

School Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Central Schools
ISD# 2895
May 27, 2025

The regular meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, in the JCC High School Auditorium Conference Room at 5:30p.m.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

JCC Mission Statement:

Uniting our communities to prepare learners to succeed in an ever-changing world ... Inspiring Excellence.

Members present: Rhonda Moore, Troy Schultz, Tina Polz, Levi Lucht, Ben Appel, Betty Hargan, Corey Hanson. Also Ex-Officio Superintendent Barry Schmidt, Others present: Principals Mark Matuska, Chris Naumann, Kimberly Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning/Curriculum Angie Beckel, and Preschool Director Amber Lessman.

Other Visitors Present: Justin Lessman, Rachel Haar, Kristy Thrumer, Tyler Skow, Students of the Month and families.

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

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](#) - Brett Bartholomaus
6. Food Service Director's Report - Randy Masad
7. Community Education Coordinator's Report - Kortney Nesseth
8. Positive Community Norms Coordinator's Report - Emma Thaemlitz
9. [Preschool Director's Report](#) - Amber Lessman
10. [Director of Teaching and Learning/Curriculum](#) - Angie Beckel
11. Committee Reports
 - a. [Activities Committee](#)

Approval of consent agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on [May 1, 2025](#).
2. Approval of minutes from the Work Session of the School Board on [May 12, 2025](#).

3. Approval of the bills (Revenues:\$ 1,837,910.50 Expenses: [May board bills](#) \$181,534.17, [April Manuals](#) \$763,079.93, and April Net Payroll \$560,907.89)
4. Approve the resignation of Nathan Kolander, MS Custodian.
5. Approve the resignation of Erica Wedebrand, RS Food Service.
6. Approve the resignation of Kristen Ringgenberg, MS Paraprofessional.

Motion by Lucht and seconded by Hanson to approve the consent agenda. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Business Action Items:

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Hargan to approve the following donations. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried. \$504 from Riverside PTO for new recess equipment, \$35,000 from The Health Care Foundation for weight room equipment, \$500 from Jackson Area Community Foundation to provide students with eye exams and glasses, \$1,000 from Jackson Area Community Foundation to help support AED and purchases, \$1,190 from Ed Foundation for 2 Gel Electrophoresis mini-sub cells (HS Science), \$625 from Ed Foundation for Hand 2 Mind Talking Mirror My Sounds Phoneme set (Kindergarten), \$600 from Ed Foundation for floor hockey equipment at Pleasantview, \$705 from Ed Foundation for food scales, hand mixers, fabric shears, miter saw, and miter saw stand at the Middle School, \$4,629 from Ed Foundation for Otoacoustic Emission Machine (school nurse), \$700 from Ed Foundation for 5 jump boxes (HS phy Ed), \$397.80 from Ed Foundation for Astrophysics Books (HS Science), \$819 from Ed Foundation for Essential Assessment Tools (Speech), \$750 from Heron Lake Young Mens Club for JCC Trap Shoot Team, \$600 from Dan Winterfeld for cables and pulleys to repair the fitness center equipment, \$2,000 from the Jackson Lions Club for new gym mats.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Appel to approve to revise the 2024-2025 academic calendar to reflect the last day of school for Jackson County Central to be on Friday, May 30. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Appel to approve the [Long Term Facility Maintenance 10-year plan](#) for FY 2025-2026 through 2034-2035. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Schultz to Approve the [Resolution for Membership](#) in the Minnesota State High School League for the 2025-2026 school year. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Schultz to approve the [Membership Agreement and Bylaws of the Better Health Collective](#). Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Lucht to approve the two year [agreement](#) with Hildi dated April 29, 2025, Inc for consulting. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Lucht to approve hiring the following staff: Raeleigh Hill - Kids Club, Nicole Tobin - Kids Club, Melissa Mikos - Elementary Teacher, Alissa VanMiddendorp - Preschool Teacher. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Hanson to approve the resignation of [Barry Schmidt](#), Superintendent of Jackson County Central Schools. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Moore to approve motion to move to closed session to discuss Negotiations Strategies as per Minn. Stat. 13D.03 at 6:16 p.m. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Public meeting resumes at 6:35p.m.

Unfinished Business:

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Hargan to approve the final reading of the following policies. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

613 - [Graduation Requirements](#) - Current

613 - [Graduation Requirements](#) - Updates graduation requirements; update references

614 - [School District Testing Plan and Procedure](#) - Current

614 - [School District Testing Plan and Procedure](#) - Adds retaliation prohibition

615 - [Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students](#) - Current

615 - [Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students](#) - Updates references.

619 - [Staff Development For Standards](#) - Current

619 - [Staff Development For Standards](#) - Removes WBWF

620 - [Credit For Learning](#) - Current

620 - [Credit For Learning](#) - Adds weighted grades

New Business:

First reading of the following policies:

624 - [Online Instruction](#) - Current

624 - [Online Instruction](#) - Adds tuition and fee provision

- 707 - [Transportation of Public School Students](#) - Current
707 - [Transportation of Public School Students](#) - Add and fix citations
- 708 - [Transportation of nonpublic school students](#) - Current
708 - [Transportation of nonpublic school students](#) - Changes “shall” to “must”
- 709 - [Student Transportation Safety Policy](#) - Current
709 - [Student Transportation Safety Policy](#) - Adds electric bicycle provision
- 802 - [Disposition of Obsolete Equipment](#) - Current
802 - [Disposition of Obsolete Equipment](#) - Adds MS 471.85 to Legal References

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Hargan to approve to adjourn the meeting at 6:49p.m. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Tina Polz, Chair

Rhonda Moore, Clerk