

JENNINGS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Central Administration Office Building
Executive Session
Public Hearing on 2022 School Budgets
Regular Board Meeting
September 23, 2021

Executive Session: The Jennings County School Corporation Board of School Trustees met in executive session on September 23, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Special Education Board Room of the Jennings County School Corporation Central Administration Office Building, 34 West Main Street, North Vernon, IN 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, Earl Taggart, Susan Wahlman, Chelsea Morrison, Amy Pettit and Tony Daeger. Travis Shepherd was absent. Superintendent Teresa Brown, Assistant Superintendent Nicole Johnson and Administrative Assistant Philip Marsh were also in attendance.

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Public Hearing on 2022 School Budgets: A public hearing to receive taxpayer input on the proposed 2022 School Budgets 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 6:46 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Call to order
Mr. Sullivan called the hearing to order.
2. Overview of proposed budget
Mr. Marsh presented an overview of the 2022 School Budget as presented a few weeks ago. The adoption of this budget will be on October 7, 2021.
3. Public input or comment on proposed budget
Mr. Sullivan asked if anyone had any comments or questions regarding the proposed budget. There were no comments.
4. Adjournment
Mr. Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

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 6:58 p.m.

This meeting was a meeting of the School Board in public for the purpose of conducting the School Corporation's business and it was 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;
- VIA2. Field Trips;
- VIB1. Professional Staff: Leaves;
- VIB2. Professional Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIB4. Conference Requests;
- VIC1. Support Staff: Leaves;
- VIC2. Support Staff: Resignations, Retirements;
- VIC4. 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. North Vernon Redevelopment Commission Minutes 6/21/2021.
- VIIIA2. North Vernon Redevelopment Commission Minutes 7/19/2021.
- VIIIA3. North Vernon Redevelopment Commission Minutes 8/16/2021.
- VIIIA4. Essential Service Committee Meeting Minutes 8/17/2021.

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. Mrs. Pettit seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.
- III. Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2021.
The minutes were approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.
- IV. Community Non-Agenda Items
 - The President asked if anyone would like to speak on an item not on the agenda. There were no comments.
- V. Old Business
 - A. NEOLA, Approval
 - 1. NEOLA Policy 1220, Employment of the Superintendent, Second Reading.
 - 2. New Business NEOLA Policy 2240, Controversial Issues, Second Reading.
 - 3. NEOLA Policy 2260.01, Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability, Second Reading.
 - 4. NEOLA Policy 2266, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, Second Reading.
 - 5. NEOLA Policy 3120, Employment of Professional Staff, Second Reading.
 - 6. NEOLA Policy 4120, Employment of Support Staff, Second Reading.

7. NEOLA Policy 4425, Nursing Mothers, Second Reading.
 8. NEOLA Policy 4430, Leaves of Absence, Second Reading.
- Mr. Sullivan stated that we'll take the above NEOLA Policies as a group.
Mrs. Wahlman made a motion to approve the above policies. Mr. Daeger seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

VI. New Business

A. Programs (Policy 2000)

1. ICTQ Rural Implementation Grant, Update

Mr. Ebinger stated that this was the grant we received last spring from IU/IDOE. Mr. Ebinger and Mrs. Sullivan showed a power point on an overview update of our timeline and work plan for the ICTQ Rural Implementation Grant.

2. Field Trips

None at this time.

B. Professional Staff (Policy 3000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Sara Lauderbaugh, SCE Behavior Support Specialist, resignation effective 9/24/2021.

The above resignation was approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

3. Recommendations

- Victoria Dobbs, JCMS ED Consult, \$39,000 yr., effective 9/24/2021.
- Brooke Plummer, JCHS English Teacher, \$39,000 yr., effective 10/18/2021.

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

4. Conference Requests

- Leonard Collett, IASP Principal's Conference, Indianapolis, IN., 11/21 – 11/23/2021.
- Mary Driver & Kelli Gambrel, ISCA Conference, Indianapolis, IN., 11/11 & 11/12/2021.
- Tina Povaleri, ISCA, ISCA Conference, Indianapolis, IN., 11/11 & 11/12/2021.
- Ashley Sedam, ISCA Conference, Indianapolis, IN., 11/11 & 11/12/2021.
- Jennifer Posey, ISCA Conference, Indianapolis, IN., 11/11 & 11/12/2021.

