

School Board Meeting Minutes  
Jackson County Central Schools  
ISD# 2895  
May 1, 2025

The regular meeting of the School Board of Jackson County Central Public Schools was held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, in the JCC High School Media Center at 5:30p.m

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, Troy Schultz, Tina Polz, Levi Lucht, Ben Appel, Betty Hargan, Corey Hanson. Also Ex-Officio Superintendent Barry Schmidt, Business Manager Maria Bezdicek, and Building & Grounds Director Drew Wedebrand. Others present: Principals Mark Matuska, Chris Naumann, Kimberly Meyer

*Other Visitors Present:* 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: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

**Informational Items:**

1. Sheriff Haken/Roger Polman/Brandon Haley: School Safety and Threat Response Collaboration
2. Superintendent's Report - Barry Schmidt
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
  - a. [Facility Committee Meeting](#)
  - b. [Finance Committee Meeting](#)

## Approval of consent agenda

1. Approval of minutes from the Regular School Board Meeting on [March 24, 2025](#).
2. Approval of minutes from the Work Session of the School Board on [April 14, 2025](#).
3. Approval of the bills (Revenues:\$1,979,371.98 Expenses: [April board bills](#) \$268,847.86, [March Manuals](#) \$817,526.62, and March Net Payroll \$542,874.77)
4. Approve FMLA for a district employee for 4 weeks, Sept. 8-30.
5. Approve FMLA or a MS employee for 8 weeks, Sept 2 - Oct. 31.
6. Approve FMLA for a RS employee for 8 weeks, Sept 4 - Oct. 31.

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

## Business Action Items:

Motion was made by to approve the following donations: \$221.92 from JCC Boys Basketball Association for custom clipboards,\$2,250 from Shelly Hotzler for new gym banners, \$200 from the Lions Club of Jackson to the Speech Team, \$400 from Federated Rural Electric Operation Round Up for electronic scales for chemistry class, \$1,500 from Federated Rural Electric Operation Round Up to replace expired AEDs, \$2,029.52 from DVHHS - SHIP Grant for outdoor seating at PV/MS, \$500 from Staples Enterprises for Lakefield Baseball Field Improvements,\$3,525.09 from Boekette for softball bathrooms update. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Apple and seconded by Lucht to approve the [resolution](#) for Superintendent Barry Schmidt as the (IOWA) Identified Official With Authority. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hargan and seconded by Schultz to approve the following new hires: Lillian Nitchals - paraprofessional at Riverside, Paula Hakes - long term substitute (fill in), Ashley Holland - paraprofessional at Riverside, Susan Flatguard - paraprofessional at Riverside. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Hanson to approve the following new hires for the 2025-26 school year. Emilee Larsen - vocal music instruction at the MS/HS (replacing position), Brittany Rogers - 4th grade teacher at Pleasantview (additional section), Kelli Tlam - 3rd grade teacher at Riverside (replacing retired teacher), Kennedy Vold - 2nd grade teacher at Riverside (additional section). 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 Moore to approve the [bid proposal](#) from Upland Landscapes, Inc. for all school common grounds and the spraying and fertilizing of all ball fields in Jackson and Lakefield. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Lucht to approve the [bid proposal](#) from Fischer Tracks for track refurbishment. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Moore to approve the [contract](#) from Beck Excavating for track and field improvements. Members voting yes: Moore, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: Appel, Hanson. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Lucht to approve the [proposal](#) for the Jackson County Central High School exterior restoration. 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 Lucht to approve the [Settlement and Agreement](#) between Rice Lake Construction Group and Jackson County Central Schools. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Moore and seconded by Schultz to approve the [Arbitrage Consulting Services Contract](#) for ISD No. 2895 Jackson County Central. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lucht and seconded by Hanson to approve the recommended quote from Chad Ukasick Concrete to replace the concrete at the High School between doors 1 and 2. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, 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: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

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 Appel and seconded by Lucht to adjourn the meeting at 6:31p.m. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

First reading of the following policies

613 - [Graduation Requirements](#) - Current

613 - [Graduation Requirements](#) - Updates graduation requirements; update references

614 - [School District Testing Plan and Procedure](#) - Current

614 - [School District Testing Plan and Procedure](#) - Adds retaliation prohibition

615 - [Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPS, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students.](#) - Current

615 - [Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPS, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students.](#) - Updates references.

619 - [Staff Development For Standards](#) - Current

619 - [Staff Development For Standards](#) - Removes WBWF

620 - [Credit For Learning](#) - Current

620 - [Credit For Learning](#) - Adds weighted grades

Motion was made by Appel and seconded by Lucht to adjourn the meeting at 6:31pm. Members voting yes: Moore, Appel, Hanson, Hargan, Lucht, Schultz, and Polz. Members voting no: None. Motion carried.

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Tina Polz, Chair

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Rhonda Moore, Clerk