

School Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Central Schools
ISD# 2895
September 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Monday, September 16, 2024, in the JCC High School Auditorium Conference Room at 5:30p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:28p.m.

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, 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 Mark Matuska, Chris Naumann, Kimberly Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning/Curriculum Angie Beckel, District Office Clerk Rachel Haar

Other Visitors Present: Justin Lessman, Jen Tewes, Jeff Tewes, McKade Tewes, Bryce Vancura, Laura Vancura, Renae Vancura, Paula Censky, Kevin Cornejo and family, Geovany Muoz and family.

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

Informational Items:

1. Superintendent's Report - Barry Schmidt
 - a. November Work Session/Canvassing Meeting - November 12
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](#) [Change Order](#) - 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 - Gina Schoenfeld
9. [Preschool Director's Report](#) - Amber Lessman
10. Director of Teaching and Learning/Curriculum - [MCA Results](#) - Angie Beckel
11. Committee Reports

Approval of consent agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on [August 19, 2024](#).
2. Approval of the bills (Revenues:\$ 2,670,709.05 Expenses: [September board bills](#) \$312,102.04, [August Manuals](#) \$611,799.46, and August Net Payroll \$444,138.51)
3. Approve the resignation of Marie Pell as paraprofessional at the High School.

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

Business Action Items:

Motion made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Polz to approve the agenda as presented.

- a. \$1,765 to JCC from [The Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust](#) to purchase a Newline Interactive Board for the speech/language therapy department.
- b. Four trees donated to JCC Middle School from Lakefield Lions Club.
- c. \$200 to the Jackson pool from [Sandy Torgerson and Holly Nasby](#) for the purchase of shark fin floats for swim lessons

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

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Voss to approve certifying proposed 2024 payable 2025 property tax levy at a maximum. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the [2024-25 Concurrent Enrollment Agreement](#) between Southwest Minnesota State University and Jackson County Central. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Polz to approve Middle Management Contracts.

- a. Principles
- b. District Nurses
- c. Human Resources
- d. Technology
- e. Daycare
- f. Director of Preschool
- g. Community Ed Coordinator
- h. PCN Grant Coordinator
- i. Building and Ground Coordinator
- j. Business Manager

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

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Voss to approve hiring Katelyn Riemersma as Interpreter at the High School. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Schultz to approve hiring the following staff for the 2024-2025 school year.

- a. Ami Shefte as Paraprofessional at Pleasantview/Middle School
- b. Violeta Kyparys-Kruse as Paraprofessional at Riverside
- c. Sarah Belknap as Food Service Assistant at the Middle School
- d. Tara Wilhelmes as Paraprofessional at Riverside
- e. Holly Erickson as Phy - Ed Teacher at Pleasantview

- f. Darcy Dieter as Paraprofessional at Riverside
- g. Paula Wolter Mattson as Instructional Coach
- h. Tabatha Johnson as a Paraprofessional at Riverside
- i. Lindsey Curry as a Paraprofessional at Riverside
- j. Sildy Songkham-Somboun as Food Service Head Cook at Riverside
- k. Lisbeth Castillo as Paraprofessional at the High School
- l. Renee Amis as Paraprofessional at the Middle School
- m. Kristen Ringgenberg as Paraprofessional at the Middle School

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

Old Business:

Second reading of the following policies:

506 - [Student Discipline](#) - Current Policy

506 - [Revisions reflect 2024 statutory changes re: reasonable force](#)

507 - [Corporal Punishment and Prone Restraint](#) - Current

507 - [Revisions reflect 2024 statutory changes re: reasonable force](#)

507.5 - [School Resource Officers](#) - This is a new policy for schools with SRO's

514 - [Bullying Prohibition](#) - Current Policy

514 - [Bullying Prohibition](#) - Clarified posting requirements and updated other sections

Chair Moore explained at the end of the meeting that the Negotiations committee would be starting the negotiations process with the Superintendent's contract. If a board member has any suggestions relating to the contract, Moore will take those to the committee. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Polz to adjourn the meeting at 6:30p.m. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Rhonda Moore, Chair

Tina Polz, Clerk