Pre-Student Teaching Placement, Approval.

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

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,020,321.18 (claims 110571 – 110755) and payroll in the amount of \$1,212,370.28 (check date 1/15/2025).

These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Updates.

Dr. Johnson stated that January is School Board Appreciation Month. Thank you for all you do for our students and our community!

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Board Meeting will be on February 12, 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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Amy Pettit - President

Curt Nieman

Cheryl Miller - Vice President

Travis Shepherd

Pat Sullivan - Secretary

Mary Lynn Whitcomb

Chelsea Morrison