

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Regular Board Meeting
October 24, 2019

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on October 24, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Special Education Board Room of the Jennings County School Corporation Central Administration Office Building, 34 West Main Street, North Vernon, Indiana 47265, to discuss the following in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b):

- (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.

Board Members present were Pat Sullivan, Travis Shepherd, Earl Taggart, Susan Wahlman, Tony Daeger and Chelsea Morrison. Amy Pettit was present by phone. Superintendent Teresa Brown, Administrative Assistants Amber Fields and Shannon LaCoursiere were also in attendance.

The executive session adjourned at 7:05pm.

Regular Meeting: The Board of School Trustees held its regular meeting in Board Room of the Jennings County School Corporation Central Administration Office Building, 34 West Main Street, North Vernon, Indiana 47265. The meeting began at 7:09p.m.

Board Members present were Pat Sullivan, Travis Shepherd, Earl Taggart, Susan Wahlman, Tony Daeger and Chelsea Morrison. Amy Pettit was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Teresa Brown, Administrative Assistants Amber Fields, Katie Brennan, Shannon LaCoursiere, Nikki Johnson and Board Executive Secretary Debbie Andis.

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 were presented for approval without discussion:

- III. Minutes;
- VB1. Field Trips;
- VC1. Professional Staff: Leaves;
- VC2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VC4. Conference Requests;

- VD1. Support Staff: Leaves;
- VD2. Support Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VD4. Conference Requests:
 - VI. 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:

VIIA1. Area Plan Commission Minutes, October 7, 2019.

Agenda

I. Pledge

The President opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda Items

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved

III. Minutes of the Executive Session, Public Hearing on SEA 390 Ratification and Regular Meeting of October 10, 2019.

The minutes were approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

IV. Community Non-Agenda Items

+ The JCMS Beginning Orchestra students performed under the direction of Grant Pfifer. Students performing were Frankie Day, Kadence Collinsworth, Albert Naderman, Christopher Arthur and Nicholas Druschel.

Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. Brown commended the students on a job well done. Everyone present applauded them.

+ The President asked if anyone would like to speak on an item not on the agenda. There were no comments.

V. New Business

A. Administration (Policy 1000)

1. Renewal of Administrator Contracts, Approval

Attachment

Mr. Taggart made a motion to approve the renewal of Administrator Contracts. Mr. Daeger seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved

2. Administrator Salaries

Mrs. Brown recommended that administrators receive a \$3000.00 increase (\$2,000 to base and \$1000 stipend) which is the same amount that teachers received in their contract.

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

B. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. Field Trips

- None at this time.
2. Curriculum Mapping Project Proposal
Mrs. Brennan requested approval of the Curriculum Mapping Proposal.
Tabled
 3. MOU with Wabash Valley Education Center, Tami Hicks
Mrs. Johnson asked for approval of the New Teacher Mentor/Training Program for all new EL Teachers paid with Title Funds.
Mr. Daeger made a motion to approve the MOU. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved
- C. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)
1. Leaves
None at this time.
 2. Resignations/Retirements
None at this time.
 3. Recommendations
+Teacher Lane Changes for 2019/2020
Salary Degree Adjustments
Amy Jones MS to MS+15
Justin Earl MS to MS+30
Megan Buchanan BS to BS+15
Trent Hardisty BS to BS+15
Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the above recommendations. Mr. Taggart seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
+Kevin Smith, Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach at JCMS, effective 10/7/2019.
+Jennifer Ertel, National Honor Society position at JCHS, effective 10/22/2019.
+Karen Chilman, National Honor Society position at JCHS, effective 10/22/2019.
+High Ability Contacts ECA position (if grant money is available to use).
Scipio – Emily Ponsler
Hayden – Cody Robbins
Graham – Theresa Ragsdale
Sand Creek – Trisha Ritchey
Brush Creek – Paige Lohum
NVE – Rachel Neal
JCMS – Zabrina Nicholson/Tara Kelley
JCHS – Amy Jones
Mrs. Wahlman made a motion to approve the above recommendations. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved
 4. Conference Requests
+Grant Pfifer, Music Education PD, 1/16–1/18/2020, Fort Wayne, IN.
+Melissa Patterson, Wanda Prange, Nancy Samons, Melissa Giddens, Melissa Hatfield, Shannon McFall and Amanda Lucas, Reading & Math Curriculum, 11/25-11/26/2019, Terre Haute, IN.
+Nikki Johnson, Safe & Supportive Schools, 11/7-11/9/2019. Austin, TX.
These conference requests were approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.
- D. Support Staff (Policy 4000)
1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

+Dave Herr, resignation of Head Girls Cross Country Coach at JCMS. Would like to stay on as a volunteer Boys Cross Country Coach at JCMS, effective 10/4/2019. This resignation was approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

3. Recommendations, Approval

+Jake Hamrick, Volunteer Coach at NVE, effective 10/24/2019.

+Reagan Brown, Lifeguard for JCMS Pool, \$8.25 hr., effective 10/9/2019.

+Erica Perry, Sub Teacher to Para Pro at Hayden, \$9.50 hr., effective 10/21/2019.

+Amy Howard, Para Pro to Head Custodian at NVE, \$12.45, effective 10/14/2019.

Mrs. Wahlman made a motion to approve the above listed recommendations. Mr.

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

4. Conference Requests

None at this time.

5. Classified Salaries, Approval

Mrs. Brown recommended a total package of \$2,000 increases for classified staff with increases on base salaries and stipends to equal the \$2,000, based on positions and current hourly wages.

Mr. Earl made a motion to approve the Classified Salary Increase. Mr. Daeger seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved

E. Finance (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval

+Jennings County Community Foundation, \$1000.00 to NVE 3rd grade STEM Field Trip

+Dina Sherrill, \$500.00 to the JCHS Swimming Program.

+Jennings County Community Foundation, \$272.05 to JCMS Band.

+Jennings County Community Foundation, \$297.48 to JCMS Orchestra.

Mrs. Wahlman made a motion to approve the above donations. Mr. Shepherd second the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved

+Hilex Poly, a Novolex Brand, \$20,000.00 to JCHS Athletics, for the 2019-2020 winter sports sponsor. Mrs. Brown explained that this donation will be used to enable all JCHS students to attend any winter athletic events at no cost.

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the above donation. Mrs. Wahlman seconded the motion. 5 yes, 0 no. Ms. Morrison abstained.

Troy Cook, representative of Hilex, was present.

F. Property (Policy 7000), Recommendation, Approval

1. Softball and Baseball Field Fencing

Tabled

G. Operations (Policy 8000)

1. Additional Bus Route for CSL

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the additional bus route. Mr. Taggart seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no.

H. Relations (Policy 9000)

1. MOU with Centerstone of Indiana, Inc. – Mental Health Care Contract

Mrs. Brown asked for approval and noted that this is our annual agreement with Centerstone for support in our schools.

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

VI. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$534,008.51 (Claims 3583 – 3740).

The claims were approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

VII. Other

A. Updates

1. Area Plan Commission Minutes, October 7, 2019.

The minutes were included in the board packets.

2. Other – Amber Fields asked permission that the Historical Society use JCSC SAM # to apply for the Smithsonian Grant.

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

Mr. Sullivan noted that this is Katie Brennan’s last Board Meeting. He thanked her for all her hard work and wished her well.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Shepherd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

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

Patrick Sullivan - President

Chelsea Morrison

Amy Pettit - Vice President

Earl Taggart

Travis Shepherd - Secretary

Susan Wahlman

Tony Daeger.