**JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**
**Central Administration Office Building**
**Executive Session**
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**
**July 9, 2026**

**Executive Session*:*** The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on July 9, 2026 at 6:00 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).*

(8) To discuss before a placement decision an individual student's abilities, past performance, behavior, and needs. *IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(8).*

(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).*

(16B) To discuss employee handbook changes. *IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(16).*

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Pat Sullivan, Travis Shepherd, Chelsea Morrison and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. Cheryl Miller and Curt Nieman were not in attendance. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistant Carrie Manowitz and Philip Marsh were also in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 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 7:00 p.m.
The following link was also available to live stream the Regular Board meeting from your home:

https://youtube.com/live/cGcLiniv7OQ

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Pat Sullivan, Travis Shepherd, Chelsea Morrison and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. Cheryl Miller and Curt Nieman were not in attendance. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistant 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;
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:
VID3. June Fund Report.

**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. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

III. Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of June 11, 2026.
These minutes were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

IV. Community Non-Agenda Items
- JCSC Information Statement.
  This policy can be located on our District Website: jcsc.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.
  Mr. Cheatham and Mr. Sargent signed in to speak, however decided to wait until the subject of America's 250$^{th}$ Event Proposal presented by JCCU (Jennings County Citizens United) later on the agenda.

V. Old Business

A. NEOLA, Approval.

- NEOLA, Policy 0100, Definitions, 2nd Reading, Approve.
- NEOLA, Bylaw 0151, Organizational Meeting, 2nd Reading, Approve.
- NEOLA, Policy 1662.01 (*T.C.)*, Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members, 2nd Reading, Approve.
- NEOLA, Policy 2221, Mandatory Curriculum, 2nd Reading, Approve.
- NEOLA, Admin. Guidelines 2221, Mandatory Curriculum, 2nd Reading, Approve.
- NEOLA, Policy 3120.02, Adjunct Teachers, 2nd Reading, Approve.
- NEOLA, Policy 3220.02, Supplemental Payments for Teachers, 2nd Reading, Approve.
- NEOLA, Policy 3362.01 (*T.C.)*, Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members, 2nd Reading, Approve.
- NEOLA, Policy 4362.01 (*T.C.)*, Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members, 2nd Reading, Approve.
- NEOLA, Policy 5136 (*Replacement)*, Personal Communication Devices, 2nd Reading, Approve.
- NEOLA, Admin. Guidelines 5136, Personal Communication Devices, 2nd Reading, Approve.
- NEOLA, Policy 5136.01, Personal Electronic Equipment Other Than Personal Communications Devices, 2nd Reading, Approve.
- NEOLA, Policy 5310 (*T.C.)*, Health Services, 2nd Reading, Approve.
- NEOLA, Policy 5600, Student Discipline, 2nd Reading, Approve.

  Dr. Johnson requested approval for the updated Policies and Admin. Guidelines, pointing out the updated Personal Communication Devices (cell phones, personal tablets, gaming devices, smart watches, and smart glasses) policy and the changes for the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Shepherd asked whether we have contingencies in place if the school policy rule is broken? Dr. Johnson said yes, there are procedures to address any infractions.
  Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.
  5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Edmentum Courseware, Approval.
   Mrs. Sullivan requested to change the platform from Edgenuity to Edmentum for online courses for credit recovery and alternative ed.
   Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion.
   5 yes, 0 no. Approved.
2. Edmentum Exact Path, Approval.
   Mrs. Manowitz requested approval to purchase the state-approved formative assessment and learning program with funding from the Indiana Formative Assessment Grant and federal Title funds.
   Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.
   5 yes, 0 no. Approved.
3. Capturing Kids' Hearts Program, Approval.
   Dr. Johnson requested to table this item.
   Mr. Shepherd made a motion to table. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion.
   5 yes, 0 no. Tabled.

C. Finances (Policy 6000)
   None at this time.
D. Operations (Policy 8000)
   1. Summer Maintenance Project Updates, Inform.
      Mr. Marsh informed that all summer maintenance projects are on schedule to be completed.
E. Property (Policy 7000)
   None at this time.

VI. New Business

A. Programs (Policy 2000)
   1. 2026-2027 Elementary, JCMS and JCHS Curricular Materials List, Inform.
      Mrs. Manowitz informed about the K-12 curriculum materials with the associated fees that are only relevant if a student loses materials and must pay for its replacement.
   2. Field Trips
      None at this time.
B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)
   1. Leaves
      None at this time.
   2. Resignations/Retirements
      - Kristin Campbell, JCHS Impact Teacher, resignation effective 7/1/2026, Approval.

