

School Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Central Schools
ISD# 2895
January 26, 2026

The regular meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Monday, January 26, 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, Troy Schultz, Tina Polz, 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, Amber Lessman, Director of Teaching and Learning/Curriculum Angie Beckel

Other Visitors Present: Students of the Month and Families, Cam Haaland, Darcy Snyder, Emily Anderson, and media - Justin Lessman

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Polz to approve the agenda as presented. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Schultz, 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 - 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 Reports
12. Minnesota Health Standards - February 9

Presentation:

1. [Strategic Plan Update Presentation](#) - Dr. Mike Neubeck and Angie Beckel
2. Review of the [2026 School Board Committee Assignments](#)

Approval of consent agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on [December 15, 2025](#).
2. Approval of minutes from the Special Meeting on [January 6, 2026](#).
3. Approval of minutes from the Work Session meeting on [January 12, 2026](#).
4. Approval of minutes from the Organizational Meeting of the School Board on [January 12, 2026](#).
5. Approval of the bills (Revenues: \$ 2,323,095.31 Expenses: [January board bills](#) \$297,384.07, [December Manuals](#) \$787,119.37, and December Net Payroll \$551,183.31)

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

Business Action Items:

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Polz to approve the adoption of the SAVVAS Literacy Curriculum for K-8. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Schultz, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Appel to approve the Jackson County Central School Board [Handbook](#). Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Schultz, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Appel to approve the Jackson County Central Strategic Plan. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Schultz, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Schultz to approve the amount for the [2026-27 budget adjustments](#). Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Schultz, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Polz and seconded by Appel to approve the following donations. \$2,748.93 from Security Bank towards negative food service account balances; \$200 from PEO Chapter to Riverside Elementary for vision expenses; \$1,035.77 from AGCO for JCC FFA. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Schultz, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Hanson to approve the [non-licensed seniority list](#). Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Schultz, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Polz and seconded by Hanson to approve the [independent contract](#) with Sharon Johnson, Community Ed Director. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Schultz, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Hanson to approve hiring the following staff: Kayla Eiynek as part time custodian at Riverside; Ryne Pauling as a paraprofessional at the MS; Shelby Milbrath as a Kids Club Assistant; Dawn Aschemann as long term substitute teacher Riverside; Saige Theobald as a para at Pleasantview; Joelle Brunk as a para at Riverside;

Georgianna Wenzel as a long term substitute at the HS. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Schultz, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made to approve the resignation of [Mike Wierson](#), as head baseball coach. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Schultz, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

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

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](#) - Updates Section VI, Paragraph 2, to replace language: The World's Best Workforce with Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness

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

New Business:

First reading of the following policies:

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.

Motion was made by Polz and seconded by Appel to adjourn the meeting at 6:44p.m. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Polz, Schultz, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Betty Hargan, Chair

Rhonda Moore, Clerk