

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Regular Board Meeting Agenda
September 4, 2025

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on September 4, 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):

- (2B) For discussion of strategy with respect to the following:
 - (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, Chelsea Morrison, Mary Lynn Whitcomb and Curt Nieman. Travis Shepherd was not in attendance. Superintendent Dr. Nicole Johnson, Administrative Assistant Carrie Manowitz, and Philip Marsh were also in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 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/p2jioRTeRKl>

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 Carrie Manowitz, Philip Marsh, Todd Ebinger, Amanda Sullivan, Lisa Hearne, and Board Executive Secretary Deb Johnson were also in attendance.

This meeting is 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;
- VIB2. 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 will be shared with the Board:

- VIE6. August 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. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- III. Minutes of the Board Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of August 21, 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 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. NEOLA, Approval.

- NEOLA Policy 5136.01, Technology Resources and Other Electronic Equipment, 2nd Reading, Approval.
- NEOLA Policy 8400, School Safety Information, 2nd Reading, Approval.
- NEOLA Policy 5460, Graduation Requirements, 2nd Reading, Approval.
- NEOLA Policy 5511, Dress and Appearance, 2nd Reading, Approval.
- NEOLA Policy 6111, Internal Control Standards and Procedures, 2nd Reading, Approval.
- NEOLA Policy 6116, Time and Effort Reporting, 2nd Reading, Approval.
- NEOLA Policy 6151, Bad Checks and Uncollectable Debts, 2nd Reading, Approval.

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

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Enrollment update, Inform.

Dr. Johnson reported that enrollment is now 3,603 and kindergarten enrollment is up from last year, reporting NVE is up by 12, Sand Creek is up by 6 and Scipio is up by 8. The other district schools are stable but slightly down from the previous year in kindergarten.

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. NEOLA, Inform.

- NEOLA Policy 3120.02, Adjunct Teachers, Inform.
- NEOLA Policy 8120, Volunteers, Inform.
- NEOLA Policy 8121, Personal Background Check – Contracted Services, Inform.
- NEOLA Policy 8510, Wellness, Inform.
- NEOLA Policy 9150, School Visitors, Inform.
- NEOLA Policy 9160, Public Attendance at School Events, Inform.

Dr. Johnson presented NEOLA policies for first reading.

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Second Steps Supplemental Bullying Education Program, Elementary, Approval.

Mrs. Manowitz requested approval for an additional supplemental bullying education curriculum that the Health Department purchased for JCSC with grant funds, which will be introduced at the classroom level. Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Mr. Nieman seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. Field Trips

None at this time.

C. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

- Caitlin Miller, JCMS SPED Teacher, Maternity Leave, 1/5/2026-2/9/2026, Approval.

This leave was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Cody Robbins, JCMS Asst. Boys Basketball Coach, resignation effective 8/29/2025, Approval.

This resignation was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

3. Transfers

None at this time.

4. Scipio STEM Contacts for 2025-2026, Approval.

- Vi Davis – Scipio Elementary.

Mrs. Manowitz requested approval. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve.

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

5. Recommendations

- Kyndyl Euler, JCHS Volunteer Softball Coach, effective 9/5/2025, Approval.

Mrs. Manowitz requested approval. Mrs. Miller made a motion to approve.

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

Recommendations (*Pending Hiring Requirements*)

- Angela Roberson, SCE SPED Self-Contained Teacher (Intellectual Disabilities), \$51,500.00 per yr. x 185 days, \$3,000 hard-to-fill position one-time stipend, effective 9/8/2025, Approval.

Mrs. Manowitz requested approval. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve. Ms. Whitcomb seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

6. Conference Requests

- Brad Briggs, NAAE/ACTE Convention, Gaylord Nashville, TN, 12/8/2025-12/12/2025, Approval.
- Melissa Patterson, IASP/INALI, Indianapolis, IN, 11/24/2025-11/25/2025, Approval.
- Tevin Shoultz, IASP/INALI, Indianapolis, IN, 11/23/2025-11/25/2025, Approval.
- Tevin Shoultz, AMLE, Indianapolis, IN, 11/6/2025-11/7/2025, Approval.

These conferences were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

D. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Sierra Eisenmenger Davies, JCMS SPED Para Pro, resignation effective 8/26/2025, Approval.

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

3. Transfers

- Emily Merry, NVE SPED Para Pro to BCE Cook, \$16.70 / hr. x 7 hrs. per day, effective 8/25/2025, Approval.

This transfer was approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

4. Recommendations

- Austin Wells, JCHS Volunteer Football Coach, effective 9/5/2025, Approval.
- Rachel Wilkerson, Hayden Elementary SPED Para Pro, \$14.75 / hr. x 7 hrs. per day x 180 days, effective 8/28/2025, Approval.
Dr. Johnson requested approval. Ms. Morrison made a motion to approve. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

Recommendations (*Pending Hiring Requirements*)

- Cameron Moore, NVE Para Pro, \$14.00 / hr. x 7 hrs. per day x 180 days, effective 9/5/2025, Approval.
Dr. Johnson requested 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.

E. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations/Grants, Approval.

- Brush Creek Elementary, Approval.
 - Donut Miss School Program, Approval.
 - Indy Pack & Material Handling, LLC - \$100.00
 - Layman Holdings Inc., \$100.00
 - JCSC, Approval.
 - Circle K, a box of school supplies for all ages, Approval.
 - JC Health Department, donation of the Second Steps Supplemental Bullying Education Program, Approval.
 - St. Vincent Hospital, backpacks filled with school supplies for all schools, Approval.
 - JCHS, Approval.
 - Joseph Paledino II & Regina Chapman, \$50.00 to the Kindness Closet, Approval.
 - JCMS, Approval.
 - Kiwanis, \$75.00 to Student Attendance Incentives Program, Approval.
 - Kiwanis, \$200.00 to the Builder's Club, Approval
 - Scipio Elementary, Approval.
 - Kiwanis, \$75.00 to Student Attendance Incentives, Approval.
 - Wilson Carpentry, \$100.00 to Student Attendance Incentives, Approval.
 - Beulah Yeager, \$75.00 to the Attendance Celebration, Approval.
- Mr. Marsh requested approval for all donations as read. Ms. Whitcomb made a motion to approve. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

2. August Fund Report.

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

F. Property (Policy 7000)

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

Mr. Marsh presented the board with the roof proposal repairs from Martin Riley to start in 2026 at Sand Creek Elementary.

G. Operations (Policy 8000)

None at this time.

H. Relations (Policy 9000)

None at this time.

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,453,143.92 (claims 108080 – 108389) and payroll in the amount of \$1,218,839.87 (check date 8/29/2025).

These claims were approved without discussion as consent agenda items.

VIII. Other

Dr. Johnson reminded us of some important dates that are coming up.

- September 10th and 11th - JCMS and JCHS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- September 19th – Homecoming Parade and Homecoming Football Game
- October 1st & 2nd - Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences

A. Updates.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Mr. Nieman seconded the motion.
6 yes, 0 no. Adjourned.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Board Meeting will be September 18, 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

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