

School Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Central Schools
ISD# 2895
February 26, 2024

The regular meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Monday, February 26, 2024, in the JCC High School Auditorium Conference Room at 5:30p.m.

The meeting was called 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. Others present: Principals Mark Matuska, Chris Naumann, Kimberly Meyer, Director of Curriculum and Assessments Tammy Timko, Director of ECFE/Discovery Place Preschool Amber Lessman, Positive Community Norms Coordinator Gina Schoenfeld, District Office Clerk Rachel Haar

Other Visitors Present: Justin Lessman, Ann Henning, Brad Henning, Isabelle Henning, Patty Mortonson, Ron Helmich, Renae Hemmingway, Randy Masad, Kip Wachal, Brandon Finck, Mort VanDeVere, students of the month and parents, path youth leaders.

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.

Informational Items:

1. [PATH Youth Leaders](#) - Youth Leadership Academy/Brainard and Path
2. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Barry Schmidt
3. Principal's Report - [High School](#), [Middle School](#), [Pleasantview](#), [Riverside](#)
4. [Business Manager's Report \(revenues and expenses\)](#) - Maria Bezdicek
5. [Facilities/Grounds Director's Report](#) - Drew Wedebrand
6. Activities Director's Report - Amy Voss
7. [Food Service Director's Report](#) - Kari Rubitschung
8. [Community Education Coordinator's Report](#) - Kortney Nesseth
9. Positive Community Norms Coordinator's Report - Gina Schoenfeld
10. [Preschool Director's Report](#) - Amber Lessman
11. [Director of Curriculum and Assessment Report](#) - Tammy Timko
12. Committee Reports
 - a. [Activities Committee Meeting](#)

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on [January 22, 2024](#).
2. Approval of minutes from the Board Retreat Meeting on [February 6, 2024](#).

3. Approval of the bills (Revenues: \$1,587,928.97, Expenses: February board bills \$242,901.51, January Manuals \$2,879,295.98, and January Net Payroll \$507,715.38)
4. Approve family medical leave for a Riverside employee.

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

Business Action Items:

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the donation of \$7,708.22 from JCC Baseball Association for a portable batting cage. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none.

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Polz to approve the [2024 Spring Coaches](#). Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss. Members voting no: Schultz, Moore. Motion carried.

Motion was made to approve hiring Brett Bartholomaus as full-time Activities Director for the 2024-25 school year. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Lucht to approve hiring Breanna Gonzales-Nielsen as a Paraprofessional at the Preschool at Riverside. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Voss to approve the retirement of [Shirley Anderson](#), School Counselor, at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none.

Unfinished Business:

Motion was made by Polz and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve final reading and approval of the following policies. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none.

801 - [Equal Access To School Facilities](#) , [Form](#) (Current) [MSBA Updates](#)

802 - [Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material](#) (Current) [MSBA Updates](#)

805 - [Waste Reduction and Recycling](#) (Current) [MSBA Updates](#)

807 - [Health and Safety Policy](#) (Current) [MSBA Updates](#)

901 - [Community Education](#) (Current) [MSBA Updates](#)

New Business:

902 - [Use of School District Facilities and Equipment](#) (Current) [MSBA Updates](#)

903 - [Visitors To School District Building and Sites](#) (Current) [MSBA Updates](#)

904 - [Distribution of Materials on School District Property By Nonschool Persons](#) (Current) No Updates from MSBA

905 - [Advertising](#) (Current) [MSBA Updates](#)

906 - [Community Notification of Predatory Offenders](#) (Current) [MSBA Updates](#)

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Thrush Withers to adjourn the meeting at 6:15p.m. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none.

Rhonda Moore, Chair

Tina Polz, Chair