These conferences were approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

C. Support Staff (Policy 4000)

1. Leaves

None at this time.

2. Resignations/Retirements

- Jerianne Bateman, JCHS Para Pro, resignation effective 8/19/2021.
- Linda Minger, JCHS Custodian, resignation effective 9/16/2021.
- Mandy Pike, JCHS Para Pro, resignation effective 9/24/2021.
- Aron Spencer, JCHS Custodian, resignation effective 9/3/2021.
- Steve Wainscott, NVE Custodian, resignation effective 9/24/2021.
- Cheryl Yeager, SCE Para Pro, resignation effective 9/10/2021.

These resignations were approved without discussion as a consent agenda item.

3. Recommendations

- Kara Allen, Food Service – Full Time Floater, \$11.25 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 10/4/2021.
- Hannah Nugent, JCMS Cook, \$11.25 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 9/20/2021.
- Sara Ray, JCEC HiSET Test Proctor, new effective date of 9/20/2021.
- Chelsie Sharp, 6 hours to 8-hour Bus Driver, \$112.00 day, effective 8/9/2021.
- Missy Vance, JCMS Interim Head Custodian, \$1.50 hr. more per hour for the following additional weeks of coverage, 8/30-9/3 and 9/6-9/10/2021.
- Frances Kay Ward, GCE Para Pro, \$11.25 hr. x 7 hrs. day, effective 9/23/2021.

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

4. Conference Requests

None at this time.

D. Finances (Policy 6000)

1. Donations, Approval

- Jackson County Bank, \$1,000 to BCE for student snacks.
- Teresa Luedeman and Family, Park Bench (\$125.00) in memory of Jerry Luedeman to Hayden Elementary.
- Hayden United Methodist Church, \$500 to NVE Students in need.
- Hayden United Methodist Church, \$500 to Scipio Elementary Students in need.
- Hayden United Methodist Church, \$500 to JCHS Students in need.
- NVIC, \$1,125 to the HOPE Food Program.

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

2. CPF Plan (Capital Projects Finance), Presentation

Mr. Marsh gave an overview of the CPF Plan and is asking the board for permission to advertise.

Mrs. Pettit made a motion to approve permission to advertise. Mrs. Wahlman seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

E. Property (Policy 7000)

1. *Attachment* - Resolution for Disposal of Addition Surplus Property, Approval

Mr. Herr stated that this resolution is for disposal of additional surplus property, for the surplus auction on October 6, 2021, and is asking the board for approval.

Mr. Earl made a motion to approve the above resolution. Mrs. Pettit seconded the motion. 6 yes, 0 no. Approved.

F. Operations (Policy 8000)

1. Bus Replacement Plan 2022, Presentation

Mr. Marsh reviewed the 2022 Bus Replacement Plan, with the public hearing being on 10/7/2021 and adoption on 10/28/2021. Mr. Marsh is asking for permission to advertise.

Mrs. Pettit made a motion to approve permission to advertise. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. 6 yes 0 no. Approved.

VII. Claims

The claims were presented for approval in the amount of \$1,472,052.74 (claims 6846 – 7062) and payroll in the amount of \$1,073,060.48 (check date 9/30/2021).

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

VIII. Other

A. Updates

1. North Vernon Redevelopment Commission Minutes 6/21/2021.
2. North Vernon Redevelopment Commission Minutes 7/19/2021.
3. North Vernon Redevelopment Commission Minutes 8/16/2021.
4. Essential Service Committee Meeting Minutes 8/17/2021.

The above minutes were included in the board packet.

5. Other

Mr. Sullivan asked for an update on COVID data. Mrs. Brown stated that on August 30th when the mask mandate went into place we had 9 positive staff members out, today we have one. We had 74 positive students out on 8/30 and today we have 20. Close contacts on 8/30 we had 501, today we have 80. Total students out on 8/30 was 688 or 17.2 % total and today we have 142 or 3.5% (this does not include JCMS or our numbers would be much higher). Our numbers have declined drastically.

Mr. Sullivan stated that we're heading in the right direction. He knows this a controversial subject but it seems to be working and he thinks the board made the right decision.

IV. Adjournment

Mrs. Pettit made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Mrs. Wahlman 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

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Susan Wahlman

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