

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Public Hearing on 2027 School Budget, 2027 CPF Plan and
2027 Bus Replacement Plan
Regular Board Meeting Agenda Minutes
September 17, 2026

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on September 17, 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 Dr. Amy Pettit, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Chelsea Morrison, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Curt Nieman. Travis Shepherd was not in attendance. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Philip Marsh and Lisa Hearne were also in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Public Hearing on 2027 School Budget, 2027 Capital Project Finance Plan and 2027 Bus Replacement Plan: A public hearing to receive taxpayer input on the proposed 2027 School Budget, 2027 Capital Project Finance Plan and 2027 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/xEk4y_Xzjt8

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 2027 Budget, Capital Project Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan.
3. Public input or comment on proposed budgets
None at this time.
4. Adjournment
Mr. Marsh made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Dr. Pettit seconded the motion.
Adjourned.

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

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/08Jq5cQuWFI>

Board members present were Dr. Amy Pettit, Cheryl Miller, Pat Sullivan, Chelsea Morrison, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Curt Nieman. Travis Shepherd was not in attendance. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistants Philip Marsh, Todd Ebinger, Amanda Sullivan, Lisa Hearne and Board Executive Secretary Deb Johnson were also in attendance. Administrative Assistant Carrie Manowitz 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 was 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;
- VIA4. 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:
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. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- III. Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of September 3, 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.
None at this time.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Programs (Policy 2000)
 - 1. JCHS CTE (*New*) Edmentum Course Proposal, Approval.
Dr. Johnson requested approval for the (*New*) CTE/Edmentum Course in Hospitality Management (course # 7172).
Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
 - B. Finances (Policy 6000)
None at this time.
 - C. Operations (Policy 8000)
None at this time.
 - D. Property (Policy 7000)
None at this time.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Programs (Policy 2000)
 - 1. Inclement Weather Days Plan for 2026-2027, Inform.
Dr. Johnson presented the 2026-2027 Inclement Weather Days Plan. The weather plan can be located on the jcsc.org website. The Weather Plan will also be shared with parents before Fall Break. Dr. Johnson stated that there is a change this year and the state requires a minimum of five make-up days on

the school calendar. The five make-up days are already on JCSC calendar for February 15th, March 29th, and May 24th-May 28th. JCSC could also look at utilizing the Professional Development Days on February 12th and April 16th in case of emergencies to use for make-up days. These days are not required to be used, only identified.

2. September 14th Professional Development Summary, Inform.
Dr. Johnson stated the 1st Professional Development Day went very well, covering multiple areas of training with all staff.
3. Facility, Capacity and Enrollment Study Update, Inform.
This was covered under Operations.

4. Field Trips
 - Brad Briggs, JCHS National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN, 10/21/2026-10/23/2026, Approval.

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

B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves
None at this time.
2. Resignations/Retirements
None at this time.
3. Transfers
None at this time.
4. Recommendations
 - Charlene Anderson, JCMS Educational Support Tutor (split position), \$40.00 / hr. x 11 hrs. / week x 32 weeks, effective 9/18/2026, Approval.
 - Jill Stoner, JCMS Educational Support Tutor (split position), \$40.00 / hr. x 11 hrs. / week x 32 weeks, effective 9/18/2026, 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.

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves
None at this time.
2. Resignations/Retirements
 - Shawna Goins, JCSC Bus Aide, resignation effective 7/16/2026, Approval.
 - Tiffany Quintero Francisco, SCE Para Pro, resignation effective 9/16/2026, Approval.

These resignations were approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.
3. Transfers
None at this time.
4. Recommendations
 - Roger Bland, JCHS SPED Para Pro, \$16.50 / hr. x 7 hrs. x 180 days, effective 9/14/2026, Approval.
 - Thomas Feiles, CDL Licensure Program Adjunct Instruction, \$2,700.00 stipend, 2026-2027 school year, Approval.

- Chelsea Fields, JCMS 7th Grade Head Girls Volleyball Coach, \$2,613.00 stipend, effective 9/18/2026, Approval.
- Jessica Lowman, JCMS Volunteer Asst. Boys Tennis Coach, effective 9/18/2026, Approval.
- Toni Lynch, JCHS SPED Para Pro (part-time), \$16.95 / hr. x 7 hrs. x 108 days, effective 9/14/2026, Approval.
- Haley Pennycuff, JCMS SPED Para Pro, \$16.00 / hr. x 7 hrs. x 180 days, effective 9/18/2026, Approval.
- Tim Poer, CDL Licensure Program Adjunct Instruction, \$2,700.00 stipend, 2026-2027 school year, Approval.
- Mallory Rockey, JCMS 7th Grade Asst. Girls Volleyball Coach, \$1,925.00 stipend, effective 9/18/2026, Approval.
- Justin Schneider, JC Youth Football Coach, effective 9/18/2026, Approval.
- Lilian Stidham, JCHS SPED Para Pro, termination effective 9/1/2026, Approval.

Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve. Mr. Nieman 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.
 - Donna Smith & Shane Boswell, \$50.00 bus transportation for 2nd grade field trip.
- Hayden Elementary, Approval.
 - NVIC, \$250.00 for the Care Closet.
- JCSC, Approval.
 - Anonymous, \$1,000.00 to the H.O.P.E. Food Program.
- JCHS, Approval.
 - JCHS Class of 2001, \$70.00 to the Panther Pantry.
 - Junkyard BBQ, \$250.00 for:
 - Band Fund - \$83.34.
 - Choir Fund - \$83.33.
 - Orchestra Fund - \$83.33.
- Scipio Elementary, Approval.
 - Jennings County Community Foundation, \$200.00 to the school snack program.

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

E. Property (Policy 7000)

None at this time.

F. Operations (Policy 8000)

1. Facility, Capacity & Enrollment Study Update, Inform.

Dr. Johnson discussed the timeline and description for the Facility, Capacity & Enrollment Study. This information can be found on our website jcsc.org. Dr. Pettit would like to encourage our community to stay involved with these processes, procedures, and timelines. JCSC wants our community's input.

Dr. Johnson encourages all community members to watch the school board meetings for updates. At this time, there are no predetermined decisions that have been made or decided on.

2. IDOE Annual Review of School Bus Routes and School Bus Safety Policies, Inform.

Mr. Marsh informed us that JCSC has successfully completed the Annual Review of School Bus Routes and School Bus Safety required by IDOE.

G. Relations (Policy 9000)

None at this time.

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,596,297.24 (claims 114270 – 114526) and payroll in the amount of \$1,265,549.43 (check date 9/15/2026) and \$815.53 (check date 9/16/2026).

These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

A. Updates.

None at this time.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Mr. Nieman seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Board Meeting will be on October 1, 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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