

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Annual Board of Finance Meeting
Regular Board Meeting
January 25, 2024

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on January 25, 2024 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.
- (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 Cheryl Miller, Mary Lynn Whitcomb, Earl Taggart, Pat Sullivan, Chelsea Morrison, Dr. Amy Pettit and Travis Shepherd. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz and Philip Marsh were also in attendance.

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:43 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/2Xz5_E3Z4aE?feature=share

Board members present were Cheryl Miller, Mary Lynn Whitcomb, Earl Taggart, Pat Sullivan, Chelsea Morrison, Dr. Amy Pettit and Travis Shepherd. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Todd Ebinger, Amanda Sullivan, and Board Executive Secretary Debbie Andis were also in attendance.

Agenda

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

A. Election of a President and Secretary

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

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to nominate Dr. Amy Pettit for President and Pat Sullivan for Secretary. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no, 2 abstain (Pettit and Sullivan).

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 invested proceeds from bond sale in a 6-month CD because money won't be needed till May/June time frame.

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 the oldest outstanding check in the system is about eight months old.

F. Corporation Fiscal and Qualitative Indicators

Mr. Marsh stated that this packet was given to the board.

G. Adjournment

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion.

7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

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/KqzGUEfYoEc?feature=share>

Board members present were Cheryl Miller, Mary Lynn Whitcomb, Earl Taggart, Pat Sullivan, Chelsea Morrison, Dr. Amy Pettit and Travis Shepherd. Superintendent Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, 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;
- VIB3. 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:

- VIIIA1. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 1/10/2024.

Agenda

- I. Pledge
The President, Dr. Pettit, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. She reminded everyone that we are live streaming this board meeting tonight and welcomed those joining us via the web and those present in person.
- 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 January 11, 2024.
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.
Autumn Moore, Director of NV Main Street, was present and introduced herself. She spoke on some upcoming events to take place and offered her assistance to JCS.
 - JCMS Cooking Club Showcase
Members of the JCMS Cooking Club were in attendance and handed out tins of homemade cookies to JCSC Board members and the Administration Team. Club members in attendance were Kinley Bishop, Allison Patterson, Aryan Hulse,

Rebecca Neal, Carla Ventura, Nicole, Sanchez, Beau Williams Jr., Avery Smith, Makenzie Klene, Marlee Moore and sponsor Mrs. Ratcliff.

V. Old Business

A. NEOLA, Approval

1. NEOLA Policy 3120.04, Employment of Substitutes, Second Reading
2. NEOLA Administrative Guideline 3120.04, Second Reading
3. NEOLA Policy 3124, Employment Contracts with Professional Employees, Second Reading
4. NEOLA Policy 3213.01, Staff-Student Relations, Second Reading
5. NEOLA Policy 3215, Tobacco Use Prevention, Second Reading
6. NEOLA Policy 3231, Outside Activities of Staff, Second Reading
7. NEOLA Policy 3362.01, Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members, Second Reading
8. NEOLA Policy 3425, Nursing Mothers, Second Reading
9. NEOLA Policy 4120, Employment of Support Staff, Second Reading
10. NEOLA Policy 4213.01, Staff-Student Relations, Second Reading
11. NEOLA Policy 4215, Tobacco Use Prevention, Second Reading
12. NEOLA Policy 4425, Nursing Mothers, Second Reading
13. NEOLA Policy 5330, Use of Medication, Second Reading
14. NEOLA Policy 5512, Tobacco Use Prevention, Second Reading

Mrs. Johnson stated that these NEOLA policies are a second reading and asked to take them as a group for approval.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve these NEOLA policies as presented. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VI. New Business

A. NEOLA

1. NEOLA Policy 5517.01, Bullying, First Reading
2. NEOLA Policy 5771, Search and Seizure, First Reading
3. NEOLA Policy 6152, Student Fees and Charges, First Reading
4. NEOLA Policy 6250, Required ADM Counts for the Purpose of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership, First Reading
5. NEOLA Policy 6550, Travel Payment and Reimbursement / Relocation Costs, First Reading
6. NEOLA Policy 6700, Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), First Reading
7. NEOLA Policy 7434, Use of Tobacco on School Property, First Reading
8. NEOLA Policy 7440, Facility Security Program, First Reading
9. NEOLA Policy 7540.02, Web Accessibility, Content, Apps, and Services, First Reading
10. NEOLA Policy 8310, Public Records, First Reading
11. NEOLA Policy 9111, Communications, First Reading

Mrs. Johnson stated that these NEOLA policies are a first reading and will ask for approval at the next meeting.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. JCHS E-Sports Program Request, Inform / Approval

Mr. Roller and Mr. Castetter shared a presentation on E-Sports (Competitive Video Gaming). They are requesting to start an E-Sports club in spring of 2024 at JCHS.

Dr. Pettit stated that this was listed as an inform but asked for a motion to approve the E-Sports Club for spring of 2024.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve this E-Sports Club. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. 2023-2024 Results Driven Accountability Data, Inform

Todd Ebinger and Mandy Sullivan shared a power point on the annual RDA report on special education data. This data is based on last year's test scores and a comparison of our special education student performance and growth to other districts.

3. Field Trips

None at this time.

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

- Justin Smith, IATCCC State Clinic, Indianapolis, IN, 2/01 – 2/03/2024.

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

D. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

- MaKenna Hooten, JCMS Para Pro, leave effective 1/11/2024 – 2/26/2024.
- Charissa Lester, NVE SPED Para Pro, leave effective 1/04/2024 – 2/15/2024.

These leaves were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Riley Bowling, JCS Maintenance Intern, resignation effective 1/31/2024.
- Megan Sanders, BCE Para Pro, resignation effective 1/26/2024.

These resignations were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Transfers

None at this time.

4. Recommendations

None at this time.

5. Conference Requests

None at this time.

E. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval

- Giving Grace, \$3,000 to JCS Negative Lunch Balances.
- Mike Waskom, GE Washer/Dryer Combo (valued at \$1,308.61) to HE.

- NVIC, \$150.00 Grant to HE & NVE for Tiffany Thurston's Multilingual Students for their Thanksgiving Feast.
- Eden Salon & Spa / Kari Bright & Paylee Ertel, \$1,500 to JCHS Student Help Fund.
- Donations to JCHS Panther Pantry
 - 6 Boxes of Food Items – Alert Methodist Church
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 - 2 Cases of Eggs – Rose Acre Farms
- Donations to JCHS Junior Class Prom:
 - \$250.00 - ETC Systems, Inc.
 - \$100.00 – Pettit Sales
 - \$100.00 – Greg Hicks, State Farm Insurance
 - \$250.00 – Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc.
 - \$250.00 - Theobald Management, Inc. dba Wendy's
- SCE Staff, \$166.00 to HOPE Food Program

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

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$319,967.41 (claims 18,020 – 18,148).

These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Updates

1. Area Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 1/10/2024.

The above item was included in the board minutes.

2. Other

Mrs. Johnson noted that January is Public School Board appreciation month. Mrs. Johnson thanked the board for their service and for keeping kids first in all their decisions.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Mrs. Miller 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

Amy Pettit - President

Travis Shepherd

Chelsea Morrison - Vice President

Earl Taggart

Pat Sullivan - Secretary

Mary Lynn Whitcomb

Cheryl Miller