

Jackson Center Local Schools - Board of Education:
Regular Meeting: Monday, April 21st, 2025 - 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, April 21st, 2025 for a regular monthly meeting with the following members present: Mr. Brad Wren, Mrs. Kristine Mullenhour, Mrs. Julie DeVine and Mr. Jeff Morris. Mr. Matt Kohler was unable to attend.

Minutes from the regular monthly meeting on March 17th, 2025 - Res. #25-037

Mrs. Mullenhour moved and Mr. Morris seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17th regular monthly meeting. Roll call – 4-0. Motion carried.

Recognition of visitors and public participation

In attendance was staff member Sarah Kipker and Gabrielle Woolley, a candidate recommended for hire for the K-12 art teaching position.

Consideration for Approval – Graduating class of 2025, per completion of all requirements.– Res. #25-038

Mr. Wren moved and Mrs. DeVine seconded a motion to approve the graduating class of 2025 pending completion of all requirements. 38 senior graduates and 2 early graduates make up the 2025 class. Roll call – 4-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Accept a \$14,945.30 donation from the Young Family Foundation for purchase of a robot.– Res. #25-039

Mr. Wren moved and Mrs. DeVine seconded a motion to accept a donation from the Young Family Foundation to purchase a robot for use in STEM related classes and activities. Roll call – 4-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Accept a \$20,000 donation from the Jackson Center Athletic Boosters.– Res. #25-040

Mr. Morris moved and Mrs. DeVine seconded a motion to accept a donation from the Jackson Center Athletic Boosters for work to be completed on the baseball and softball fields. Roll call – 4-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Accept donation of musical instruments & equipment from Kyle Lindsey.– Res. #25-041

Mrs. DeVine moved and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to accept a donation from Mr. Kyle Lindsey of an amplifier and 3 guitars for the music department. Roll call – 4-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – School sponsored summer overnight experiences taken with permission of the administration. - Res. #25-042

Mrs. DeVine motioned and Mr. Morris seconded a motion to approve school sponsored overnight trips during the upcoming summer for annual activities such as girls' and boys' basketball camps at college university campuses, as well as the national FCCLA competition being held in Orlando, FL. Roll call – 4-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Ratification of the 2026-27 school calendar. - Res. #25-043

Mr. Wren motioned and Mr. Morris seconded a motion to approve the 2026-27 school calendar. Roll call – 4-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Policy Updates per OSBA recommendation. - Res. #25-044

Mr. Wren motioned and Mr. Mullenhour seconded a motion to approve a number of policy updates per the recommendation of the OSBA (Ohio School Board Association). Roll call – 4-0. Motion carried

Consideration for Approval – Treasurer’s finance report – Res. #25-045

Mr. Wren moved and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion approving the financial report as presented. Much focus and discussion continues locally and across the state as the biennial budget, approved by the house, is now in the senate for review and, eventually, approval by Gov. Dewine by June 30, 2025. Roll call – 4-0. Motion carried.

Reports & Superintendent informational items:

PreK-5 Principal Heuker provided a summary that state testing is going well and PreK screening is Thu., April 17th. 6-12 Principal Reese summarized the impact of a mock crash held for 10th thru 12th grade students on April 16th as well as a summary of key dates and activities for year end. Superintendent Reichert provided an update on completed hail damage repair and the main roof repairs to be completed over the summer. He also discussed the value and challenges of having a bigger social media footprint with the community and summarized the work done by staff in confirming the materials necessary to implement the state’s science of reading mandate.

Consideration for approval – Enter executive session to discuss the employment personnel – Res. #25-046

Mr. Wren motioned and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to enter into executive session. Roll call – 4-0. Motion carried. The board entered executive session at 7:35pm and re-entered the regular meeting at 8:15pm.

Consider for approval – Resignation of certified staff – Res. #25-047

Mr. Morris motioned and Mrs. DeVine seconded a motion to approve the resignation of the following certified staff:

- Caylee Karg K-12 Art Teacher

Roll call 4-0. Motion carried.

Consider for approval – Employment of certified staff – Res. #25-048

Mrs. Mullenhour motioned and Mrs. DeVine seconded a motion to approve the employment of the following certified staff:

- Gabrielle Woolley K-12 Art Teacher

Roll call 4-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for approval – Employment of supplemental staff and pupil activity contracts – Res. #25-049

Mr. Wren motioned and Mr. Morris seconded a motion to approve the supplemental and pupil activity contracts, for the 2025-26 school year, as listed below:

Supplemental Staff: Athletics

- Varsity Golf – Trent Platfoot
- Head Cross Country – Daniel McPherson
- Asst. Cross Country – Madeline Simon
- Head Soccer Coach – Jason Huber (Pupil Activity)
- Varsity Assistant Soccer Coach – Nerijus Arcikauskas
- Varsity Assistant Volleyball – Erin Pence (Pupil Activity)
- Varsity Assistant Volleyball – Cassie Zorn (Pupil Activity)

- Junior Varsity Volleyball – Tara Shuster
- 8th Grade Volleyball - Sarah Kipker
- 7th Grade Volleyball – Alexis Regula
- Varsity Boys Basketball – Aaron Klopfenstein
- Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball – Garrett Serr (Pupil Activity)
- Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball – Troy Opperman (Pupil Activity)
- Junior Varsity Boys Basketball – Luke Doseck (Pupil Activity)
- Freshman Boys Basketball – Tyler Claus
- 8th grade Boys Basketball – David Starr (Pupil Activity)
- 7th grade Boys Basketball – Bryce Sosby (Pupil Activity)
- Varsity Girls Basketball – Tiffany Brown
- 8th grade Girls Basketball – Ryan Osysko
- 7th grade Girls Basketball – Stephanie Anthony
- JH Girls Basketball Volunteer – Skip Peterson
- High School Cheerleading –Katelyn Reese
- Athletic Trainer – Mary Rutan Hospital
- Athletic Director – Scott Elchert
- Assistant Athletic Director – Kim Metz

Supplemental Staff: Academics

- Academia Advisor – Susie Harris
- Band – Daniel McPherson
- Yearbook – Debbi Tussing
- Jr. Class Advisor/Prom Coordinator – Lori Wiswell
- Senior Class Advisor – Susie Harris
- 1/2 6th grade trip – Tara Shuster
- 1/2 6th grade trip – Sarah Kipker
- 1/2 Science Fair – Tara Shuster
- 1/2 Science Fair – Calli Opperman
- Drama Club – Taryn Kinney
- Assistant Drama Club – Elizabeth Baker
- Drama Tech Support – Daniel McPherson
- National Honor Society – Susie Harris
- LPDC – Beth Dickson
- High School Student Council – Amanda Barhorst
- FCCLA – Vicki Kipker
- Reading Program Coordinator – Linda Wahrer
- Gifted After School – Amanda Barhorst
- Concessions – Debbi Tussing
- Sp. Ed. Coordinator – Beth Dickson
- Webmaster – Debbi Tussing
- Resident Educator – Dawn Luthman (G. Woolley)
- Resident Educator – Beth Dickson (M. Simon)

4-0. Motion carried

Consideration for Approval – Accept resignation due to retirement of classified staff – Res. #25-050

Mr. Wren motioned and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to accept the resignation for retirement of the following classified staff member, effective June 1, 2025:

- Kim Metz Asst. Treasurer, Asst. Ath. Director & EMIS Coord.

The Board agreed that the intent is to rehire this staff member for the 2025-26 school year for each of the positions listed, at a later date. Roll call – 4-0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Mullenhour moved and Mr. Morris seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 8:35 Roll call - 4-0. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting: May 19th, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

President

Treasurer