

Jackson Center Local Schools - Board of Education:
Regular Meeting: Monday, October 21st, 2019 - 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, October 21st, 2019 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 the Regular Meeting on September 16th, 2019 - Res. #19-089

Mr. Kohler moved and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held September 16th, 2019. Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors and Public Participation

Jackson Center staff member Tara Shuster was in attendance.

Consideration for Approval – Activity account purpose and budget requests– Res. #19-090

Mrs. Mullenhour motioned and Mr. Ware moved to approve the activity account purpose and budget request of the student council for homecoming. Roll Call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Accept the donation of a 1995 Ford F250 from Kim & Bruce Metz– Res. #19-091

Mrs. Kohler motioned and Mr. Wren moved to approve the acceptance of a donated truck from Kim and Bruce Metz to be used within the Maintenance Dept. The Board thanked Kim and Bruce for their generosity. Roll Call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – FFA field trip to the National FFA Convention, Oct. 30th – Nov. 1st, 2019– Res. #19-092

Mr. Ware motioned and Mrs. Davis moved to approve the overnight trip by the FFA to the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN. The group will travel with Hardin Houston and Covington. Roll Call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Application for early graduation pending completion of all requirements– Res. #19-093

Mr. Wren motioned and Mrs. Davis moved to approve early graduation for Christina Michael pending completion of all requirements. Roll Call – 5-0 Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Authorize the Southwestern Ohio Purchasing Council (EPC) to advertise and receive bids on behalf of the Board for the purpose of purchasing 1 or more buses and/or vans– Res. #19-094

Mr. Kohler motioned and Mr. Wren moved to authorize the EPC to advertise and receive bids for the potential purchase of a bus or van. Roll Call – 5-0 Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Amend Policy DDA (Athletic Contest Worker Pay) in the Athletic Handbook– Res. #19-095

Mrs. Davis motioned and Mrs. Mullenhour moved to approve amending the Athletic Handbook to align junior high and high school athletic contest worker pay as well as a few other areas. Roll Call – 5-0 Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Update of board policy manual per OSBA or administrative suggestions– Res. #19-096

Mrs. Mullenhour motioned and Mr. Ware moved to approve updates to the board policy manual, per OSBA or administrative suggestion, to the following policies:

- BJA – Liaison With School Boards Associations
- DECA - Administration of Federal Grant Funds
- EEA – Student Transportation Services
- EEAA – Eligibility Zones For Pupil Transportation
- EFG – Student Wellness Program
- EHB – Use of Electronic Signatures
- GBCB – Staff Conduct
- GBK – Smoking On District Property By Staff Members
- IGBE – Remedial Instruction
- IKF – Graduation Requirements
- JFCG – Tobacco Use By Students
- JED – Student Absences and Excuses
- JEDA – Truancy
- JEE – Student Attendance Accounting
- JEFB – Released Time For Religious Instruction
- JFCK – Use of Electronic Communications Equipment by Students
- JGD – Student Suspension
- JGE – Student Expulsion
- JHG – Reporting Child Abuse And Mandatory Training
- JHH – Notification About Sex Offenders
- KGB – Public Conduct On District Property
- KGC – Smoking On District Property
- KJA – Distribution of Materials in the Schools

Roll Call – 5-0 Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval - Executive Session - Res. #19-097

Mr. Wren moved and Mr. Kohler seconded a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of public employees. Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried. The Board entered into executive session at 7:35 p.m. and re-entered the regular meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Consideration for approval – Financial / Treasurer Report – Res. #19-098

Mr. Mullenhour moved and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Health Insurance rates were again discussed, as estimates for the January 1 increase are very high. The consortium experienced an abnormally high year of claims and will be evaluating data and looking at all aspects of the existing plans to try and mitigate this trend. Roll call – 5-0. Motion Carried

Consideration for approval – 5 Year Forecast as Presented by the Treasurer, to be submitted to ODE – Res. #19-99

Mrs. Mullenhour moved and Mr. Wren seconded a motion to approve the 5 Year Forecast to be submitted to the Ohio Department of Education. Roll call – 5-0. Motion Carried

Consideration for Approval – Transfer of funds within the 007, 019 and 200 funds to the general fund– Res. #19-100

Mr. Wren moved and Mr. Kohler seconded a motion to approve the transfer of a number balances within funds 007, 019 and 200 funds in accordance with ORC 5705.14(d). Roll Call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Add a 403(b) feature and a Roth 403(b) tax deferred annuity to the plan document– Res. #19-101

Mrs. Davis moved and Mr. Ware seconded a motion to approve the addition of a 403(b) plan as well as a Roth 403(b) tax deferred annuity within the current plan document. Both plans provide additional flexibility and options for staff and can be direct deducted from their pay. Roll Call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Reports & Information Items

High School Principal Reese provided updates on the success of a recent assembly at Jackson Center for which there were 3 sessions attended by 6 of the 7 county schools. Feedback from students and others schools was very positive. The cost of the speaker was split between the 6 schools. The BUILD mentoring program is continuing with a positive impact. Lastly, plans continue in preparation for upcoming graduation requirements to be implemented by the Ohio Dept. of Education for the 2023 graduating class.

Superintendent Reichert reminded the Board of the schools long-standing requirement of 22 credits to graduate compared to the state requirement of 20 and explained the differences in the requirement of a personal finance curriculum versus a personal finance class. Additionally, plans are being made to look into the pricing and possible purchase of a new bus and/or van in the coming year. Lastly, the Board continued its past discussion on school safety and Superintendent Reichert confirmed that discussions, planning and continuous evaluation of changing needs continues.

Mr. Kohler motioned and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 10:00pm. Roll call - 5-0. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting: November 18th, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

President

Treasurer