      This resignation was approved without discussion as consent agenda item.
   3. Transfers
      None at this time.
   4. Recommendations
      - Jennifer Cepeda, JCMS ELA Teacher, $59,600.00 / year x 185 days, effective 8/3/2026, Approval.
      - Lauren Todd, JCMS ELA Teacher, $46,100.00 / year x 185 days, effective 8/3/2026, Approval.
      - Abigail Vogel, SCE SPED Teacher, $46,100.00 / year x 185 days, effective 8/3/2026, Approval.
      - Emily Lane, NVE SPED Cares Teacher, $46,100.00 / year x 185 days, effective 8/3/2026, Approval.

      Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.
   5. Conference Requests
      None at this time.
C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)
   1. Leaves
      None at this time.
   2. Resignations/Retirements
      - Jennifer Campbell, JCMS Cook, resignation effective 6/17/2026, Approval.
      - Abby Ertel, JCHS Asst. Girls Volleyball Coach, resignation effective 7/6/2026, Approval.

   - Ashley Martin, JCHS Asst. Girls Volleyball Coach, resignation effective 6/23/2026, Approval.

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

3. Transfers

   None at this time.

4. Recommendations
   - Braden Lewis, JCMS Asst. Boys' Soccer Coach, $1,925.00 stipend, effective 7/10/2026, Approval.
   - Andrew Megel, JCMS Head Boys' Soccer Coach, $2,613.00 stipend, effective 7/10/2026, Approval.
   - Thomas Mellencamp, JCMS Asst. Football Coach, $1,925.00 stipend, effective 7/10/2026, Approval.
   - Mallory Rockey, JCMS Girls Asst. Volleyball Coach, $1,925.00 stipend, effective 7/10/2026, Approval.
   - Gary Tungeitt, JCMS Asst. Football Coach, $1,925.00 stipend, effective 7/10/2026, Approval.

   Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. Conference Requests

   None at this time.

D. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations/Grants, Approval.
   - JCMS, Approval.
     - Tracy Eder, $50.00 to purchase a new yearbook camera.
     - 812 Kustoms, John & Ginny Brooks, $100.00 to purchase shirts for the Class of 2031 and Class of 2032.
   - JCSC, Approval.
     - NVIC, $250.00 to the H.O.P.E. Food Program.

   Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Resolution, Approval.
   a. *Resolution* # **BUS2026-013** – Resolution authorizing the transfer of $168,561.31 of the Supplemental Homestead Credit Impact from the Debt Service fund to the Operations fund in July 2026 pursuant to Indiana law.

   Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

3. June Fund Report.

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

E. Property (Policy 7000)

None at this time.

F. Operations (Policy 8000)

1. Authorization for Superintendent to fill positions without board action prior to August 5, 2026, Approval.

   Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

G. Relations (Policy 9000)
   1. America's 250th Event Proposal - JCCU, Inform.
      Mr. Cheatham and Mr. Sargent with JCCU (Jennings County Citizens United), spoke regarding a play reenactment of signing the Declaration of Independence with the proposed site location at Jennings County High School with the time and date to be determined.
   2. MOU between Southeastern Career Center and JCSC for Transportation, Approval.
      Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve.  Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion.
      5 yes, 0 no.  Approved.
   3. MOU between Vincennes University and JCSC, Approval.
      Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve.  Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.
      5 yes, 0 no.  Approved.
   4. SOW between Vincennes University and JCSC, Approval.
      Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve.  Ms. Morrison seconded the motion.
      5 yes, 0 no.  Approved.
   5. Grant for H.O.P.E. Food Program between Jennings County Community Foundation, Inc. and JCSC, Approval.
      Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve a $5,000.00 grant to help support our H.O.P.E. Food Program.  Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion.
      5 yes, 0 no.  Approved.

VII. Claims
The claims were presented for approval in the amount of $5,854,630.48 (claims 112933 – 113338) and payroll in the amount of $1,154,848.78 (check date 6/15/2026) and $1,176,069.14 (check date 6/30/2026).
These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other
A. Updates.
   Mr. Marsh stated that our Summer Food Program has been very successful and that three weeks remain on Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. located at Jennings County High School.

IX. Adjournment
Mr. Shepherd made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.  Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.
5 yes, 0 no.  Adjourned.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next Regular Board Meeting will be on July 23, 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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