JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Public Hearing on 2026 School Budget, 2026 CPF Plan and
2026 Bus Replacement Plan
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
October 2, 2025

Executive Session*:* The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on October 2, 2025 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):

(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).*

(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).*

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Chelsea Morrison, Travis Shepherd, 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 6:38 pm.

Public Hearing on 2026 School Budget, 2026 Capital Project Finance Plan and 2026 Bus Replacement Plan: A public hearing to receive taxpayer input on the proposed 2026 School Budget, 2026 Capital Project Finance Plan and 2026 Bus Replacement Plan was held in the Board Room of the Jennings County School Corporation Central Administration Office Building, 34 West Main Street, North Vernon, IN 47265. The hearing began at 6:45 p.m.

The following link was available to live stream this Public Hearing from your home:

https://youtube.com/live/o4szzM36sqs

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Chelsea Morrison, Travis Shepherd, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Curt Nieman. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Amanda Sullivan, Lisa Hearne, and Board Executive Secretary Deb Johnson was also in attendance.

Agenda:

1. Call to order
   Dr. Pettit called the meeting to order.
2. Overview of proposed budgets
   Mr. Marsh presented a summary of the proposed 2026 Budget, Capital Project Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan.
3. Public input or comment on proposed budgets
   None at this time.
4. Adjournment
   Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 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 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/lGq01c7fduA

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Chelsea Morrison, Travis Shepherd, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Curt Nieman. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Amanda Sullivan, Lisa Hearne, and Board Executive Secretary Deb Johnson was 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 will be 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 will be shared with the Board:

VIE6. September 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. Nieman made a motion to approve. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

III. Minutes of the Board Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of September 18, 2025.

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: 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 2131, Strategic Objectives, 2nd Reading.
- NEOLA Policy 7300, Disposition of Real Property, 2nd Reading.
- NEOLA Policy 7310 (*T.C.)*, Disposition of Surplus Property, 2nd Reading.
- NEOLA Policy 7430, Safety Standards, 2nd Reading.
- NEOLA Policy 7440.01, Electronic Monitoring and Recording, 2nd Reading.
- NEOLA Policy 7455, Accounting System for Capital Assets, 2nd Reading.

Dr. Johnson requested approval for all NEOLA Policies. Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

None at this time.

C. Finances (Policy 6000)
1. 2026 JCSC Budget, 3rd Presentation, Inform.
2. 2026 JCSC Capital Project Plan – 3rd Presentation, Inform.
3. 2026 JCSC Bus Replacement Plan – 3rd Presentation, Inform.

Mr. Marsh presented the 3rd Presentation for the 2026 Budget. Mr. Marsh will request approval on October 23rd.

D. Operations (Policy 8000)

None at this time.

E. Property (Policy 7000)

None at this time.

VI. New Business

A. NEOLA, Inform.
   - NEOLA Policy 1220, Employment of the Superintendent, 1st Reading, Inform.
   - NEOLA Policy 3120, Employment of the Professional Staff, 1st Reading, Inform.
   - NEOLA Policy 4120, Employment of Support Staff, 1st Reading, Inform.
   - NEOLA Policy 5540.02 (*New)*, The Schools and Governmental Agencies, 1st Reading, Inform.

   Dr. Johnson presented NEOLA policies for the first reading.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)
   1. Soliant Health, Deaf/Hard Hearing Services, Approval.
      Mrs. Sullivan requested approval. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
   2. Tommie Roesch, Blind and Low Vision Services, Approval.
      Mrs. Sullivan requested approval. Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
   3. Field Trips
      None at this time.

C. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)
   1. Leaves
      - Hannah Whitaker, GCE Teacher, Unpaid Leave, 10/24/2025, Approval.
      - Lynley Arnholt, NVE Teacher, Administrative Leave, effective 9/29/2025-9/30/2025, Approval.

      These leaves were approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.
   2. Resignations/Retirements
      - Lynley Arnholt, NVE Teacher, resignation, effective 10/1/2025, Approval.

      This resignation was approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.
   3. Transfers
      None at this time.
   4. Recommendations
      None at this time.
   5. Conference Requests
      None at this time.

D. Support Staff (Policy 4000)
   1. Leaves
      - Crissy Beesley, JCSC Food Service Administrative Assistant, Unpaid Leave, 9/8/2025-11/3/2025, Approval.

      This leave was approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.
   2. Resignations/Retirements
      - Savanna Caneer, SCE SPED Pre-K Para Pro, resignation effective 9/21/2025, Approval.
      - Skyann Lovitt, NVE SPED Para Pro, resignation effective 10/3/2025, Approval.
      - Breanna Moore, SCE Para Pro, resignation effective 9/28/2025, Approval.
      - Melanie Smith, GCE Para Pro, resignation effective 9/26/2025, Approval.

- Melissa Vance, JCMS Custodian, retirement effective 9/30/2025, Approval.

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

3. Transfers

None at this time.

4. Recommendations
    - Jacqueline Baurle, JCSC Bus Driver, $18.50 per hr. x 8 hrs per day x 180 days, effective 10/13/2025, Approval.
    - Holly Kendrick, JCHS Cook, $14.75 per hr. x 7 hrs. per day x 184 days, effective 9/15/2025, Approval.
    - Savanna Michi, JCMS SPED Para Pro, $14.00 per hr. x 7 hrs. per day x 180 days, effective 9/26/2025, Approval.
    - Lori Morrison, JCMS Administrative Assistant, $19.25 per hr. x 8 hrs. per day x 205 days, effective 10/3/2025, Approval.

    Mrs. Hearne requested approval. Mr. Nieman made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan 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.
        - Blissful Balance, LLC, $75.00 for Donut Miss School.
    - JCHS, Approval.
        - Iron Benders Fitness and Nutrition, $250.00 to the Kindness Closet.
        - Kali Cross DBA Stir & Sip, $145.00 to Student PBIS.
        - Panther Pantry
            - Jay C Food Store, 5 cases of Peanut Butter.
            - Jennings Church of Christ, Inc., $200.00.
            - Mrs. Ray Wagster, $100.00.
        - Premier Sports, 160 Staff T-shirts for Homecoming theme “Built Different”.
    - North Vernon Elementary, Approval.
        - NVIC, estimated value of $70.00 for SD cards to Jeff Green.

    Mr. Marsh requested approval. Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Resolution, Approval.
    a. *Resolution* **BUS2025-013**- Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of Jennings County Schools to make payments of claims without board action prior to October 23, 2025, and to allow the Treasurer of Deputy Treasurer to make transfers of Appropriations within the Education, Debt Service, and Operations Funds in order to Balance Major Account Classifications, Approval.

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

3. September Fund Report

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

F. Property (Policy 7000)
   1. *Resolution* **BUS2025-014-** Resolution to Dispose of Surplus Items, Approval.
      Mr. Marsh requested approval. Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
   2. Permission to Advertise for the Sale of Surplus Items, Approval.
      Mr. Marsh requested approval. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Mr. Nieman seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.

G. Operations (Policy 8000)
   None at this time.

H. Relations (Policy 9000)
   1. MOU with True Trust Outside Therapy and JCSC, Approval.
      Mrs. Sullivan requested approval. Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved.
      Dr. Pettit expressed thanks for attending and showing support.

VII. Claims
The claims were presented for approval in the amount of $1,946,011.20 (claims 108693 – 108976) and payroll in the amount of $1,231,538.61 (check date 9/30/2025).
These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other
A. Updates.
   Dr. Johnson concluded by thanking our parents for their partnership as our elementary conferences are concluding.

IX. Adjournment
Ms. Morrison made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Board Meeting will be on October 23, 2025 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
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