

Jackson Center Local Schools - Board of Education:
Regular Meeting

Monday, September 19th, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

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Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

The Jackson Center Local Board of Education met on Monday, September 19th, 2016 for a regular meeting with the following members present: Mr. Brad Wren, Mr. Dana Ware, Mr. Matt Kohler, Mrs. Kristine Mullenhour and Mrs. Kristen Davis.

Minutes from Regular Meeting on August 15th, 2016 - Res. #16-101

Mr. Wren moved and Mr. Kohler seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15th regular meeting. Roll call - 5-0. Motion carried.

Recognition of visitors and public participation:

Dan Freytag (Freytag and Associates) and Jeff Zelinski (Nauman and Zelinski LLC) were in attendance to discuss phase II of the building project which centered on the key components of building back walls after the scheduled demolition and heating (and possibly cooling) of the remaining older parts of the building. Cost, efficiency, maintenance, aesthetics and required space were all considerations in the discussion.

Mr. Ware was called away from the meeting for an emergency fire call at 8:00pm.

Consideration for Approval – Activity account purpose and budget requests– Res. #16–102

Mr. Wren moved and Mrs. Davis seconded a motion to approve activity account purpose and budget requests for Music. Roll call - 4-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Acceptance of a new ice machine (estimated value of \$7,100) from Emerson Climate Technologies – Res. #16-103

Mr. Kohler moved and Mrs. Davis seconded a motion to accept the donation of an ice machine from Emerson Climate Technologies. Roll call – 4-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Early graduation for Caitlin Short pending completion of all requirements – Res. #16 – 104

Mrs. Davis moved and Mr. Kohler seconded a motion to grant Caitlin Short early graduation pending completion of all requirements. Roll call - 4-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – FFA field trip to the National FFA Convention, Oct 19th -21st 2016 in Indianapolis, Indiana – Res #16-105

Mr. Kohler moved and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to permit the FFA field trip to the National Convention in Indianapolis. Roll call – 4-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Update of board policy manual per OSBA or administrative recommendations – Res. #16 -106

Mr. Wren moved and Mrs. Davis seconded a motion to approve modifications to the following board policies:

- a. AFCA (GCNA) – Evaluation of School Counselors
- b. EHA – Data and Records Retention
- c. IGBA – Programs for Students with Disabilities
- d. IGBA-R – Programs for Students with Disabilities
- e. IGCH- R (LEC-R) – College Credit Plus
- f. JHCB – Immunizations
- g. GBE – Staff Health and Safety
- h. GBE – R – Staff Health and Safety
- i. GBP – Drug Free Workplace
- j. IGBM – Credit Flexibility
- k. IGEE – Awarding High School Diplomas to Veterans of War

- l. JEA – Compulsory Attendance Ages
- m. JEG – Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance
- n. KBA – Public’s Right to Know

Consideration for Approval - Executive Session - Res. #16-107

Mrs. Mullenhour moved and Mr. Wren seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of public employees. Roll call – 4-0. Motion carried. The Board entered into executive session at 8:45 p.m. and re-entered the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Consideration for Approval –Pupil Activity Contract – Res. #16-108

Mr. Kohler moved and Mr. Wren seconded a motion to approve the employment of the following pupil activity contract:

Jerry Davis – 8th grade girls basketball coach

Roll call – 4-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for approval – Financial / Treasurer Report – Res. #16-109

Mr. Kohler moved and Mrs. Davis seconded a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Roll call – 4-0. Motion Carried

Reports:

Principals – The principals shared results from the 2015-16 report card. Overall, the multi page document reflected some very positive marks as well as some areas that are in need of improvement. There was also discussion about the need for the state to improve their methods of grading schools. For instance, Jackson Center received a ‘B’ designation in graduation rate because two special needs students exercised their rights to stay in school until they were 22 years of age, thus not officially graduating with their class. In a small school, two students can affect the percentage of graduates and thus affect the district’s grade. Furthermore, the gifted progress designation of ‘F’ relates to the state not recognizing when students are accelerated past their grade level. For instance, students at Jackson Center qualify to take the Algebra test starting in the 7th grade which means they do not take the 7th grade math test. In most situations, those students will not do as well on the high school Algebra test as they would have done on the 7th grade math test, however, the state does not recognize that discrepancy so it affects gifted progress and the overall performance index. Once again, Jackson Center outscored both the state average and ‘like’ districts in every category but one and received an ‘A’ in the progress dimension of the report.

Information Items – Superintendent

2017-18 Calendar – Mr. Reichert reminded the board about the later start to the school year next year and other changes to the calendar to accommodate the construction schedule.

Emergency Radios – Mr. Reichert informed the board that the district would be working with the village to improve the quality and distance of the existing emergency radios.

2003 Lighting Retrofit – Mr. Reichert informed the board that quotes were being gathered to study the worthiness of switching to more efficient LED light fixtures.

MH Unit – Mr. Reichert informed the board that Jackson Center would now be home to the ESC multi-handicapped unit. Accommodations and schedule were in progress.

Mr. Ware re-entered the meeting at 9:45

Building Project – Mr. Reichert updated the Board on the progress of the building project which included discussion on the eventual button-up of the buildings.

Adjournment

Mr. Wren moved and Mrs. Davis seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 10:40. Roll call - 5-0. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 17th – 7:00P.M.

President

Treasurer