JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Public Meeting: Tentative Agreement
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2026

Executive Session*:* The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on October 22, 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).*

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Public Meeting Notice on the Tentative Agreement: A public meeting to discuss the terms of the tentative agreement of the teacher collective bargaining agreement, which is posted on our school website www.jcsc.org/board, 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 meeting began at 6:45 p.m.

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

https://youtube.com/live/sTulSLi4vaA?feature=share

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Travis Shepherd, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Curt Nieman. Chelsea Morrison was not in attendance. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Todd Ebinger, Mandy Sullivan, Lisa Hearne and Board Executive Secretary Deb Johnson were also in attendance. Philip Marsh was not in attendance.

Agenda:

1. Call to order
   Dr. Pettit called the meeting to order.
2. Overview of proposed contract
   Dr. Johnson gave an summary and timeline of the teacher contract which was posted on our school website www.jcsc.org.
3. Public input or comment on proposed contract
   None at this time.
4. Adjournment
   Adjourned at 6:47 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/6tnkzyka-H0

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Travis Shepherd, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Curt Nieman. Chelsea Morrison was not in attendance. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Carrie Manowitz, Todd Ebinger, Mandy Sullivan, Lisa Hearne and Board Executive Secretary Deb Johnson were also in attendance. Philip Marsh was not 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;
VIA3. Field Trips;
VIB1. Professional Staff: Leaves;
VIB2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
VIB3. Professional Staff: Transfers;
VIB6. 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:
None at this time.

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

III. Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of October 1, 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 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 8300, Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan, 2nd Reading, Approval.
   - NEOLA, Policy 8400, School Safety Information, 2nd Reading, Approval.
   - NEOLA, Policy 8455, Coach Training, References, and IHSAA Reporting, 2nd Reading, Approval.

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

B. Programs (Policy 2000)
   None at this time.

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. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Safe Dates Presentation for JCMS, Inform.
   Mrs. Manowitz shared information about Turning Point Domestic Violence Services on Safe Dates Curriculum to equip students with skills and resources to recognize and prevent dating abuse and violent relationships. The program will be presented to JCMS students. Parents can opt out from their student viewing if preferred. Mrs. Manowitz will request approval on Nov. 12th. If anyone has questions, please contact Mrs. Manowitz at 812-346-4483.
2. ELA Textbook Adoption, Inform.
   Mrs. Manowitz encouraged teachers to review the sample textbooks that are in the schools. Mrs. Manowitz has sent out a survey to all teachers asking for input on which textbooks to choose. Parent input is also welcome by contacting the building principal.
3. Field Trips
   None at this time.

B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves
   - Brooke Leach, SCE Teacher, Maternity Leave, 3/31/2027-5/17/2027, Approval.

   This leave was approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.
2. Resignations/Retirements
   - Nicole Johnson, Superintendent of Schools, resignation effective 10/27/2026, Approval.
   - Jill Stoner, JCMS Educational Support Tutor (part-time), resignation effective 10/12/2026, Approval.

   These resignations were approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.
3. Transfers
   None at this time.
4. Recommendations
   - Career Increment / Master Teacher Stipend, Approval.
     2027/2028, 2028/2029, 2029/2030, 2030/2031, 2031/2032
     - Kiana Johnson
   - John Kelley, JCMS 7th grade Girls Basketball Coach, $2,889.00 stipend, effective 10/23/2026, Approval.

   Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve. Mr. Nieman seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
5. JCSC Interim Superintendent, Inform.
   Dr. Pettit gave a brief timeline and the selection process for the Interim Superintendent.
6. Conference Requests
   - Nicole Creech, Principal's Fall Professional Conference, Indianapolis, IN, 11/22/2026-11/24/2026, Approval.
   - Corie Edens, JCHS AEAI Conference, Goshen, IN, 11/5/2026-11/6/2026, Approval.
   - Jennifer Laman, NSTA Conference, Indiana Convention Center, 11/5/2026-11/6/2026, Approval.

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

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves
   - Cassandra Dailey, JCSC Bus Driver, Administrative Leave, effective 10/16/2026 (1/2 day) and 10/19/2026 (full day), Approval.

   This leave was approved without discussion as consent agenda item.
2. Resignations/Retirements
   - Lisa Bowman, Scipio Elementary Cook, retirement effective at the end of the 2026-2027 school year, Approval.
   - Daniela Flores Mejia, JCMS EL Para Pro/Translator, resignation effective 10/23/2026, Approval.

