

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2026

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on June 11, 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):

(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.

(2D) A real property transaction including:

- (i.) a purchase;
- (ii.) a lease as lessor;
- (iii.) a lease as lessee;
- (iv.) a transfer;
- (v.) an exchange; or
- (vi.) a sale;

By the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision’s duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including *IC 36-1-10* or *36-1-11*.

(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, Pat Sullivan, Travis Shepherd, Chelsea Morrison and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. Dr. Amy Pettit and Curt Nieman were not in attendance. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistant Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, and Lisa Hearne were also in attendance.

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

<https://youtube.com/live/JkkLLuGSZ5c>

Board members present were Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Travis Shepherd, Chelsea Morrison and Mary Lynn Whitcomb. Dr. Amy Pettit 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;
- VIB4. Field Trips;
- VIC1. Professional Staff: Leaves;
- VIC2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIC3. Professional Staff: Transfers;
- VIC6. Conference Requests;
- VID1. Support Staff: Leaves;
- VID2. Support Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VID3. Support Staff: Transfers;
- VID7. 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. Essential Service Committee Meeting Minutes, 4/21/2026.
- VIIIA2. Area Planning Commission Meeting Minutes, 5/4/2026.

Agenda

- I. Pledge
The Vice President, Cheryl Miller, 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. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- III. Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of May 21, 2026.
These minutes were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

IV. Community Non-Agenda Items

- JCHS Spring Sports Recognition.
Mr. Joe Hartwell introduced the 2026 Lady Panthers Softball team including: Jillianne Brower, Marlee Elston, Kate Treadway, Riley Byford, Arian Day, Macie Ward, Ryleigh Sporleader, Delaynee Ritz, Madisyn Johnson, Emma Clapp, Graci Ross, Audrey McDonald, Peyton Collett, Tynlee Mollenhoff, and Paige Hack. Their postseason included capturing the Sectional Championship, the Regional Championship, and competing in the Semi-State. Congratulations to coach Bobby Willis for being selected as District 5 Coach of the Year.
Mr. Hartwell also recognized members of the Jennings County Boys' Track team. Eli Lucas, Kaleb McIntosh, Zach Wahlman, Dawson Leak, Lance Kear, Sam Hernandez, and Gionani Lazcano for competing in the State Finals. (Their postseason included several track team members receiving the Hoosier Hills Conference Championships in the 4 x 800m Relay, 4 x 400m Relay, 400m, 800m and 1600m events.)
- 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 will ask 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 3142, Cancellation of a Teaching Contract, 2nd Reading, Approval.
 - NEOLA, Policy 3220, Staff Evaluation, 2nd Reading, Approval.
 - NEOLA, Policy 5540, The Schools and Law Enforcement Agencies, 2nd Reading, Approval.
 - NEOLA, Admin. Guidelines 5540.02, Relationship with Government Agencies, 2nd Reading, Approval.
 - NEOLA, Policy 8462, Child Abuse and Neglect, 2nd Reading, Approval.Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- B. Programs (Policy 2000)
 - 1. Panther Online Academy Handbook, Approval.
Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- C. Finances (Policy 6000)
None at this time.
- D. Operations (Policy 8000)
None at this time.
- E. Property (Policy 7000)
None at this time.

VI. New Business

- A. NEOLA, Inform.
 - NEOLA, Policy 0100, Definitions, 1st Reading, Inform.
 - NEOLA, Bylaw 0151, Organizational Meeting, 1st Reading, Inform.

- NEOLA, Policy 1662.01 (*T.C.*), Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members, 1st Reading, Inform.
- NEOLA, Policy 2221, Mandatory Curriculum, 1st Reading, Inform.
- NEOLA, Admin. Guidelines 2221, Mandatory Curriculum, 1st Reading, Inform.
- NEOLA, Policy 3120.02, Adjunct Teachers, 1st Reading, Inform.
- NEOLA, Policy 3220.02, Supplemental Payments for Teachers, 1st Reading, Inform.
- NEOLA, Policy 3362.01 (*T.C.*), Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members, 1st Reading, Inform.
- NEOLA, Policy 4362.01 (*T.C.*), Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members, 1st Reading, Inform.
- NEOLA, Policy 5136 (*Replacement*), Personal Communication Devices, 1st Reading, Inform.
- NEOLA, Admin. Guidelines 5136, Personal Communication Devices, 1st Reading, Inform.
- NEOLA, Policy 5136.01, Personal Electronic Equipment Other Than Personal Communications Devices, 1st Reading, Inform.
- NEOLA, Policy 5310 (*T.C.*), Health Services, 1st Reading, Inform.
- NEOLA, Policy 5600, Student Discipline, 1st Reading, Inform.

