

School Board Meeting Minutes  
Jackson County Central Schools  
ISD# 2895  
July 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Monday, July 15, 2024, in the JCC High School Auditorium Conference Room at 5:30p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31p.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, Amy Voss, Jody Thrush Withers, and Ben Appel. Also Ex-Officio Superintendent Barry Schmidt, Building & Grounds Director Drew Wedebrand. Others present: Principals Chris Naumann, Kimberly Meyer.

*Other Visitors Present:* Food Service Director Randy Masad, Media Justin Lessman

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

**Informational Items:**

1. Superintendent's Report - Barry Schmidt
2. Principal's Report - High School, Middle School, Pleasantview, Riverside
3. [Business Manager's Report \(revenues and expenses\)](#) - Maria Bezdicek
4. [Facilities/Grounds Director's Report](#) - Drew Wedebrand
5. Activities Director's Report - Amy Voss
6. Food Service Director's Report - Kari Rubitschung
7. Community Education Coordinator's Report - Kortney Nesseth
8. Positive Community Norms Coordinator's Report - Gina Schoenfeld
9. Preschool Director's Report - Amber Lessman
10. Director of Curriculum and Assessment Report - Tammy Timko
11. Committee Reports

**Approval of consent agenda**

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on [June 17, 2024](#)
2. Approval of minutes from the Work Session Meeting on [July 1, 2024](#)
3. Approval of the bills (Revenues: \$977,532.55, Expenses: [July board bills](#) \$83,735.57, [June Manuals](#) \$888,002.59, and June Net Payroll \$566,817.04)

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

**Business Action Items:**

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Voss to approve the following donations/grants:

- a. \$1,000 from Corteva Agriscience to JCC FFA.
- b. \$500 to JCC Health Office from Otto Bremer Grant for anxiety calming tools.
- c. \$4,083.84 from JCC Football to JCC for game pants.
- d. \$2,318.84 from JCC Baseball Association to JCC for a portable mound.
- e. \$8,197.02 from The Robert and Helen Remich Charitable Foundation Trust to JCC for baby simulators.

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

Motion was made by Polz and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the [Service Agreement](#) with Johnson Controls. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Voss and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Appel to approve the [Mechanical & Automation Customer Agreement](#) for September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Voss and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Polz to approve the 2024-2025 [High School Handbook](#). Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Voss and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Voss to approve the 2024-2025 [Middle School/Pleasantview Handbook](#). Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Voss and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Appel to approve the 2024-2025 [Riverside Handbook](#). Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Voss and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the [fall coaches](#) for the 2024-2025 school year. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Voss and Moore. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Polz and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the following contracts for the 2024-2025 school year.

- a. Administrative Assistants
- b. Custodians
- c. Food Service
- d. Paraprofessionals

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

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Voss to approve rehiring the following staff with out of field permissions or Tier 1 licenses for the 2024-25 school year.

- a. Leah Meyer as Preschool Teacher at Riverside
- b. Mary Brinkman as Preschool Teacher at Riverside

- c. Bethany Lewis as Music Teacher at Pleasantview
- d. Kristin Stoltenberg as Science Teacher at the High School
- e. Andrea Sitzmann as ELL and Elementary Math Teacher
- f. Christina Duncan as Math Teacher at the Middle School
- g. Mindy Fett as Reading Teacher Pleasantview
- h. Tom Schuler as Health Teacher at the Middle School

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

Motion was made by Polz and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve hiring the following staff for the 2024-25 school year.

- a. Hunter Manderfeld .5 FTE Ag Teacher at the Middle School
  - i. replacing Kate Anderson who will be teaching Business at High School
- b. Cameron Haaland 1.0 FTE as Social and English Teacher at the High School
  - i. replacing Kim Haburn who is taking on choir at the High School
- c. Makayla Grev 1.0 FTE Science Teacher at the High School
  - i. replacing Rachel Langman
- d. Isaac Grev 1.0 FTE Special Education at the High School
  - i. replacing Ross Wargula
- e. Brenda Bachenberg as Head Cook at the Middle School
  - i. replacing Randy Masad who is now Food Service Director
- f. Jacqueline Knips as Administrative Assistant at the High School
  - i. Replacing Michelle Wargula who replaced Sara Treybal who retired.
- g. Kenna Miller 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher at Riverside
  - i. Replacing Sara Theesfeld

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

**Unfinished Business:**

Second reading of the following policy

524 - [Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy](#)

[Update Title and Legal Reference - MSBA](#)

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Polz to adjourn the meeting at 6:05p.m. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Polz, Appel, Voss and Moore. Members voting no: None.

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Rhonda Moore, Chair

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Tina Polz, Clerk

