

School Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Central Schools
ISD# 2895
January 23, 2023

The regular meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Monday, January 23, 2023, at the High School Auditorium Conference Room at 5:30pm.

Called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Rhonda Moore, Troy Schultz, Tina Polz, Amy Voss, Jody Thrush Withers, Levi Lucht and Ben Appel. Also Ex-Officio Superintendent Barry Schmidt, Business Manager Maria Bezdicek, and Building & Grounds Director Drew Wedebrand. Others present: Principals Chris Naumann, Kimberly Meyer, Director of Curriculum and Assessments Tammy Timko, AD Dustin Pautsch and media Justin Lessman.

Other Visitors Present: [Visitor sign-in sheet](#)

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the agenda as presented. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Request to Address the Board:

Paul Spence represented Jackson Snow Angels in regards to involving students to give back to the community by helping remove snow for older adults or those physically unable to do so. Jeff Johnson, Heather Klassen, Kent Bargfrede, Sandy Torgerson, Janet Haren via Chelsea Honnette, Sam Espey, and Eric Kruger shared their thoughts and feelings with the school board regarding the pool.

Informational Items:

1. Superintendent's Report - Barry Schmidt
2. Principal's Report - High School, Middle School, Pleasantview, [Riverside](#)
3. [Business Manager's Report \(revenues and expenses\)](#) - Maria Bezdicek
4. [Facilities/Grounds Director's Report](#) - Drew Wedebrand
5. [Activities Director's Report](#) - Dustin Pautsch
6. [Food Service Director's Report](#) - Kari Rubitschung
7. [Community Education Director's Report](#) - Jacqueline Knips
8. [Preschool Director's Report](#) - Amber Lessman
9. [Director of Curriculum and Assessment Report](#) - Tammy Timko
10. Committee Reports

Approval of consent agenda

1. Approve the board minutes from the School Board Meeting on [December 19, 2022](#).
2. Approve the board minutes from the Reorganizational Meeting on [January 9, 2023](#).

3. Approval of the bills (Revenues: \$1,507,174.87 , Expenses: [January board bills](#) \$166,558.20, [December manuals](#) \$2,650,625.78, and December Net Payroll \$531,638.24)
4. Approve the donation of \$2,500 from the trustees of the [Remick Foundation](#) towards unpaid student lunches.
5. Approve the donation of \$20,000 from [Frank J. Zaher Charitable Trust](#) to Lakefield ballfields.
6. Approve the donation of \$100 from Steve and Cathy Condon towards unpaid student lunches.
7. Approve the resignation of Analeise Matt, Middle School Paraprofessional.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the consent agenda. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Action Items:

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve to amend the [2022-23 school calendar](#) to make up for snow days.

- a. December 22 snow day to be made up on January 23
- b. December 23 snow day to be made up on April 6
- c. January 3 snow day to be made up on June 2

Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Polz to approve hiring Jamie Janssen as Administrative Assistant at the Middle School. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Lucht to approve hiring Jon Harmening as Long Term Substitute Teacher. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion as made by Appel and seconded by Schultz to approve the retirement of [Tracy Steiner](#), High School English Teacher, at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Voss to approve the MOU agreement for Paraprofessional Annual growth plan for the 2022-2024 contract. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

First re-read the following policies.

606 - [Textbooks and Instructional Materials](#) (Current) [Suggested Abbreviation Changes](#)

607 - [Organization of Grade Levels](#) (Current) [Suggested Abbreviation Changes](#)

608 - [Instructional Services](#) (Current) [Suggested Abbreviation Changes](#)

608.1 - [Special Education Services-Caseloads](#) (Current)

609 - [Religion](#) (Current) [Suggested Changes](#)

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 6:47p.m.

Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Rhonda Moore, Chair

Troy Schultz, Clerk

