

School Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Central Schools
ISD# 2895
January 8, 2024

The Jackson County Central School Board held their Reorganizational Meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024 in the JCC High School Auditorium Conference Room.

Chair Moore called the meeting to order at 5:29p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Rhonda Moore, Troy Schultz, Tina Polz, Amy Voss, Jody Thrush Withers, Levi Lucht and Ben Appel. Also Ex-Officio Superintendent Barry Schmidt, Business Manager Maria Bezdicek, and Building & Grounds Director Drew Wedeband. Others present: Justin Lessman - media.

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

Reorganizational Items:

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Appel to elect Rhonda Moore to the Chair position for the 2024 year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Chair Moore assumes position and continues the election.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Lucht to elect Jody Thrush Withers to the Vice Chair position for the 2024 year. Appel declined the nomination. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Schultz to elect Tina Polz to the Clerk position for the 2024 year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Tina Polz and seconded by Appel to elect Levi Lucht to the Treasurer position for the 2024 year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Polz and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve school board committee assignments for 2024. Non-Academic (Activities Council): Voss, Schultz, Moore. Budget/Finance: Thrush Withers, Lucht, Rhonda Moore. Community Education/Wellness: Voss, Polz. Education Foundation: Ben Appel, Troy Schultz. Facilities: Troy Schultz, Jody Thrush Withers, Ben Appel. Health & Safety: Levi Lucht, Ben Appel. Legislative/MSHSL Rep: Rhonda Moore. Meet and Confer: Jody Thrush Withers, Tina Polz. Negotiations: Jody Thrush Withers, Tina Polz, Rhonda Moore. Pool Board: Amy Voss, Levi Lucht. District Leadership Team: Amy Voss, Tina Polz. Wellness: Amy Voss, Levi Lucht. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Amy Voss arrived at the board meeting.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Polz to approve setting 2024 Board Work Session dates and times in the High School Auditorium Conference Room for the first Monday of each month at 5:30p.m. January 8, February 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4, December 2. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Voss to Approve setting 2024 Board Meeting dates and times in the High School Auditorium Conference Room for the third Monday of each month at 5:30p.m. January 22, February 26, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Polz to approve [Roberts Rules of Order](#) as the method for conducting meetings. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Schultz to approve the destination of the Jackson County Pilot and the Lakefield Standard as the School District's official newspaper. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Voss 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 of Lakefield, BMO Bank of Lakefield, Bank Midwest of Jackson, Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Alpha, Leading Edge Credit Union of Jackson, Jackson Federal & Savings Loan Association of Jackson, Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund, Security State Bank of Jackson. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Voss to approve signing facsimile signature to sign checks. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Polz 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 present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Voss to approve the designation of the Superintendent of Schools as Custodian of Records. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Appel to approve 2024 Board member compensation. Regular Board Meeting at \$55, Regular Board Meeting - Chair and Clerk \$65, Committee Meeting \$55, All Day In-Service & Workshops \$85. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Voss 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 present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Schultz, Voss, Moore. Members voting no: Appel, Polz, Levi.

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 present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Polz to approve the current IRS Rate of \$.67 per mile as the mileage reimbursement rate effective January 1, 2024. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Informational items:

Facility Update

- Five air handlers at High School to be replaced. The bid for doing it all at once is 1.75 million.
- Air handler return fans \$140,000.
- Not included are the two air handlers for the pool and locker room.

Quiet Claim Update

- January 30 is the court date to clear up the title.

Financial Update

Other

Unfinished Business:

Second Reading of the following policies.

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

714 - [Fund Balances](#) (current) [MSBA Updates](#)

720 - [Vending Machines](#) (Current) [MSBA Updates](#)

721 - [Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources](#) (Current) [MSBA Updates](#)

723 - [Electronic Fund Transfer](#) (Current) No MSBA Policy

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Polz to adjourn the meeting at 6:19p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Members present voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, Voss, and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Rhonda Moore, Chair

Tina Polz, Clerk