

School Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Central Schools
ISD# 2895
January 6, 2025

The Jackson County Central School Board held their reorganizational meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 5:30p.m. in the JCC High School Auditorium Conference Room.

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

Members present: Rhonda Moore, Troy Schultz, Tina Polz, Amy Voss, Levi Lucht, Ben Appel, Betty Hargan and Corey Hanson. Also Ex-Officio Superintendent Barry Schmidt.

Other Visitors Present: Justin Lessman, Kempson Cross, Hargan Family, Brooke Hanson, Rachel Haar

Oath of Office by elected Board Members

Certificate of Elections = Signed copies

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Lucht to approve the agenda as presented. Members voting yes: Polz, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore.

Reorganizational Items:

Election of Officers. Motion was made by Hargan and seconded by Appel to call the vote for the 2025 School Board Officers and open the floor for nominations.

In the position of Chair, a nomination was made for Tina Polz for the 2025 year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Chair Polz assumes position and continues the election.

In the position of vice chair, a nomination was made for Troy Schultz for the 2025 year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members voting yes: Moore. Members voting no: Hanson, Appel, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz. Members not voting: Polz. Motion failed.

In the position of vice chair, a nomination was made for Corey Hanson for the 2025 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members voting yes: Hanson, Hargan. Members voting no: Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Moore. Members not voting: Polz. Motion failed.

In the position of Vice Chair, a nomination was made for Betty Hargan for the 2025 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: members voting yes: Hanson, Appel, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, Moore, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

In the position of Clerk, a nomination was made for Rhonda Moore for the 2025 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: members voting yes: Hanson, Appel, Moore, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz and Polz. Members voting no: None: Motion carried.

In the position of Treasurer, a nomination was made for Levi Lucht for the 2025 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: members voting yes: Hanson, Appel, Moore, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz and Polz. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Appel to approve the school board committee assignments for 2025. Activities Council (Non-Academic): Rhonda Moore, Troy Schultz, Betty Hargan. Budget/Finance: Levi Lucht, Tina Polz, Rhonda Moore. Community Education/Wellness: Betty Hargan, Corey Hanson. Education Foundation: Ben Appel, Troy Schultz. Facilities: Troy Schultz, Ben Appel, Corey Hanson. Health & Safety Levi Lucht, Ben Appel. Legislative/MSHSL Rep: Rhonda Moore. Meet and Confer Betty Hargan, Corey Hanson. Negotiations: Rhonda Moore, Tina Polz. Pool Board: Levi Lucht, Corey Hanson. Pool Task Force: Troy Shultz, Corey Hanson, Rhonda Moore. District Leadership Team: Tina Polz, Betty Hargan. Wellness: Tina Polz, Levi Lucht. ROLL CALL VOTE: 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 setting 2025 Board Work Session dates and times in the High School Auditorium Conference Room for the second Monday of each month at 5:30p.m. unless otherwise noted. January 6, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 15. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion as made by Moore and seconded by Appel to approve setting 2025 Regular Board Meeting dates and times in the High School Auditorium Conference Room for the fourth Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 27, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 24, December 15. ROLL CALL VOTE: 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 [Roberts Rules of Order](#) as the method for conducting meetings. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Moore to approve the destination of the Jackson County Pilot and the Lakefield Standard as the School District's official newspaper. ROLL CALL VOTE: 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 designation of the following banks as depositories of school funds and authorize the Superintendent and business manager to sign release agreements for pledged securities for collateral purposes, including electronic transfers. First National Bank, Lakefield, BMO Bank, Lakefield, Bank Midwest, Jackson, Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Alpha, Leading Edge Credit Union, Jackson, Jackson Federal & Savings Loan Association, Jackson, Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund, Security State Bank, Jackson. ROLL CALL VOTE: 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 Appel to approve signing facsimile signature to sign checks. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Schultz to approve authorizing payment of bills between board meetings for the purpose of obtaining a discount or required prepayment on an order, or to avoid penalty charges, pay registration. Also, approve authorizing the district to pay board bills in the event a board meeting is not held. Approve authorizing the superintendent and business manager to approve the processing of payments for invoices submitted under contracts approved by the Board and under circumstances when it is

deemed necessary and appropriate to proceed with a payment. ROLL CALL VOTE: 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 Lucht to approve the designation of the Superintendent of Schools as Custodian of Records. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Moore to approve 2025 Board member compensation. Regular Board Meeting \$55. Regular Board Meeting for Chair and Clerk \$65, Committee Meeting \$55, All Day In-Service & Workshops \$85. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and approved by Schultz to approve the designation of Squires, Waldspurger & Mace, P.A, as the school district's legal counsel and approve Board Chair, Superintendent, and Business Manager as persons authorized to contact legal counsel. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: Lucht. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Lucht to approve directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and staff. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Appel to approve the current IRS Rate of \$0.70 per mile as the mileage reimbursement rate effective January 1, 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Informational items:

[School Board Governance](#)

Board Retreat Date - February 7 from 4pm to 7pm.

Ehlers Date

Strategic Plan Meeting Date

Other - Looking to get three quotes for the track. Looking into an activities and academic foundation to fund things like charter buses or things that are needed for the classrooms.

Unfinished Business:

Second reading of the following policies.

416 - [Drug, Alcohol, and Cannabis Testing](#) - Current Policy

416 - [Drug Alcohol, and Cannabis Testing](#) - Adds "oral fluid testing"

418 - [Drug-Free Workplace/Drug Free School](#) - Current Policy

418 - [Drug Free Workplace/Drug Free School](#) - Adds protection for person in MN Patient Registry Program

419 - [Tobacco Free Environment..ect..](#) - Current Policy

419 - [Tobacco Free Environment...ect..](#) - Adds smudging as a permissible activity

425 - [Staff Development and Mentoring](#) - Current Policy

425 - [Staff Development and Mentoring](#) - Adds paraprofessional training provision

509 - [Enrollment of Nonresident Students](#) - Current

509 - [Enrollment of Nonresident Students](#) - Removes School Readiness Plus; Adds School of

Parents' Choice Law

Motion was made Moore and seconded by Lucht to adjourn at 6:26p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE:Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Tina Polz, Chair

Rhonda Moore, Clerk