

School Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Central Schools
ISD# 2895
July 24, 2023

The regular meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Monday, July 24, 2023, in the JCC High School Auditorium Conference Room and Vosburgh's Custom Cabin Rentals 14663 Vosburgh Rd, Ely, MN 55731..

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Rhonda Moore, Troy Schultz, Jody Thrush Withers, Levi Lucht and Ben Appel. Also Ex-Officio Superintendent Barry Schmidt, Business Manager Maria Bezdicek.

Other Visitors Present: Justin Lessman - Media, Amber Lessman, Holly Schmit, Emily Anderson, Brenda Wenzel

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

Informational Items:

1. Kids Club/Discovery Place Preschool - Holly Schmit and Amber Lessman
2. Communications - Emily Anderson
3. [Superintendent's Report](#) - Barry Schmidt
4. Principal's Report - High School, Middle School, Pleasantview, Riverside
5. [Business Manager's Report \(revenues and expenses\)](#) - Maria Bezdicek
6. Facilities/Grounds Director's Report - Drew Wedebrand
7. Activities Director's Report -
8. [Food Service Director's Report](#) - Kari Rubitschung
9. Community Education Director's Report - Kortney Nesseth
10. Positive Community Norms Coordinator Report - Gina Sinn
11. Preschool Director's Report - Amber Lessman
12. Director of Curriculum and Assessment Report - Tammy Timko
13. Committee Reports
 - a. Negotiations - Next meeting with teachers is August 8.
14. Superintendent Annual Evaluation Summary
 - a. Goals align with strategic findings, met goals and objectives, and satisfied requirements.

Approval of consent agenda

1. Approve minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on [June 26, 2023](#).
2. Approve the minutes from the Work Session Meeting on [July 10, 2023](#).
3. Approval of the bills (Revenues: \$3,200,076.41, Expenses: [July board bills](#) \$141,631.23, [June manuals](#) \$1,309,794.40, and June Net Payroll \$553,955.43)
4. Approve donation of [\\$500](#) to Community Education from Jackson County Conservation League for sports equipment for kids.
5. Approve grant of \$2,395.24 from the MN Dept of Health for a new drinking fountain.
6. Approve the resignation of Paul Janning, part time custodian at Riverside.
7. Approve the resignation of [Tracy Johnson](#), counselor at Pleasantview Elementary, at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Lucht to approve the consent agenda. Members voting yes: Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Action Items:

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Appel to approve the [Mechanical & Automation Customer Agreement](#) for September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Lucht to approve the [2023 MN Bleacher Certificate of Compliance Inspection](#). Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the [2023-2024 Literacy Plan](#) as attached. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the [Pupil Transportation Services Agreement](#) between Jackson County Central Schools and Palmer Bus Service commencing July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Lucht to approve the [fall coaches](#) for the 2023-2024 school year. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the High School Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Schultz to approve hiring Staci Morrell as Health Teacher at the High School for the 2023-24 school year. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve hiring Travis Seitzinger as a DAPE Teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Lucht to approve hiring Kristen Stoltenberg as a Science Teacher at the High School for the 2023-24 school year. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve hiring Rachel Langman as a Chemistry Teacher at the High School for the 2023-24 school year. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Appel to approve hiring Andrea Sitzmann as ELL Teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Lucht to approve hiring Mary Brinkman at Riverside as a Preschool Teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve hiring Christina Duncan as a Math Teacher at the Middle School for the 2023-24 school year. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Schultz to approve hiring Katlyn Kneifl at the High School as a Social Studies Teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Appel to approve hiring Paige Risetter as a Special Education Teacher at the Middle School. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Lucht to approve the resignation of High School Principal, Keri Bergeson. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Thrush Withers to approved the final reading of the following policies and suggested changes from MSBA. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

706 - [Acceptance of Gifts](#) (Current) [Suggested word changes in legal reference changes](#)

707 - [Transportation of Public School Students](#) (Current) [Suggested word additions](#)

708 - [Transportation of Nonpublic School Students](#) (Current) [Suggested policy additions](#)

710 - [Extracurricular Transportation](#) (Current) [Suggested legal reference changes](#)

711 - [Video Recording on School Bus](#) (Current) [Suggested abbreviation changes](#)

New Business:

First Reading of the following policies that are updated to reflect MN laws enacted in 2023.

102 - [Equal Educational Opportunity](#) (Current) [Adds equal athletic opportunity paragraph](#)

418 - [Drug-Free Workplace/Drug Free School](#) (Current) [Reflects marijuana legislation](#)

419 - [Tobacco-Free Environment](#) (Current) [Adds Loose tobacco/tribal ritual exception](#)

424 - [License Status](#) (Current) [Adds annual report to PELSB requirement](#)

425 - [Staff Development](#) (Current) [Adds paraprofessional paid Orientation or professional development](#)

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Lucht to adjourn the meeting at 6:14p.m. Members voting yes: Thrush Withers, Appel, Lucht, Schultz, and Moore. Members voting no: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Rhonda Moore, Chair

Troy Schultz, Clerk