

School Board Meeting Minutes  
Jackson County Central Schools  
ISD# 2895  
March 24, 2025

The regular meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Monday, March 24, 2025, in the JCC High School Auditorium Conference Room and at 5:30p.m. Please be advised of the enclosed proposed agenda and any appendices, which may be attached.

The meeting was called to order at 5:29p.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, Levi Lucht, Betty Hargan, Corey Hanson. Also Ex-Officio Superintendent Barry Schmidt, Business Manager Maria Bezdicek. Others present: Principals Mark Matuska, Chris Naumann, Kimberly Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning/Curriculum Angie Beckel. Preschool Director Amber Lessman, and Food Service Director Randy Masad.

*Other Visitors Present:* Media Justin Lessman, students of the month and families, Cory Pauling, Ashley Schmit, Hailey Russel, Maricell Russel, Steve Russel, BH BL, Kristi Ledin, Deidre Wierson, Renae Hemmingway, Shelly Condon, Kim Klassen, Chad Klassen Jim Gumto, Robyn Reed, Pam Rohloff, LeAnn Olson, Nate Hanson, Eric Tvinnereim, Blaise Jacobson, Micheal Wierson, Thomas Liepold, Ben Gallagher, Jace Jorgensen, Carson Doescher, Kash Gilbert, Layla Pyan, Kari Pyan, Emily Anderson, Barb Tvinnereim, Rachel Haar, and four unreadable names.

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

**Informational Items:**

1. Knowledge Bowl - Rhonda Schmit
  - a. There are 22 students out for Knowledge Bowl. Sub-Regions: JCC had 4 out of 5 teams place at Sub-Regions and move on to the Region meet in Marshall. The JCC teams placed 2nd, 3rd, 9th, and 10th. Regions: JCC teams placed 11th, 18th, and two JCC teams tied for 19th place out of 27 teams. It was a good season!
2. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Barry Schmidt
  - a. Core Value Recognitions - Four staff members have been nominated by their colleagues for recognition include: Barb Tvinnereim for engagement, Corey Pauling for passion, Kristi Ledin for unity, and Barrett Berkner for unity. Congratulations to all.
3. Principal's Report - [High School](#), [Middle School](#), [Pleasantview](#), [Riverside](#)
4. [Business Manager's Report](#) ([revenues](#) and [expenses](#)) - Maria Bezdicek
5. Facilities/Grounds Director's Report - Drew Wedebrand
6. [Activities Director's Report](#) - Brett Bartholomaeus
7. Food Service Director's Report - Randy Masad
8. Community Education Coordinator's Report - Kortney Nesseth
9. Positive Community Norms Coordinator's Report - Emma Thaemlitz
10. [Preschool Director's Report](#) - Amber Lessman
11. [Director of Teaching and Learning/Curriculum](#) - Angie Beckel
12. [Committee Reports](#)

### **Approval of consent agenda**

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on [February 25, 2025](#).
2. Approval of minutes from the Work Session of the School Board on [March 10, 2025](#).
3. Approval of the bills (Revenues:\$1,625,640.90 Expenses: [March Board Bills](#) \$185,138.19, [February Manuals](#) \$821,935.19, and February Net Payroll \$635,622.75)
4. Approve the resignation of Head Gymnastics Coach, Abbey Gumto.
5. Approve the resignation of Kindergarten Teacher, Lindsey Lucht.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Hanson. Members voting yes: Moore, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: Hanson. Motion carried.

### **Business Action Items:**

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Hanson to approve the following donations: \$4,138.97 from the Robert and Helen Remic Charitable Foundation Trust JCC for the robotics program. \$3,000 from Brandon and Bonnie Finck to JCC for HUDL. \$100 from Rod and Tricia Voss for Winterfest activities. \$20 from Mary Voda for Winterfest activities. \$1,500 from Jackson County Conservation League for the Trap Shooting Team. \$1,231.72 from Extended Ag Services to help cover the cost of the fan bus for state wrestling. Members voting yes: Members voting yes: Moore, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Lucht to approve the contract between Jackson County Central and SWWC Service Cooperative. Members voting yes: Moore, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Hanson to approve the retirements of the following staff at the end of the 2024-25 school year. Tom Schuller, Phy Ed Teacher at the Middle School. Tom has been with the district for 40 years. Thank you, Tom. Jim Gumto, Third Grade Teacher at Riverside. Jim has been with the district for 17 years. Thank you, Jim. Members voting yes: Moore, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hargan and seconded by Lucht to approve hiring the following new staff. Paul Troe as a paraprofessional at the Middle School. (replacing a staff) Jennifer Hash as Kids Club Assistant Coordinator. (replacing a staff) Members voting yes: Moore, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Moore to approve Resolution Relating to the Termination of Non-Renewal Teacher Contracts of the following staff on June 30, 2025. Kenna Miller - Tier 1 license, Abbi Nichals - Tier 1 license, Bethany Lewis - Tier 1 license, Holly Erickson - Tier 1 license, Rachel Hawn - Tier 1 license, Kendell Lubben - Tier 1 license, Kristen Stoltenberg - out of field permission, Andrea Sitzmann - out of field permission, Mary Brinkman - out of field permission, Christina Duncan - out of field permission, Melinda Fett - out of field permission, Kim Chavez - out of field permission. Roll Call Vote. Members voting yes: Moore, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Hanson to approve motion to move to a closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(b) at 6:06pm., to engage in discussions with the Board's legal counsel related to pending litigation against the District. The Board of Directors seek legal advice on the status of the matter, alleged claims against the District, the Attorney's analysis of the same, and the District's options for responding to such claims.

Wherein the meeting enters closed session at 6:51p.m.  
Public meeting resumes at 6:51p.m.

### Unfinished Business:

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Hargan to table Policy 601 - School District Curriculum and Instruction for further review. Members voting yes: Moore, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

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

- 521 - [Student Disability Nondiscrimination](#) - Current Policy
- 521 - [Student Disability Nondiscrimination](#) - MSBA updates statutory definition of "disability"
- 532 - [Use of Peace Officer and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs From School Grounds](#) - Current Policy
- 532 - [Use of Peace Officer and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs From School Grounds](#) - MSBA adds school resource officer language
- 535 - [Service Animals in School](#) - Current Policy
- 535 - [Service Animals in School](#) - MSBA adds protections for persons with disabilities
- 602 - [Organization of School Calendar and School Day](#) - Current Policy
- 602 - [Organization of School Calendar and School Day](#) - MSBA updates note to align with revised Minnesota law.

### New Business:

First reading of the following policies:

- 603 - [Curriculum Development](#) - Current Policy
- 603 - [Curriculum Development](#) - MSBA removes WBWF
- 604 - [Instruction Curriculum](#) - Current Policy
- 604 - [Instruction Curriculum](#) - Adds pending change to health standards
- 607 - [Organization of Grade Levels](#) - Current Policy
- 607 - [Organization of Grade Levels](#) - Adds a note on voluntary prekindergarten programs
- 608 - [Instructional Services Special Education](#) - Current Policy
- 608 - [Instructional Services Special Education](#) - Adds "child with a disability" provisions
- 609 - [Religion](#) - Current Policy
- 609 - [Religion and Religious and Cultural Observances](#) - Adds cultural observance provision

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Hargan to adjourn the meeting at 7:00p.m. Members voting yes: Moore, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

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Tina Polz, Chair

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Rhonda Moore, Clerk