Dr. Johnson presented NEOLA Policies and Admin. Guidelines for first reading. One of the policies included in first reading was the cellphone policy that has been changed to align with state legislation.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Edmentum Courseware, Inform.

Mrs. Sullivan introduced a request for change to online course credit recovery platform from Edgenuity to Edmentum.

2. Edmentum Exact Path, Inform.

Mrs. Manowitz presented Edmentum Exact Path to be used at JCMS as a state-approved formative assessment. This learning program designed to support student achievement in Mathematics and English/Language Arts. The funding for the program will be provided through Indiana Formative Assessment Grant and Federal Title funds.

3. Capturing Kids' Hearts Program, Inform.

Dr. Johnson presented Capturing Kids' Hearts Program as part of our new Strategic Plan goals. If approved, this program would provide structure for building student relationships, establishing a positive school culture, and providing structured character education. This program would be grant-funded if approved.

4. Field Trips

- Brad Briggs, JCHS FFA, State FFA Convention, 6/17/2026-6/18/2026, Approval.

This field trip was approved without discussion as consent agenda item.

C. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

- Shelby Wilson, NVE Para Pro, Maternity Leave effective 9/21/2026-1/5/2027, Approval.

This leave was approved without discussion as consent agenda item.

2. Resignations/Retirements

None at this time.

3. Transfers

- Andrew Krummen, JCHS MTSS Teacher to JCMS Social Studies Teacher, effective 8/3/2026, Approval.

This transfer was approved without discussion as consent agenda item.

4. Permission to Fill Positions Prior to Next Board Meeting, Approval.

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

5. Recommendations

None at this time.

6. Conference Requests

- Tim Poer, School Transportation Directors Meeting, Fort Wayne, IN., 6/23/2026-6/25/2026, Approval.

This conference was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

D. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Dakota Bland, JCHS Auditorium Lighting Director, resignation effective 5/20/2026.
- Ronita Knarr, JCHS Attendance Secretary, retirement effective 6/8/2026, Approval.
- David Logan, JCMS Head Cross Country Coach, resignation effective 5/20/2026, Approval.
- Trey McAdam, JCHS Asst. Football Coach, resignation effective 5/28/2026, Approval.
- Lori McClain, JCSC Summer Tech Intern, resignation effective 5/27/2026, Approval.
- Samuel Pratt, JCSC Bus Driver, resignation effective 5/21/2026, Approval.
- Missy Taylor, JCHS Athletics Administrative Asst., retirement effective 6/15/2026, Approval.
- Sandra Whitney, Scipio Summer Custodian, resignation effective 5/26/2026, Approval.
- Mary Unsworth, JCEC CCMA Instructor, resignation effective 5/22/2026, Approval.

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

3. Transfers

- Dillion Griffin, JCSC Athletics Support to JCSC IT Administrative Asst., \$20.45 / hr. x 8 hrs. /day x 260 days, effective 6/12/2026, Approval.
- Donna Lewis, JCSC Floating Cook to NVE Cook, effective 8/3/2026, Approval.
- Diana Marshall, HE Cook to JCHS Cook, effective 8/3/2026, Approval.
- Amber McClain, JCHS Cook to HE Cook, effective 8/3/2026, Approval.

- Hannah Tungeitt, Scipio Para Pro to JCHS Guidance Administrative Asst., \$20.70 / hr. x 8 hrs. / day x 205 days, effective 7/20/2026, Approval.
- These transfers were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

