

School Board Meeting Minutes
Jackson County Central Schools
ISD# 2895
January 12, 2026

The Organizational Meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Monday, January 12, 2026 in the JCC High School Auditorium Conference Room at 5:30p.m.

Chair Polz called the meeting 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, Troy Schultz, Tina Polz, Levi Lucht, Ben Appel, Betty Hargan, Corey Hanson. Also Ex-Officio Interim Superintendent Dr. Mike Neubeck, Business Manager Maria Bezdicek, and Principal Amber Lessman, Director of Teaching and Learning/Curriculum Angie Beckel

Other Visitors Present: Cam Haaland, Katie Hanson, Scarlet Pronk, Michael Miller, Renae Hemingway, Ryan Hargan, Rachel Haar, Media - Justin Lessman.

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

Reorganizational Items:

Hanson nominated Hargan for chair. There being no further nominations, Hargan was elected chair by acclamation.

Hargan assumes the position as chair and continues the election.

Moore nominated Lucht for vice-chair. There being no further nominations, Lucht was elected vice-chair by acclamation.

Appel nominated Moore for clerk. There being no further nominations, Moore was elected clerk by acclamation.

Polz nominated Hanson for treasurer. There being no further nominations, Hanson was elected treasurer by acclamation.

Chair Hargan received board members' committee interests for committee assignments. Final assignments will be voted on at the regular board meeting.

Committee Name	Current # of Members	Change in #	Names of Members
Non-Academic (Activities Council)	3		Hanson, Moore, Schultz
Budget/Finance	3		Moore, Lucht, Hanson
Community Education/Wellness	2		Polz
Education Foundation	2		Schultz, Hanson, Appel
Facilities	3		Schultz, Appel, Hanson
Health & Safety	2		Lucht, Appel

Legislative/MSHSL Rep	1		Moore
Meet and Confer	2		Polz
Negotiations	3		Moore, Polz, Hanson
Pool Board	2		Lucht, Hanson
District Leadership Team	2		Polz
Wellness	2		Lucht, Polz

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Appel to approve [Roberts Rules of Order](#) as the method for conducting meetings. Roll Call Vote. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Hanson to approve the designation of the Jackson County Pilot and the Lakefield Standard as the School District's official newspapers. Roll Call Vote. Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, Polz, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Polz and seconded by Moore to approve the designation of the following banks as depositories of school funds and authorize the superintendent and business manager to sign release agreements for pledged securities for collateral purposes, including electronic transfers. First National Bank, Lakefield; BMO Bank, Lakefield; Bank Midwest, Jackson; Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Alpha; Leading Edge Credit Union, Jackson; Worthington Federal & Savings Loan Association, Jackson; Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund; Security Bank, Jackson. Roll Call Vote. Members voting yes: Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, Polz, Moore, and Appel. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Lucht to approve signing facsimile signature to sign checks. Roll Call Vote. Members voting yes: Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, Polz, Moore, Appel, and Hanson. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Polz to approve authorizing payment of bills between board meetings for the purpose of obtaining a discount or required prepayment on an order, or to avoid penalty charges, pay registration. Also, approve authorizing the district to pay board bills in the event a board meeting is not held. Approve authorizing the superintendent and business manager to approve the processing of payments for invoices submitted under contracts approved by the Board and under circumstances when it is deemed necessary and appropriate to proceed with a payment. Roll Call Vote. Members voting yes: Lucht, Schultz, Polz, Moore, Appel, Hanson, and Hargan. Members voting no: None.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Appel to approve the designation of the Superintendent of Schools as Custodian of Records. Roll Call Vote. Members voting yes: Schultz, Polz, Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, and Lucht. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Hanson to approve 2026 Board member compensation. Regular Board Meeting \$55; Regular Board Meeting - Chair and Clerk \$65; Committee Meeting \$55; All Day In-Service Workshops \$85. Roll Call Vote. Members voting yes: Polz, Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, and Schultz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Polz to approve the designation of Squires, Waldspurger & Mace, P.A. as the school district's legal counsel and approve Board Chair, Superintendent, and Business Manager as persons authorized to contact legal counsel. Roll Call Vote: Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: Lucht. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Appel to approve directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and staff. Roll Call Vote. Members voting yes: Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, Polz, and Moore. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Appel and second by Lucht to approve the current IRS Rate of 72.5 cents per mile as the mileage reimbursement rate effective January 1, 2026. Roll Call Vote. Members voting yes: Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, Polz, Moore, and Appel. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Hanson to approve resolution establishing combined polling places for multiple precincts and designating hours during which the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the day of statewide elections. Roll Call Vote. Members voting yes: Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, Polz, Moore, Appel, and Hanson. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Lucht to adjourn the meeting at 5:54p.m. Roll Call Vote. Members voting yes: Lucht, Schultz, Polz, Moore, Appel, Hanson, and Hargan. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Betty Hargan, Chair

Rhonda Moore, Clerk