

School Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Central Schools
ISD# 2895
October 21, 2024

The regular meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Monday, October 21, 2024, in the JCC High School Auditorium Conference Room at 5:30p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:29p.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. Others present: Principals Mark Matuska, Chris Naumann, Kimberly Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning/Curriculum Angie Beckel, Preschool Director Amber Lessman

Other Visitors Present: Justin Lessman, Ann Henning, Brad Henning, Ever Munoz, Elodia Munoz, Gina Schoenfeld, Edith Gates, Betty Hargan, Jeremy Boogerd, students of the month and families.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Polz 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. [Presentation of 2024 Audit](#) - Abby of ABDO
2. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Barry Schmidt
3. Principal's Report - [High School](#), [Middle School](#), [Pleasantview](#), [Riverside](#)
4. [Business Manager's Report](#) ([revenues](#) and [expenses](#)) [Student Activity Account Balances](#) - Maria Bezdicek
5. Facilities/Grounds Director's Report - Drew Wedebrand
6. [Activities Director's Report](#) - Brett Bartholomaus
7. [Food Service Director's Report](#) - Randy Masad
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 Teaching and Learning/Curriculum](#) - Angie Beckel
12. Committee Reports
 - a. [Negotiations Committee Meeting](#)
 - b. [Facilities Committee Meeting](#)
 - c. [Activities Committee Meeting](#)
 - d. [Finance Committee Meeting](#)

Approval of consent agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on [September 16, 2024](#)
2. Approval of minutes from the Work Session Meeting on [October 7, 2024](#)
3. Approval of the bills (Revenues: \$1,753,309.37 Expenses: [October board bills](#) \$197,449.87, [September manuals](#) \$728,659.14, and September Net Payroll \$515,513.71)
4. Approval of the resignation of Margaret Hawn, Math Teacher at the High School

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Thrush Withers 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 was made by Lucht and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the following donations:

- a. \$924 to JCC from the JCC Girls Basketball Association for shooting shirts
- b. \$2,150 to JCC from JCC Music Boosters for an Oboe
- c. \$2,500 to JCC from Nuway K&H Cooperative and the CHS Seeds for Stewardship Grant to JCC FFA for equipment updates and chapter activities.
- d. \$100 to JCC Robotics from an anonymous donor
- e. \$100 to JCC Robotics from Deputy Registrar 50
- f. \$50 to JCC Robotics from Cosmos and Clover
- g. \$150 to JCC Robotics from Schrader Consulting Services
- h. \$50 to JCC Robotics from Elbert Chiropractic
- i. \$50 to JCC Robotics from Carlson & Butzon, LLP
- j. \$200 to JCC Robotics from Warmka Service Center, LLC
- k. \$100 to JCC Robotics from Thurmer's Plumbing & Heating
- l. \$60 to JCC Robotics from Auto Value
- m. \$25 to JCC Robotics from Extended Ag Insurance Services
- n. \$100 to JCC Robotics from Jackson Collision & Classics

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 Polz to approve the contract between Worthington Adult Basic Education and Jackson County Central for fiscal year 2025. 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 Voss to approve the contract between Jackson County Central Schools and United Community Action Partnership Head Start. 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 Lucht to approve the proposals and service agreements with Johnson Controls. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Polz to approve the [winter coaches](#) for the 2024-2025 school year. 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 Appel to approve hiring the following staff for the 2024-25 school year. Laura Ebeling as part time nurse at the High School. Abdulhakim Gasim as Custodian at the High School. Colleen Johnson as Paraprofessional 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 Voss to approve hiring Brianna Lien-Onsy as ECSE Teacher. 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 wage increase of High School student daycare workers. 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 Lucht to approve extra scoreboard for the main gym. 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 Voss to consider and approve the contract of Superintendent Barry Schmidt FY 2025-2028.

Motion was made by Polz and seconded by Appel to table to consider and approve the contract of Superintendent Barry Schmidt FY 2025-2028 to the February 2025 board meeting. Members voting yes: Polz, Appel. Members voting no: Thrush Withers, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Motion failed.

Chair Moore then moved forward with the motion made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Voss to consider and approve the contract of Superintendent Barry Schmidt FY 2025-2028. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Lucht, Voss, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: Polz, Appel. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Thrush Withers to move to closed session for preliminary consideration of allegations against an individual who is subject to the Board's Authority pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 2(b) at 6:30p.m.

Wherein the meeting enters closed session at 6:37p.m.

Public meeting resumes at 6:57p.m.

Unfinished Business:

Motion was made by Scultz and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the final 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

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

New Business:

First reading of the following policies

522 - [Title IX Sex Discrimination Policy, Grievance and Procedure & Process](#) - Current Policy

522 - [Title IX and Policy 522 MSBA Update](#) - Changes to be made

522 - [Title IX Sex Discrimination Policy, Grievance and Procedure & Process](#) -Revised Policy

102 - [Equal Educational Opportunity](#) - Current Policy

102 - [Equal Education Educational Opportunity](#) - Adds legislative change to “Discrimination” Definition.

104 - [School District Vision and Mission Statement](#) - Current Policy

104 - [School District Vision and Mission Statement](#) - Update Legal Reference

204 - [School Board Meeting Minutes](#) - Current Policy

204 - [School Board Meeting Minutes](#) - Adds Note on new, temporary law for districts without local newspapers

413 - [Harassment and Violence](#) - Current Policy

413 - [Harassment and Violence](#) - Updates “familial status” definition

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Voss to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Rhonda Moore, Chair

Tina Polz, Clerk