

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Special Board Meeting - Virtual
July 23, 2020

Special Meeting: The Board of School Trustees held this special meeting virtually. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m.

State and local agencies are concerned with holding public meetings in light of the declared public health emergency associated with COVID-19. The following link was available to live stream our meeting from your home:

<https://youtu.be/GOCJBthwXdw>

Board Members in attendance virtually were Pat Sullivan, Earl Taggart, Susan Wahlman, Travis Shepherd, Tony Daeger, Amy Pettit, and Chelsea Morrison. Superintendent Teresa Brown, Administrative Assistants Philip Marsh, Roy Herr, Shannon LaCoursiere, Nicole Johnson, Amanda Sullivan, Todd Ebinger, and Board Executive Secretary Debbie Andis were also in attendance virtually.

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. Public comments will be accepted in writing up to two hours before the board meeting. Public comments should be submitted to patsullivan@jpsc.org (Policy 0166)

Agenda

I. New Business

Pat Sullivan called the meeting to order.

A. Operations (Policy 8000)

1. Recommendation

➤ JCSC Calendar Considerations, Approval

Mrs. Brown is asking the Board to postpone the start of school from August 6th to August 13th. She explained that we would use these 5 additional days to work with staff to train them on technology skills that are needed to insure that we're offering quality remote learning. We are asking for the calendar to be pushed back a week to give our staff time to be trained and prepared so when kids come back we can offer quality remote learning in addition to quality instruction in the classroom. These 5 days would be added to the end of the school year, making the last student day Thursday, May 27th. They would finish right before Memorial Day.

Mrs. Johnson presented the Board and the public viewing a detailed slide show of the Back to School Professional Development Plan for teachers.

Mr. Sullivan asked Mrs. Brown to review the work the district staff has done to help families with connectivity concerns. Mrs. Brown reviewed the work she and Mr. Taylor had completed over the last few months as they worked to solve the internet access issue.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the new school calendar. Mr. Daeger seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved

➤ JCSC Pre-School Considerations, Approval

Mrs. Brown explained that because this year is different from what we had envisioned when we passed the Pre-School expansion at the beginning of the year, before the pandemic, and as a result we have some concerns about moving forward with the Pre-School expansion.

Mr. Ebinger explained that it is \$125.00 a week for a child to attend not knowing what kind of instruction we can provide with the unknown of the pandemic. We are looking at, is it in our best interest to provide the Pre-K this year or should we postpone it and look at continuing it next year.

Mrs. Brown is recommending that the Board postpone the opening and expansion of Pre-School till 2021-2022.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to postpone Pre-School opening and expansion.

Mrs. Pettit seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved

II. Adjournment

Mr. Daeger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41pm. Mrs. Pettit seconded the motion. 7 yes, 0 no. Approved

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