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

   None at this time.
4. Recommendations
   - Diana Bueno Olivas, JCHS Para Pro/Translator, $16.25 / hr. x 7 hrs. x 180 days, effective 10/23/2026, Approval.
   - Donald Coquerille, JCHS Volunteer Asst. Girls Basketball Coach, effective 10/23/2026, Approval.
   - Robin Coquerille, JCHS Volunteer Asst. Girls Basketball Coach, effective 10/23/2026, Approval.
   - Cassandra Dailey, JCSC Bus Driver, termination effective 10/20/2026, Approval.
   - William Davis, BCE 5th and 6th grade Girls Basketball Coach, $216.00 split stipend, effective 10/23/2026, Approval.
   - Kenneth Eaton, JCHS Custodian (2nd shift), termination effective 10/13/2026, Approval.
   - Derek Hillen, BCE 5th and 6th grade Girls Basketball Coach, $216.00 split stipend effective 10/23/2026, Approval.
   - Shane Howard, JCMS 8th grade Girls Basketball Coach, $2,889.00 stipend effective 10/23/2026, Approval.
   - Sarah Kirk, BCE 5th and 6th grade Boys Basketball Coach, $432.00 stipend effective 10/23/2026, Approval.
   - Courtney Kreutzjans, JCMS 8th grade Boys Asst. Basketball Coach, $2,336.00 stipend effective 10/23/2026, Approval.
   - Greg Kreutzjans, JCMS 8th grade Boys Basketball Coach, $2,889.00 stipend effective 10/23/2026, Approval.
   - Jenny Low, JC Girls Youth Basketball Coach, effective 10/23/2026, Approval.
   - Terrence Moberly, JCHS SPED Para Pro (part-time), $15.25 / hr. x 7 hrs. x 72 days, effective 10/23/2026, Approval.
   - Jeremy Owens, GCE 5th and 6th grade Boys Basketball Coach, $432.00 stipend effective 10/23/2026, Approval.
   - Loryn Pate, JCMS 7th grade Girls Asst. Basketball Coach, $2,336.00 stipend effective 10/23/2026, Approval.

- Loryn Pate, JCMS 8th grade Girls Asst. Basketball Coach, $2,336.00 effective 10/23/2026, Approval.

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

5. Conference Requests
   None at this time.

D. Finances (Policy 6000)
   1. Donations/Grants, Approval.
      - Brush Creek Elementary, Approval.
        - Thomas & Ruth Hackman, $50.00 for student snacks.
      - JCMS, Approval.
        - Kiwanis Club of North Vernon, $200.00 to the Builder's Club.
      - JCSC, Approval.
        - Cummins-Jennings County Community Involvement Team, hygiene kits and snack kits.
      - Sand Creek Elementary, Approval.
        - Jennings County Community Foundation-Sherida Moore Fund, $200.00 for student snacks.
        - New Bethel Methodist, $112.50 for lunches for students.
      - North Vernon Elementary, Approval.
        - Zenas Mission Circle, $60.00 for student needs.

      Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
   2. Resolution, Approval.
      a. *Resolution* **BUS2026-020**- Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer of Jennings County Schools to make payments of claims without board action prior to November 12, 2026, 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. Shepherd made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
   3. Permission to Advertise Additional Appropriation for Debt Service on November 10, 2026, Approval.
      Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

E. Property (Policy 7000)
   None at this time.

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

G. Relations (Policy 9000)
   1. Dollar General Youth Literacy Foundation Grant, Approval.
      Mrs. Manowitz requested approval to accept grant funds for JCHS Para Pro/Librarian Bonnie Jones from the Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant for $2,500.00.

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

2. MOU between Ivy Tech Community College and JCSC, Approval.
   Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion.
   6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
3. MOU between Winding Road Counseling and JCSC, Approval.
   Mr. Nieman 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 $1,814,946.77 (claims 114767 – 115206) and payroll in the amount of $1,185,569.64 (check date 10/15/2026).
These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Updates.

1. Mrs. Miller made a motion to give the school board president the authority to negotiate and approve the Interim Superintendent contract for Dr. Terri Goodin up to the approved salary amount.
   Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
2. Dr. Amy Pettit recognized the career and many accomplishments of resigning Superintendent, Dr. Nicole Johnson. The board extended a thank you for all of Dr. Johnson's leadership and commitment to Jennings County Schools.

IX. Adjournment

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

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Board Meeting will be on November 12, 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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Amy Pettit - President	Curt Nieman
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Cheryl Miller - Vice President	Travis Shepherd
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Pat Sullivan - Secretary	Mary Lynn Whitcomb
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