

School Board Minutes
Jackson County Central Schools
ISD #2895
January 27th, 2014

The Jackson County Central School Board held their regular meeting on Monday, January 27th, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the board room at the Jackson High School.

Chair Holli Arp called the meeting to order and had roll call at 6:01 p.m.

Members present: Jeff Johnson, Holli Arp, Rhonda Moore, Kirk Dunlavey, Luke Henning, Jody Thrush and Tim Thurmer. Also present: Superintendent Todd Meyer and Business Manager Jim Hoffbeck. Others present: Dean of Students/AD Amy Voss, Chris Naumann, Aline Wilking, Amber Lessman, Dave Maschoff (KKOJ), Ryan Brinks (Jackson County Pilot) and Dale, Brenda and Anna Ascheman.

Brenda Ascheman addressed the board and discussion was held regarding tuition agreements with Iowa schools.

Motion was made by Dunlavey and seconded by Johnson to approve the amended agenda as presented. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Thrush to approve the consent agenda.

1. Approve regular board minutes of December 16th, 2013 as presented.
2. Approve re-organizational minutes of January 6th, 2014 as presented.
3. Approval of the bills (Revenues \$1,789,740.60, Expenses \$680,800.38, Net Payroll \$402,821.98).
4. Approve donation of \$100 from Wade and Stacey Wacker for fitness center equipment.
5. Approve donation of \$250 from Kirk and Laura Dunlavey for fitness center equipment.
6. Approve donation of \$500 from the Lincoln D Wacker Foundation for fitness center equipment.
7. Approve donation of \$1,000 from the Jackson Health Care Foundation for fitness center equipment.
8. Approve donation of \$1,200 from the Jackson Health Care Foundation for swimming pool equipment.
9. Approve donation of \$10 from Ronald & Edith Sands towards the Mary Tufvesson Memorial fund at Riverside Elementary School.
10. Approve donation of \$20 from anonymous donor towards the Mary Tufvesson Memorial fund at Riverside Elementary School.
11. Approve donation of \$20 from Larry D & Jan Hansen towards the Mary Tufvesson Memorial fund at Riverside Elementary School.
12. Approve donation of \$20 from Craig & Kathleen Fransen towards the Mary Tufvesson Memorial fund at Riverside Elementary School.
13. Approve donation of \$25 from Caryl Morton towards the Mary Tufvesson Memorial fund at Riverside Elementary School.
14. Approve donation of \$50 from Susan Lucas towards the Mary Tufvesson Memorial fund at Riverside Elementary School.

15. Approve donation of \$50 from Stephen & Susanne Foster towards the Mary Tufvesson Memorial fund at Riverside Elementary School.
16. Approve donation of \$545 from Mary Tufvesson account towards the Mary Tufvesson Memorial fund at Riverside Elementary School.
17. Approve donation of \$300 from the Wayne and Trish Christopher family for the Community Pride project.
18. Approve donation of \$10,000 from Bank Midwest for the Community Pride project, bringing their total donation to \$15,000.
19. Approve anonymous donation of \$1,000 for the Drama Department.
20. Approve retirement of Amy Voss as JCC Teacher, Dean of Students at Pleasantview, and Activities Director at the end of the 2013-14 school year.
21. Approve retirement of Barb Fell as Special Education Teacher at JCC Schools at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Informational Items:

1. ECFE/Preschool Director Report – Amber Lessman
2. Elementary Art Report – Aline Wilking
3. Superintendent’s Report
4. Principal Reports
5. Business Manager’s Report
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Wellness Committee – Rhonda Moore & Jeff Johnson
 - b. Pool Board – Jeff Johnson & Kirk Dunlavey
 - c. Negotiations Committee – Jeff Johnson, Holli Arp & Rhonda Moore
 - d. Staff Development Committee – Holli Arp & Jody Thrush
 - e. Facilities Committee – Kirk Dunlavey & Luke Henning
 - f. MSBA Convention – Holli Arp, Jody Thrush & Jeff Johnson

Business Action Items:

Motion was made by Henning and seconded by Moore to approve the Square 1 Art Fundraiser Proposal. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thrush and seconded by Thurmer to approve hiring IEA, Inc. to perform lead-in-water testing throughout the District. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Henning and seconded by Moore to approve Barb Fell’s request for medical leave from January 21st through March 3rd. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Henning and seconded by Dunlavey to approve hiring Amy Gathercole as a long term substitute starting January 21st through March 3rd. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thurmer and seconded by Johnson to approve hiring Kateyan Ruby as a Paraprofessional for Discovery Place Preschool at Pleasantview Elementary School in Lakefield starting January 6th for 7 hours per day / 4 days per week. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thurmer and seconded by Moore to approve increasing the hours of food assistant Donna Grunewald from 4 to 5.5 hours per day and Tami Koskovich from 6 to 6.5 hours per day instead of hiring an additional worker for 3 hours. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Dunlavey and seconded by Thrush to approve granting Wes Albers 3 weeks of Family Medical Leave starting about April 5th. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dunlavey to approve transferring \$9,000 from General Fund to Community Education Fund. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Dunlavey and seconded by Thurmer to approve transferring \$15,000 from General Fund to Swimming Pool Fund. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thurmer and seconded by Thrush to approve adding 1 day/week to 4-5's preschool and adding 30 minutes/day to 3-4's preschool at both Jackson & Lakefield's Discovery Place Preschools. Financial follow up will be presented at February Board Meeting. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Thrush and seconded by Thrumer to approve Superintendent's contract for 2014-2017 for Todd Meyer. Member yes: Johnson, Thurmer, Dunlavey, Thrush, Moore and Arp. Members no: Henning. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Henning and seconded by Arp to approve hiring two additional custodians for JCC Schools. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Henning to approve procedure for School Release for State Team Sports. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Thurmer to approve adding the 3 cancelled school days for bad weather (August 29, January 6, January 16) to the school calendar on May 21, 22, 23 as Student-Teacher contact days. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dunlavey to approve continued support for easement between hospital and high school for a trail from North Highway to Springfield Parkway. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Henning and seconded by Moore to go into closed session for a personnel issue at 8:15 pm. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Henning and seconded by Dunlavey to adjourn closed meeting at 9:50 p.m. All members present yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Moore to adjourn meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Holli Arp, Chair

Jody Thrush, Clerk