

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
September 18, 2025

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on September 18, 2025 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.
- (8) To discuss before a placement decision an individual student’s abilities, past performance, behavior, and needs. *IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(8)*.
- (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 Philip Marsh was also in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 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 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/ntF-SyPOUi8>

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, 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 will be presented for approval without discussion:

- III. Minutes;
- VIB4. 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 were shared with the Board:

VIIIA1. Area Planning Commission Meeting Minutes, 8/4/2025.

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. Shepherd made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- III. Minutes of the Board Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of September 4, 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 3120.02, Adjunct Teachers, 2nd Reading, Approval.

- NEOLA Policy 8120, Volunteers, 2nd Reading, Approval.
- NEOLA Policy 8121, Personal Background Check – Contracted Services, 2nd Reading, Approval.
- NEOLA Policy 8510, Wellness, 2nd Reading, Approval.
- NEOLA Policy 9150, School Visitors, 2nd Reading, Approval.
- NEOLA Policy 9160, Public Attendance at School Events, 2nd Reading, Approval.

Dr. Johnson requested approval for all NEOLA Policies. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no.
Approved.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

None at this time.

C. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. 2026 Budget Timeline Update, Inform.

Mr. Marsh advised that the 2026 Budget Public Hearing and presentation will be rescheduled for October 2, 2025, with the adoption being changed to October 23, 2025.

D. Operations (Policy 8000)

None at this time.

E. Property (Policy 7000)

1. 2026 Roof Proposal from Martin Riley for Facilities, Approval.

Mr. Marsh requested approval for the 2026 Roof Proposal. Mr. Nieman made a motion to approve. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no.
Approved.

VI. New Business

A. NEOLA, Inform.

- NEOLA Policy 2131, Strategic Objectives, 1st Reading.
- NEOLA Policy 7300, Disposition of Real Property, 1st Reading.
- NEOLA Policy 7310 (T.C.), Disposition of Surplus Property, 1st Reading.
- NEOLA Policy 7430, Safety Standards, 1st Reading.
- NEOLA Policy 7440.01, Electronic Monitoring and Recording, 1st Reading.
- NEOLA Policy 7455, Accounting System for Capital Assets, 1st Reading.

Dr. Johnson presented NEOLA policies for first reading.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. 2025 Summer School, Inform.

Mrs. Manowitz stated that the 2nd and 3rd graders who attended summer school to retest for IREAD had improved results. Traditional high school summer school had 26 students attend summer school for credit recovery with success.

2. Inclement Weather Days Plan for 2025-2026, Inform.

Mrs. Manowitz presented the 2025-2026 Inclement Weather Days Plan. The plan is the same as the previous year.

3. Pre-K Update, Inform.

Mr. Ebinger reported that all 60 spots for Pre-K are full. Unfortunately, the number of vouchers decreased over the summer. JCSC will be working to look at different ways that we can help families attend Pre-K due to the voucher reductions.

4. Field Trips

- JCMS 8th Grade Class Trip – Washington DC, 5/13/2026-5/17/2026.

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

Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Matt Capes, JCMS 8th grade Boys Basketball Coach, resignation effective 9/10/2025.

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

- Tara Kelley and Meaghan Ahlbrand, Association of Middle School Educators, Indianapolis, IN, 11/6/2025-11/7/2025.
- Mandy Sullivan, IAACE Conference 2025, Michigan City, IN, 9/24/2025-9/26/2025.

These conferences were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Sarah Black, JCMS Administrative Asst., resignation effective 9/12/2025.
- Kyle Lynch, BCE Custodian, resignation effective 9/12/2025.
- Amanda Walp, JCHS Cook, resignation effective 9/18/2025.

These resignations were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Transfers

None at this time.

4. Recommendations

- Nathan Davis, SCE Para Pro, \$14.00 / hr. x 7hrs. per day x 180 days, effective 9/19/2025, Approval.
- Resa Dixon, JCHS Custodian, \$15.50 / hr. x 8 hrs. per day x 260 days, effective 9/8/2025, Approval.
- Breanna Moore, SCE Para Pro, \$14.00 / hr. x 7 hrs. per day x 180 days, effective 9/19/2025, Approval.

Mrs. Hearne requested approval. Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve.

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

- Franklin Douglas, JCMS Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, \$1,925.00 stipend, effective 9/19/2025, Approval.

Mrs. Hearne requested 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.
 - Donut Miss School Program, Approval.
 - Huelson Realty (Mark & Claudia) - \$75.00
 - Jennings County Pallets - \$100.00
 - Tri-State Doors, Inc. - \$100.00
 - 2nd Grade Field Trip to Firehouse, Approval.
 - Shane Boswell & Donna Smith – donation of Bus & Driver estimated \$100.00
- Hayden, Approval.
 - Kiwanis, \$75.00 for Student Attendance Incentives Program.
- JCHS, Approval.
 - Travis Watts of Watts Properties, LLC, estimated value \$21,000.00 to Black Cat Racing Program as follows:
 - 2022 Team Spirit Trailer (TSCR-10224T2)- \$18,500.00
 - Tool Boxes- \$500.00
 - Miscellaneous Tools-\$500.00
 - Miscellaneous Spare Go-Kart Parts- \$1,500.00
- Scipio Elementary, Approval.
 - David Disney, \$1,000.00 for any needs of students/school.

Mr. Marsh requested approval for all donations as read. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

E. Property (Policy 7000)

None at this time.

F. Operations (Policy 8000)

1. 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 \$1,082,076.30 (claims 108390 – 108692) and payroll in the amount of \$1,310,689.75 (check date 9/15/2025).

These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

Mr. Marsh informed that our AV went up to \$72 million, which is about 6%. This information will be presented at the Public Hearing for the budget at the next board meeting.

A. Updates.

1. Area Planning Commission Meeting Minutes, 8/4/2025.

These items were included in the board packet.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Nieman made a motion to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Board Meeting will be on October 2, 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

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Cheryl Miller - Vice President

Travis Shepherd

Pat Sullivan - Secretary

Mary Lynn Whitcomb

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