

School Board Meeting Minutes  
Jackson County Central Schools  
ISD #2895  
December 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Monday, December 19, 2022, at Pleasantview Elementary Room 129 at 5:30p.m.

Call meeting to order at 5:32p.m.

Members present: Rhonda Moore, Bradley Anderson, Troy Schultz, Tina Polz, Amy Voss, Jody Thrush Withers, and Eric Kruger. Also Ex-Officio Superintendent Barry Schmidt, Business Manager Maria Bezdicek and Building & Grounds Director Drew Wedebrand. Others present: Principals Keri Bergeson, Chris Naumann, Kimberly Meyer, and media Justin Lessman.

Other visitors Present: Levi Lucht, Ben Appel, Shirley Handzus

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Voss to approve the agenda as presented. Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Troy Schultz entered the meeting at 5:38p.m.

**Informational Items:**

1. [Superintendent's Report](#) ,- Barry Schmidt
2. Principal's Report - [High School](#), [Middle School](#), [Pleasantview](#), [Riverside](#)
3. [Business Manager's Report \(Revenues and Expenses\) Revised October Report](#) - Maria Bezdicek
4. [Facilities/Grounds Director's Report](#) - Drew Wedebrand
5. [Activities Director's Report](#) - Dustin Pautsch
6. Food Service Director's Report - Kari Rubitschung
7. [Community Education Director's Report](#) - Jacqueline Knips
8. Preschool Director's Report - Jody Thrush Withers
9. [Director of Curriculum and Assessment Report](#) - Tammy Timko
10. Committee Reports
  - [Facilities](#) 11-30-22
  - [Facilities](#) 12-5-22

**Approval of consent agenda**

1. Approve minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on [November 28, 2022](#).
2. Approve the minutes from the Work Session Meeting on [December 5, 2022](#).
3. Approval of the bills (Revenues: \$2,443,138.57, Expenses: [December board bills](#) \$105,137.03, [November manuals](#) \$1,559,203.03, and November Net Payroll \$564,498.98)
4. Approve the anonymous donation of \$135 to Key Club.
5. Approve the donation of \$50 from Optimal Health Chiropractic & Acupuncture PA to JCC Cheer.
6. Approve the donation of \$50 from J&K Investments LLC to JCC Cheer.
7. Approve the donation of \$312 from D.J. Foods of Minnesota, Inc to JCC Cheer.
8. Approve the donation of \$382 from Federated Operation Round Up to JCC Ag Dept.

9. Approve the donation of \$500 from Federated Operation Round Up to Riverside Special Education.
10. Approve the donation of \$554 from Federated Operation Round Up to JCC Middle School tennis courts.
11. Approve the donation of \$605 from Federated Operation Round up to JCC First Grade.
12. Approve the vocation of \$1000 from Federated Operation Round up to JCC Ag Dept.

Motion was made by Kruger and seconded Anderson to approve the consent agenda. Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Business Action Items:**

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve 2022 Payable 2023 Levy Limitation and Certification for \$4,682,193.81. Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Polz and seconded by Voss to approve setting the date for the JCC Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 9, 2023 at 5:30p.m.. Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Kruger to approve the [seniority list](#) for the 2022-2023 school year for non-certified staff. Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Polz to approve the [contract from Marco](#). Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Polz to approve Emma Winter and Josie Horn as voluntary coaches for competition cheer. Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Voss to approve the extension of Mark Steffen's contract. Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Anderson to approve hiring Amber Lessman as Preschool and Early Childhood Director. Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Kruger to approve hiring Sysawat Phaly as a flex, part time night custodian at the High School. Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve FMLA for a High School employee from 12/22/22 through 1/9/2023. Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Polz to approve FMLA for a Riverside Employee. Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the acceptance of the bid with Lakefield EDA for the old middle school property, subject to entering into a contract. Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kruger and seconded by Thrush Wither to approve the Easement with Jackson Cycle and Ashley J.P. Schmit Law Firm. Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Polz to approve the following policies. Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

- 601 - [School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals](#) (Current) [Suggested Abbreviation Changes](#)
- 602 - [Organization Of School Calendar and School Day](#) (Current) [Suggested Abbreviation Changes](#)
- 603 - [Curriculum Development](#) (Current) [Suggested Changes](#)
- 604 - [Instructional Curriculum](#) (Current) [Suggested Changes](#)
- 605 - [Alternative Programs](#) (Current) [Suggested Changes](#)

#### **New Business:**

First reading of the following policies.

- 606 - [Textbooks and Instructional Materials](#) (Current) [Suggested Abbreviation Changes](#)
- 607 - [Organization of Grade Levels](#) (Current) [Suggested Abbreviation Changes](#)
- 608 - [Instructional Services](#) (Current) [Suggested Abbreviation Changes](#)
- 608.1 - [Special Education Services-Caseloads](#) (Current)
- 609 - [Religion](#) (Current) [Suggested Changes](#)

Outgoing board members were presented with bells for their dedication and years of service on the school board. Brad Anderson joined the board on January 1, 2015 and Eric Kruger joined the board on January 1, 2019.

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Kruger to adjourn the meeting at 6:07p.m.  
Members voting yes: Anderson, Thrush Withers, Polz, Voss, Kruger, Schultz, Moore. Members  
voting no: None. Motion carried unanimously.

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Rhonda Moore, Chair

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Troy Schultz, Clerk