

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2026

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on October 1, 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)*:

- (2) For discussion of strategy with respect to the following:
 - (A) Collective bargaining, which does not include a discussion or meeting under *IC 20-29-6-7*.
 - (B) 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)*.
- (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, Chelsea Morrison, Travis Shepherd, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Curt Nieman. Dr. Amy Pettit was not in attendance. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistant Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, and Lisa Hearne were also in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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 was also available to live stream the Regular Board meeting from your home:

<https://youtube.com/live/Xhxx3qoVKns>

Board members present were Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Chelsea Morrison, Travis Shepherd, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Curt Nieman. Dr. Amy Pettit was not in attendance. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Todd Ebinger, Amanda Sullivan, 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;
- VIB1. 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;
- 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. September Fund Report.
- VIIIA1. Essential Service Committee Meeting, 8/18/2026.

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. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- III. Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of September 17, 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 Vice 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)

- a. *Resolution BUS2026-015* – Resolution to Adopt 2027 School Budget, Approval.

Mr. Marsh requested approval. Mr. Nieman made a motion to approve.

Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

- b. *Resolution BUS2026-016* – Resolution to Adopt 2027 Capital Project Plan, Approval.

Mr. Marsh requested approval. Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve.

Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

- c. *Resolution BUS2026-017* – Resolution to Adopt 2027 Bus Replacement Plan, Approval.

Mr. Marsh requested approval. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve.

Mr. Nieman seconded the motion. 6 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 8300, Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan, 1st Reading, Inform.
- NEOLA, Policy 8400, School Safety Information, 1st Reading, Inform.
- NEOLA, Policy 8455, Coach Training, References, and IHSAA Reporting, 1st Reading, Inform.

Dr. Johnson presented NEOLA Policies for first reading.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Field Trips

- Eric Kelley, JCHS Key Club, Tecumseh Camp, Brookston, IN, 10/23/2026-10/25/2026, Approval.

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

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. Learn and Lead Teacher Leadership Program, Approval.

JCSC teachers will serve on the corporation's BLUEprint2030 committee funded through a one-time Title professional development grant with a \$1,000.00 stipend.

- Megan Buchanan
- Leslie Hill
- Brittany Layman
- Molly Crouch
- Jennifer Laman
- Shannon McFall
- Damian Rigby

- Caitlin Miller
- Rachel Neal
- Andrea Kent
- Tricia Skinner
- Erin Green
- Rebecca Driver
- Charlie Woolf
- Vicky Dixon
- Beth Krawczyk
- Kristi Rice
- Andrew Herrin
- Cole Chandler
- Derek Stewart
- Chrystal Hammond
- Samantha Low

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. Recommendations

None at this time.

6. Conference Requests

- Cynthia Law, IASP Fall Professional Conference, JW Marriott, Indianapolis, IN, 11/22/2026-11/24/2026, Approval.
- Samantha Low, IASP Assistant Principals Conference, Indianapolis, IN, 11/16/2026-11/17/2026, Approval.

These conferences were approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

D. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Monica Hurley, NVE SPED Para Pro, resignation effective 9/17/2026, Approval.

This resignation was approved without discussion as consent agenda item.

3. Transfers

- Haley Pennycuff, (*Correction*) to JCHS SPED Para Pro, effective 9/18/2026, Approval.

This transfer correction was approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

4. Recommendations

- Dillion Cooper, SCE Para Pro, \$14.25 / hr. x 7 hrs. x 180 days, effective 10/2/2026, Approval.
- Angela Lacey, BCE Custodian (2nd shift), \$14.25 / hr. x 8 hrs. x 260 days, effective 10/2/2026, Approval.
- Skyann Lovitt, NVE SPED Para Pro, termination effective 9/21/2026, Approval.
- Kendall Wildey, JCHS Volunteer Asst. Boys Basketball Coach, effective 10/2/2026, Approval.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

5. Conference Requests

- Stacey King and Autumn Temple, IAACE Conference (Adult Education), Florence, IN, 9/30/2026-10/2/2026, Approval.

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

E. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations/Grants, Approval.

- Brush Creek Elementary, Approval.
 - Jennings County Community Foundation, Sherida Moore Fund, \$200.00 for school snack program.
- Hayden Elementary, Approval.
 - Jennings County Community Foundation Grant, \$200.00 for the Care Closet.
- JCHS, Approval.
 - Jon & Linda Erler, \$500.00 to student PBIS fund.
 - Jon & Linda Erler, \$250.00 to staff PBIS fund.
 - Jon & Linda Erler, \$500.00 to the student help fund.
 - Graham Presbyterian Church, Inc., \$300.00 to the Panther Pantry.
 - Jennings County Community Foundation, Sherida Moore Fund, \$ 200.00 to the student activities fund for school snacks.
- JCMS, Approval.
 - Anonymous, \$1,000.00 to the FFA program.
 - Jennings County Players, \$500.00 for student activities and incentives.
- JCSC, Approval.
 - H.O.P.E. Food Program.
 - Graham Presbyterian Church, Inc.- \$300.00
- North Vernon Elementary, Approval.
 - First United Methodist Church, \$50.00 for student needs.
 - Jennings County Community Foundation Grant, \$200.00 to the school snack program.
- Scipio Elementary, Approval.
 - Attendance Sponsors.
 - Floyd Bowman - \$75.00
 - Well Yeah, Ariel Roberts Foundation, Inc. - \$75.00

Mr. Nieman made a motion to approve. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

- JCSC, Approval.
 - H.O.P.E. Food Program.
 - Mary Lynn Whitcomb- \$1,000.00

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 5 yes, 1 abstain (Ms. Whitcomb). Approved.

2. Resolution, Approval.

- a. *Resolution BUS2026-018* – Resolution Authorizing Reductions in Appropriations in the Education and Operations Funds, Approval.

Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

- b. **Resolution BUS2026-019-** Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of Jennings County Schools to make payments of claims without board action prior to October 22, 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. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

3. September 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)

1. Open Gate System, Inform.

JCHS and JCMS have the metal detectors in place and training is scheduled for the week of October 12th. There will be some adjustments to transportation drop-off and pick-up locations. The changes will be shared via Parent Square to let parents know the procedures and drop-off times.

2. Facility, Capacity, and Enrollment Study: School Fiscal Responsibility Efforts Summary, Inform.

Dr. Johnson shared avenues taken thus far involving the School Fiscal Responsibility Effort. The presentation has been shared on the website <https://www.jcsc.org/district-facility-capacity-enrollment-study>.

H. Relations (Policy 9000)

1. MOU between Inclusive Options and JCSC, Approval.

Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Mr. Nieman seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. MOU between Calming Creations Counseling, LLC and JCSC, Approval.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

3. MOU between SOAR Educational Transformation Team (ETT) and JCSC, Approval.

Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$2,007,714.31 (claims 114527 – 114766) and payroll in the amount of \$1,198,773.33 (check date 9/30/2026).

These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Updates.

1. Essential Service Committee Meeting, 8/18/2026.

2. Dr. Johnson expressed a big thank you to parents for participating in parent/teacher conferences.

IX. Adjournment

Ms. Morrison made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Board Meeting will be on October 22, 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

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Curt Nieman

Cheryl Miller - Vice President

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Pat Sullivan - Secretary

Mary Lynn Whitcomb

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