

School Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Central Schools
ISD# 2895
February 23, 2026

The regular meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Monday, February 23, 2026, in the JCC High School Auditorium Conference Room at 5:30p.m.

Chair Hargan called the meeting to order at 5:30p.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, Tina Polz, Levi Lucht, Ben Appel, Betty Hargan, Corey Hanson. Also Ex-Officio Interim Superintendent Dr. Mike Neubeck, Business Manager Maria Bezdicek. Others present: Principals Mark Matuska, Chris Naumann, Director of Teaching and Learning/Curriculum Angie Beckel

Other Visitors Present: Students of the month and families, Lindsay Howk, Rachel Haar, and media - Justin Lessman

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

Informational Items:

1. [Superintendent's Report](#) -Dr. Mike Neubeck
2. Principal Report - [High School](#), [Middle School](#), [Pleasantview](#), [Riverside](#)
3. [Business Manager's Report](#) ([revenues](#) and [expenses](#)) - Maria Bezdicek
4. [Facilities/Grounds Director's Report](#); [Radon Report](#) - 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 - Emma Thaemlitz
9. Preschool Director's Report
10. Director of Teaching and Learning/Curriculum - Angie Beckel
11. Committee Report
 - a. Finance Committee - Reviewed revised budget
 - b. Activities Council - Reviewed spring coaches list

Approval of consent agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on [January 26, 2026](#).
2. Approval of minutes from the Work Session Board Meeting on [February 9, 2026](#).
3. Approval of the bills (Revenues: \$1,592,208.83 Expenses: [February board bills](#) \$203,145.81 [January Manuals](#) \$2,776,843.68, and January Net Payroll \$590,764.35)

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

Business Action Items:

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Hanson to approve the following donations. \$3,000 from Wild Compass to Discovery Place Preschool for hands-on environmental education; \$5,000 from Wild Compass Discovery Place Preschool for hands-on learning; \$5,000 from Wild Compass to Kids Club for after school and summer activities. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Lucht, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Lucht to approve the retirement of Lyn Meyer, English Teacher at the MS on June 30, 2026. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Lucht, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Polz and seconded by Appel to approve the revised [FY 2025–26 Jackson County Central Revised budget](#). Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Lucht, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Hanson to approve the [2026 spring coaches list](#). Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Polz, Lucht, and Hargan. Members voting no: Moore. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Polz to approve the [FY 2027-2029 Achievement and Integration Plan](#) and [FY 2027 Achievement and Integration Budget](#). Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Lucht, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Lucht to approve [Memorandum of Understanding](#) for Phase 2 Read Act Training. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Lucht, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Lucht to approve the final reading of the following policies: Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Lucht, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

306 - [Administrator Code of Ethics](#) - Current

306 - [Administrator Code of Ethics](#) - Insert's MN [Code of Ethics for School Administrators](#) and Removes NAESP [Statement 1100.2 Statement of Ethics](#)

606 - [Textbooks and Instructional Materials](#) - Current

606 - [Textbooks and Instructional Materials](#) - Adds Art. V paragraph D (which quotes [20 USC 1232h\(a\)](#))

712 - [Video Surveillance Other Than On Buses](#) - Current

712 - [Video Recording Other Than On Buses](#) - Changes 'surveillance' to 'recording' per MSBA's attorneys' recommendation; clarifies video recording rule in Art.II.A.3

722 - [Public Data Requests and Data Subject Request](#) - Current

722 - [Public Data Requests and Data Subject Request](#) - Adds 2025 legislative update to [MN Statutes 13.03](#) on data requests to Art. IV

515 - [Protection And Privacy of Pupil Records](#) - Current

515 - [Protection And Privacy of Pupil Records](#) - Updates Art VI.B.16 on immunization data and VI.c on nonpublic students. Updates Resources.

New Business:

- 211 - [Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee or Student](#) - Current Policy
- 211 - [Criminal or Civil Action Against School District, School Board Member, Employee or Student](#) - Adds cross reference to Model Policy 519.
- 401 - [Equal Employment Opportunity](#) - Current Policy
- 401 - [Equal Employment Opportunity](#) - Updates legal definition of 'sexual orientation' to align with MN law
- 404 - [Employment Background Checks](#) - Current Policy
- 404 - [Employment Background Checks](#) - Align policy language with statutory provisions
- 405 - [Veteran's Preference](#) - Current Policy
- 405 - [Veteran's Preference](#) - Updates Art. II.G with MN statutory provisions
- 406 - [Public and Private Personnel Data](#) - Currency Policy
- 406 - [Public and Private Personnel Data](#) - Corrects

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Hanson to adjourn the meeting at 6:09p.m.
Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Lucht, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Betty Hargan , Chair

Rhonda Moore, Clerk