

School Board Minutes
Jackson County Central Schools
ISD #2895
January 4, 2021

The Jackson County Central School Board held their reorganizational meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the JCC High School Auditorium Conference Room and remote on facebook live and via zoom.

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

Members present: Rhonda Moore, Bradley Anderson, Amy Voss, Jody Thrush Withers, Eric Kruger, Troy Schultz and Tina Polz. Also present Ex-Officio Superintendent Barry Schmidt. Others present (via Zoom): Justin Lessman, Shane Butler, Gary Benson and Alyssa Anderson. Others present: Emily Anderson.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Kruger to approve the agenda as presented. All members present yes, motions carried unanimously.

[Oath of Office by elected Board Members](#)

Reorganizational Items:

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Anderson to elect Rhonda Moore to the Chair position for the 2021 year. All members present yes, motion carried.

Chair assumes position and continues the election.

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Kruger to elect Brad Anderson to the Vice-Chair position for the 2021 year. All members present yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Kruger and seconded by Voss to elect Jody Thrush Withers to the Clerk position for the 2021 year. All members present yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Anderson to elect Amy Voss to the Treasurer position for the 2021 year. All members present yes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Thrush-Withers to approve the school board committee assignments for 2021 as follows:

Committee Name	Current # of Members	Change in #	Names of Members
Non-Academic (Activities Council)	3	3	Rhonda Moore, Amy Voss, Troy Schultz
Budget/Finance	3	2	Brad Anderson, Jody Thrush Withers
Community Education/Wellness	1	2	Amy Voss, Tina Polz

Education Foundation	2	2	Tina Polz, Troy Schultz
Facilities	2	3	Brad Anderson, Jody Thrush Withers, Troy Schultz
Pool Board		2	Amy Voss, Troy Schultz
Health & Safety	2	2	Brad Anderson, Eric Kruger
Legislative/MSHSL Rep	1	1	Eric Kruger
Meet and Confer	2	2	Jody Thrush Withers, Tina Polz
Negotiations	3	3	Eric Kruger, Rhonda Moore, Jody Thrush Withers
Staff/Development/Integration	1	1	Amy Voss
Wellness	1	2	Amy Voss, Tina Polz
Project Oversight Committee		3	Brad Anderson, Jody Thrush Withers, Eric Kruger

All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kruger and seconded by Thrush-Withers to approve setting 2021 Board Work Session and regular Board Meeting dates and times in High School Auditorium Conference Room

Work Sessions at 5:30 p.m.	Board Meetings at 5:30 p.m.
January 4	January 25
February 8	February 22
March 8	March 22
April 12	April 26
May 10	May 24
June 14	June 28
July 12	July 26
August 9	August 23
September 13	September 27
October 4**	October 25
November 8	November 22
December 13	December 27

** Columbus Day on Oct 11

All members present yes, motion approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Polz to approve the [Roberts Rules of Order](#) as the method for conducting meetings. All members present yes, motion approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Kruger and seconded by Voss to approve the destination of the Jackson County Pilot and the Lakefield Standard as the School district's official newspaper. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Thrush-Withers 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:

Bank Name	Location
1st National Bank	Lakefield
Bank of the West	Lakefield
Bank Midwest	Jackson
Farmers and Merchants State Bank	Alpha
Fulda Area Credit Union	Jackson
Jackson Federal & Savings Loan Association	Jackson
Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund	
Security State Bank	Jackson

All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Kruger and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve signing facsimile signature to sign checks. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Voss 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. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Kruger to approve the designation of the Superintendent of Schools as Custodian of Records. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Voss and seconded by Anderson to approve 2021 Board member compensation as:

Regular Board Meeting	\$55
Regular Board Meeting - Chair and Clerk	\$65
Committee Meeting	\$55
All Day In-Service & Workshops	\$85

All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Kruger and seconded by Anderson to approve the designation of Kevin Rupp of Rupp, Anderson, Squires, & Waldspurger, as the school district's legal counsel and approve Board Chair, Superintendent, and Business Manager as persons authorized to contact legal counsel. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Thrush Withers and seconded by Voss to approve directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and staff. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Schultz and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the current IRS Rate of \$.56 per mile as the mileage reimbursement rate effective January 1, 2021. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Anderson and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve pay equity report. All members present, motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Anderson and seconded by Thrush Withers to approve the contract awards for the Jackson County Central Riverside Elementary school in the Amount of [\\$2,372,520](#). These bids have been verified by Krause-Anderson and submitted the lowest responsible bidders and their total bid amount for all Work Scopes. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Informational items:

1. MSBA Leadership Conference will be held January 14,21,28th.
2. Covid Update by Nurse Alyssa Anderson: 7 students and 3 staff out with possible Covid-19; 13 students and 2 staff quarantined with Covid-19. Vaccine coming for educational staff; many staff expressed interest in receiving the vaccine.
3. [Board Protocols](#) regarding responding to the public and transparency of communication.
4. Building Update Discussion: Superintendent Schmidt explains the building project is under budget and how funds will be used aligned with students, vision, and enhance the communities.

Unfinished Business:

Second Reading of the following policy: [Policy # 722 - Public Data Requests](#) and [Form](#) reviewed.

Motion by Kruger and seconded by Thrush Withers to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Rhonda Moore, Chair

Jody Thrush Withers, Clerk