4. Pay Scale for Paraprofessionals, Approval.
Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.
5 yes, 0 no. Approved.
5. Pay Scale for Administrative Assistant-District, Approval.
Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.
5 yes, 0 no. Approved.
6. Recommendations
 - Melissa Allen, JCSC Summer School Bus Aide, \$15.50 / hr. x 4 hrs. / day, effective 5/26/2026-6/5/2026, Approval.
 - Phyllis Apsley, JCSC Summer School Bus Aide, \$15.00 / hr. x 8 hrs. / day, effective 5/26/2026-6/5/2026, Approval.
 - Jackie Baurle, JCSC Summer School Bus Driver, \$18.70 / hr. x 4 hrs. / day, effective 5/26/2026-6/5/2026, Approval.
 - Michel Beaty, JCHS Hub Coordinator, \$19.95/ hr. x 7 hrs. / day x 180 days, effective 8/5/2026, Approval.
 - Mason Conrad, JCSC Summer Tech Intern, \$12.00 / hr. x 8 hrs. / day, effective 5/26/2026-7/31/2026, Approval.
 - Cassie Dailey, JCSC Summer School Bus Driver, \$17.75 / hr. x 4 hrs. / day, effective 5/26/2026-6/5/2026, Approval.
 - Kelly Ernstes, JCSC Food Service Administrative Asst. Lead, \$23.95 / hr. x 8 hrs. / day x 205 days, effective 7/1/2026, Approval.
 - Autumn Fischvogt, Central Office Summer Intern, \$12.00 / hr. x 8 hrs. / day, effective 5/26/2026-7/31/2026, Approval.
 - Ashley Heindel, JCMS Summer Custodial Intern, \$14.00 / hr., effective 5/26/2026-7/31/2026, Approval.
 - Noah Henderson, JCSC Summer School Bus Aide, \$12.00 / hr. x 6 hrs. / day, effective 5/26/2026-6/5/2026, Approval.
 - Noah Henderson, JCSC Summer School Bus Aide, \$12.00 / hr. x 4 hrs. / day, effective 6/8/2026-6/26/2026, Approval.
 - Makenna Hooten, JCHS Summer Custodian Intern, \$14.00 / hr., effective 5/26/2026-7/31/2026, Approval.
 - Lynn Hulse, JCSC Summer School Bus Driver, \$20.50 / hr. x 4 hrs. / day, effective 5/26/2026-6/5/2026, Approval.
 - Kindra Irwin, JCSC Summer School Bus Aide, \$15.75 / hr. x 4 hrs. / day, effective 5/26/2026-6/5/2026, Approval.
 - Anthony Jarvis, JCHS Asst. Football Coach, \$4,814.00 stipend, effective 6/12/2026, Approval.
 - Francis Johns, JCEC CCMA Instructor, \$35.00 / hr., effective 6/12/2026, Approval.
 - Dena Monday, JCSC Summer School Bus Driver, \$19.50 / hr. x 6 hrs., effective 5/26/2026-6/5/2026, Approval.
 - Dena Monday, JCSC Summer School Bus Driver, \$19.50 / hr. x 4 hrs., effective 6/8/2026-6/26/2026, Approval.

- Grace Patterson, Scipio Elementary Summer Custodian, \$ 12.00 / hr. x 8 hrs. / day, effective 6/10/2026-7/31/2026, Approval.
- Christopher Roberts, JCHS Custodian (2nd shift), \$14.00 / hr. x 8 hrs. / day x 260 days, effective 6/1/2026, Approval.
- Julia Robertson, SCE Summer Custodial Intern, \$14.00 / hr., effective 5/26/2026-7/31/2026, Approval.
- Nehemiah Scruggs, JCMS Head Football Coach, \$2,889.00 stipend, effective 6/12/2026, Approval.
- Dean Simpson, GCE Summer Custodial Intern (PT), \$12.00 / hr. x 4 hrs. / day, effective 5/26/2026-7/31/2026, Approval.
- Maycee Simpson, GCE Summer Custodian (PT), \$12.00 / hr. x 4 hrs. / day, effective 5/26/2026-7/31/2026, Approval.
- Donna Smith, JCSC Summer School Bus Driver, \$ 15.00 / hr. x 8 hrs. / day, effective 5/26/2026-6/5/2026, Approval.
- MaKayla Stidham, JCSC Cook – Sun Meals to Go (Summer Program), \$15.45 / hr., effective 6/12/2026-7/29/2026, Approval.
- Holly Woods, JCSC Summer School Bus Driver, \$19.20 / hr. x 4 hrs. / day, effective 5/26/2026-6/5/2026, Approval.

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

- Monica Hurley, NVE SPED Para Pro, \$14.50 / hr. x 7 hrs. / day x 180 days, effective 8/5/2026, Approval.

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

7. Conference Requests

None at this time.

E. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations/Grants, Approval.

- Brush Creek Elementary, Approval.
 - Student snack fund in memory of Linda Anglin.
 - Elizabeth & Andrew Ebbing - \$100.00
 - Jennifer Ebbing - \$100.00
- JCHS, Approval.
 - Ashley & Alex Sedam, \$200.00 to the Boys Volleyball Club.

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

2. Resolution, Approval.

- a. *Resolution # BUS2026-12* - Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of Jennings County School Corporation to make payments of claims without board action prior to July 9, 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. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.

3. May 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. MOU between Ohio Valley Opportunities, Inc. (OVO) and JCSC, Approval.
Mrs. Manowitz requested approval for this annual MOU. Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no.
Approved.
 - 2. MOU between Centerstone and JCSC, Approval.
Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- VII. Claims
The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$2,051,552.17 (claims 112534 – 112932) and payroll in the amount of \$1,663,273.50 (check date 5/29/2026).
These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.
- VIII. Other
 - A. Updates.
 - 1. Essential Service Committee Meeting Minutes, 4/21/2026.
 - 2. Area Planning Commission Meeting Minutes, 5/4/2026.
 - 3. Dr. Johnson stated that JCSC will be reviewing classroom technology use and best practices on devices and student learning.
- IX. Adjournment
Mr. Shepherd made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Board Meeting will be on July 9, 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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