

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

The regular meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Monday, February 24, 2025, in the JCC High School Auditorium Conference Room at 5:30p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:29pm

Pledge of Allegiance

JCC Mission Statement:

Uniting our communities to prepare learners to succeed in an ever-changing world ... Inspiring Excellence.

Members present: Tina Polz, Levi Lucht, Ben Appel, 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, Food Service Director Randy Masad.

Other Visitors Present: Justin Lessman, Rachel Haar, students of the month and families.

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

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 - 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](#) - Amber Lessman
10. [Director of Teaching and Learning/Curriculum](#) - Angie Beckel
11. Committee Reports
 - a. [Activities Committee](#)
 - b. Pool Committee

Approval of consent agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on [January 27, 2025](#).
2. Approval of minutes from the Work Session of the School Board on [February 10, 2025](#).
3. Approval of the bills (Revenues: \$1,788,027.54 Expenses: [February Board Bills](#) \$160,169.40, [January Manuals](#) \$2,640,842.33, and January Net Payroll \$551,465.80)
4. Approval of hiring Nicole Kapplinger as a long term substitute for a teacher on leave.

5. Approval of hiring Susan Kirk as a long term substitute for a teacher on leave.
6. Approval of Hanna Rossow as a long term substitute in April and May for a teacher on leave.
7. Approve FMLA for a HS teacher for 4 weeks this spring.
8. Approval of resignation of Tamir Mirza as of 2/6/25.

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

Business Action Items:

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Appel to approve the following donations: \$5,000 from Security State Bank to JCC for scoreboards and HUDL. \$2,000 from JCC Baseball Association to JCC for HUDL. \$1,000 from Jackson Bulls to JCC for HUDL. Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hargan and seconded by Hanson to approve the [2025 spring coaches list](#). Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Hanson to approve the Sportsman Show for the weekend of Thanksgiving 2025. Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Hargan to approve the revised [FY 2024-25 Jackson County Central budget](#). Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Hanson to approve the [2025-26 JCC school calendar](#) as presented. Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hargan and seconded by Lucht to approve the 2025 Jackson County Central [Employee Handbook](#). Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Hanson to approve the [community survey proposal](#) for the operating levy from School Perceptions. Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Appel to approve to rescind, based on the federal court decision vacating the federal 2024 Final Rule on Title IX, the current 2024 version of Policy 522, Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process and adopt the former version that was based upon the 2020 Final Rule on Title IX regulations. Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hargan and seconded by Appel to approve adding girls wrestling for a 3 year trial. Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Lucht to approve the [hockey pairing agreement](#) between Windom Youth Hockey and Jackson County Central Schools. Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hargan and seconded by Hanson to approve the retirement of the following at the end of the 2024-25 school year. Rick Reinking, Middle School Science Teacher. Rick has been with the district for 4 years. Thank you, Rick. Leane Gustafson, High School Media and Tech Para. Leane has been with the district for 8 years. Thank you, Leane. Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Hanson to approve the resignation of Rachel Landherr, Special Ed Teacher at the High School at the end of the 2024-25 school year. Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

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

533 - [Wellness](#) - Current

533 - [Wellness](#) - Additions per JCC Health Services

512 - [School Sponsored Student Publications and Activities](#) - Current

512 - [School Sponsored Student Publications and Activities](#) - MSBA adds student journalist laws.

513 - [Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design](#) - Current

513 - [Student Promotion, Retention, and Program Design](#) - MSBA Removes WBWF

515 - [Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records](#) - Current

515 - [Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records](#) - MSBA adds an explanatory note for directory information

516 - [Student Medication](#) - Current

516 - [Student Medication](#) - MSBA adds new statutory provisions, rearranges sections for clarity.

New Business:

First reading of the following policies

521 - [Student Disability Nondiscrimination](#) - Current Policy

521 - [Student Disability Nondiscrimination](#) - MSBA updates statutory definition of “disability”

532 - [Use of Peach Officer and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs From School Grounds](#) - Current Policy

532 - [Use of Peach 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

601 - [School District Curriculum and Instruction](#) - Current Policy

601 - [School District Curriculum and Instruction](#) - MSBA removes WBWF

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.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Lucht to adjourn the meeting at 6:24pm. Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Tina Polz, Chair

Rhonda Moore, Clerk