

School Board Meeting Minutes  
Jackson County Central Schools  
ISD# 2895  
January 12, 2026

The work session of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Monday, January 12, 2026 in the High School Auditorium Conference Room.

Chair Hargan called the meeting to order at 5:55p.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, Levi Lucht, Ben Appel, Betty Hargan, Corey Hanson. Also Ex-Officio Interim Superintendent Dr. Mike Neubeck, Business Manager Maria Bezdicek, and Principal Amber Lessman, Director of Teaching and Learning/Curriculum Angie Beckel

*Other Visitors Present:* Cam Haaland, Katie Hanson, Scarlet Pronk, Michael Miller, Renae Hemingway, Ryan Hargan, Media - Justin Lessman.

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

**Informational Items:**

1. [SAVVAS Literacy Curriculum Presentation](#) - District Literacy Committee
2. JCC Teachers Contract Presentation - Dr. Mike Neubeck
3. [Budget Update For 2026-27 Budget Adjustments](#)
4. [Final Revision of JCC School Board Handbook](#)

**Business Action Items:**

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Appel to table the purchase of the SAVVAS Literacy Curriculum and bring the item back for action at the regular January board meeting. Members voting yes: Members voting yes: Moore, Schultz, Polz, Lucht, Appel, Hanson, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Moore to table the purchase Teachers Master Agreement for 2025 - 2027. Members voting yes: Moore, Schultz, Polz, Appel, Hanson, and Hargan. Members abstaining: Lucht. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

Second reading of the following policies:

513 - [Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design](#) - Current

513 - [Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design](#) - Update References

- 519 - [Interviews of Students By Outside Agencies](#) - Current
- 519 - [Interviews of Students By Outside Agencies](#) - Add a phrase from MN Statute
- 601 - [School District Curriculum And Instruction Goals](#) - Current
- 601 - [School District Curriculum And Instruction Goals](#) - Deletes Reference to World's Best Workforce.
- 612.1 - [Development of Parental Involvement Policies for Title I Programs](#) - Current
- 612.1 - [Development of Parental Involvement Policies for Title I Programs](#) - Adds a Resource
- 621 - [Literacy And The Read Act](#) - Current
- 621 - [Literacy And The Read Act](#) - Add Reference

Motion was made Lucht and seconded by Polz to adjourn the meeting at 7:56p.m. Members voting yes: Moore, Schultz, Polz, Lucht, Appel, Hanson, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

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Betty Hargan, Chair

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Rhonda Moore, Clerk