

School Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Central Schools
ISD# 2895
August 28, 2023

The regular meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Monday, August 28, 2023, in the JCC High School Auditorium Conference Room. Please be advised of the enclosed proposed agenda and any appendices, which may be attached.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Rhonda Moore, Troy Schultz, Tina Polz (via zoom unable to vote), 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 Assessment Tammy Timko, AD Mary Boyum, Preschool Director Amber Lessman, District Office Clerk Rachel Haar, and other media Justin Lessman
Others Present: Erica Colby, Brenda Wenzel

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

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

Informational Items:

1. [March 2024 Band Trip/Fundraiser](#) - Erica Colby
2. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Barry Schmidt
3. Principal's Report - [High School](#), [Middle School](#), [Pleasantview](#), [Riverside](#), [Riverside PBIS Handbook](#)
4. [Business Manager's Report \(revenues and expenses\)](#) - Maria Bezdicek
5. [Facilities/Grounds Director's Report](#) - Drew Wedebrand
6. [Activities Director's Report](#) - Mary Boyum
7. [Food Service Director's Report](#) - Kari Rubitschung
8. Community Education Director's Report - Kortney Nesseth
9. [Positive Community Norms Coordinator Report](#) - Gina Sinn
10. [Preschool Director's Report](#) - Amber Lessman
11. [Director of Curriculum and Assessment Report](#).- Tammy Timko
 - a. MCA Data
12. Committee Reports
 - a. [POC Committee Meeting](#)

Approval of consent agenda

1. Approve minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on [July 24, 2023](#).
2. Approve Minutes from the Emergency Meeting on [August 8, 2023](#).
3. Approval of Minutes from the Work Session Board Meeting on [August 14, 2023](#).
4. Approval of the bills (Revenues: \$683,040.73, Expenses: [August board bills](#) \$310,450.28, [July manuals](#) \$1,497,942.70, and July Net Payroll \$414,457.44)
5. Approve donation of \$117.15 from Travis and Alyssa Anderson for hoop donation.
6. Approve donation of \$3,300 from Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust to JCC Schools for trauma-informed resilient school staff training.
7. Approve donation of \$2,052 from Southwest Initiative Foundation to Jackson County Central Schools to train PreK-3 staff in the STARR Commonwealth curriculum.
8. Approve donation of \$311.65 from Jackson High School Class of 1959 to Jackson County Central Schools.
9. Approve donation of \$47,000 from The Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust to JCC for the student success coordination program.
10. Approve donation of \$3,500 from The Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust to JCC HS band room for a sound system.

11. Approve donation of \$1,500 from SWIF to JCC HS band room for a sound system.
12. Approve donation of \$6,586 from SWIF for Chelsea Reese as she works on finishing her Special Education degree.
13. Approve donation of \$7,998 from The Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust for Robotics kits.
14. Approve donation of \$5,399 from Dr. Kline in the memory of his daughter Laura to purchase a Tuba.
15. Approve donation of \$3,360.87 from the Robert and Helen Remick Charitable Foundation Trust to JCC Fine Arts program for upgrades.
16. Approve donation of \$200 from Heron Lake Young Men's Club to Community Ed.
17. Approve the resignation of Heidi Johnson paraprofessional at Riverside.
18. Approve the resignation of Emma Pohlman preschool paraprofessional at Riverside.

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

Business Action Items:

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Schultz to approve the 2023-2024 Post Secondary Enrollment Option Contract with Minnesota West Community and Technical College. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Voss and seconded to approve the [Interagency Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding](#) between Jackson County Central School District #2895 and United Community Action Partnership, Inc. Early Head Start/Head Start for the 2023-2024 school year. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Schultz to approve setting the Truth in Taxation Hearing for 6:00p.m. on Monday, December 4 in the High School Auditorium Conference Room. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Voss to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Lutheran Social Service of MN Foster Grandparent Program and Jackson County Central. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Ben and seconded by Lucht to approve to host the Sportsman Show, and staffing for the event, on Saturday, November 25 and Sunday November 26, 2023. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: Voss Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the [resolution](#) for School Board employment for Amy Voss to work as a substitute in the JCC School District. ROLL CALL VOTE. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Voss to approve the [resolution](#) for School Board employment for Jody Thrush Withers to work as a substitute in the JCC School District. ROLL CALL VOTE. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Lucht to approve hiring Nathan Hanson as .5 dean of students at the High School for the 2023-24 school year. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Schultz to approve hiring Leah Meyer as a preschool teacher at Riverside for the 2023-24 school year. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Lucht to approve hiring Sophia Stumpf as a student support specialist for the 2023-24 school year. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Voss to approve hiring Tracy Felker as paraprofessional at Riverside. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Schultz to approve hiring Abbi Nitchals as paraprofessional at Riverside. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Appel to approve hiring Thea Schmal as paraprofessional at Riverside. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Voss to approve hiring Faith Arndt as paraprofessional at Riverside. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve hiring Kyra Schmit as kids club helper. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Schultz to approve hiring Lincoln Schmit as custodian at the middle school. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Second Reading of the following policies that are updated to reflect MN laws enacted in 2023.

102 - [Equal Educational Opportunity](#) (Current) [Adds equal athletic opportunity paragraph](#)

418 - [Drug-Free Workplace/Drug Free School](#) (Current) [Reflects marijuana legislation](#)

419 - [Tobacco-Free Environment](#) (Current) [Adds Loose tobacco/tribal ritual exception](#)

424 - [License Status](#) (Current) [Adds annual report to PELSB requirement](#)

425 - [Staff Development](#) (Current) [Adds paraprofessional paid Orientation or professional development](#)

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Appel to adjourn the meeting at 7:07p.m. Members voting yes: Lucht, Voss, Schultz, Appel, Thrush Withers, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Rhonda Moore, Chair

Troy Schultz, Clerk