

**Jackson Center Local Schools - Board of Education:**  
**Organizational / Regular Meeting: Monday, January 13th, 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, January 13th, 2025 for an organizational/regular meeting with the following members present: Mr. Brad Wren, Mr. Matt Kohler, Mrs. Kristine Mullenhour, Mrs. Julie DeVine and Mr. Jeff Morris.

**Swearing in of New Board Member**

Recently appointed board member, Jeff Morris, was sworn in for the new calendar year.

**Election of President - Res. #25-001**

Mrs. Mullenhour nominated and moved and Mr. Jeff Morris seconded a motion to re-elect Mr. Brad Wren for the office of Board President for the 2025 calendar year. Roll call - 4-0. Motion carried. Mr. Wren abstained.

**Election of Vice President - Res. #25-002**

Mr. Kohler nominated and moved and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to elect Mr. Jeff Morris for the office of Board Vice President for the 2025 calendar year. Roll call -4-0. Motion carried. Mr. Morris abstained.

**Establishment of Regular Meeting, Date, Time and Location - Res. #25-003**

Mr. Wren moved and Mr. Kohler seconded a motion to set the 2025 monthly meetings as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the central office Conf. Rm. Roll call - 5-0. Motion carried.

**Authorization for the Treasurer to make advance withdrawals - Res. #25-004**

Mr. Morris moved and Mrs. DeVine seconded a motion to authorize the treasurer to make advance draws as available, invest inactive funds as available, pay bills as received within appropriations, and borrow funds as needed to meet obligations when appropriated. Roll call - 5-0. Motion carried.

**Appointment of Purchasing Agent - Res. #25-005**

Mrs. Mullenhour moved and Mr. Wren seconded a motion to appoint the Superintendent as purchasing agent. Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried.

**Appointment of Title IX Compliance Officer - Res. #25-006**

Mr. Morris moved and Mrs. DeVine seconded a motion to appoint the Treasurer as Title IX Compliance Officer. Roll call - 5-0. Motion carried.

**Appointment of Treasurer as the board appointed designee for public records matters - Res. #25-007**

Mr. Kohler moved and Mr. DeVine seconded a motion to appoint the Treasurer as the designee for matters concerning public records. Roll call - 5-0. Motion carried.

**Establishment of Mileage Compensation - Res. #25-008**

Mr. Wren moved and Mrs. DeVine seconded a motion to keep the business travel mileage reimbursement at \$.50 per mile. Roll call - 5-0. Motion carried. Mr. Kohler abstained.

**Authorization of Superintendent to approve professional meetings - Res. #25-009**

Mrs. Mullenhour moved and Mr. Kohler seconded a motion to authorize the Superintendent to approve professional meetings. Roll call - 5-0. Motion carried.

Authorization of Superintendent to accept resignations and hire employees between board meetings - Res. #25-010

Mr. Wren moved and Mr. Morris seconded a motion to authorize the Superintendent to accept resignations and make offers of employment. Both are subject to the ratification of the school board but are deemed effective at the time of the superintendent's offer and completion of a satisfactory background check. Roll call - 5-0. Motion carried.

Appoint Audit/Finance Committee Members - Res. #25-011

Mrs. Mullenhour moved and Mr. Morris seconded a motion to appoint board member Matt Kohler to join the Board President and Treasurer on the Finance Committee for the 2025 calendar year. Roll call - 5-0. Motion carried.

Minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 16th, 2024 - Res. #25-012

Mr. Wren moved and Mr. Kohler seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the December 16th, 2024 regular meeting. Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors and Public Participation

In attendance was staff member Sarah Kipker as well as community member, Mr. Ben Warner. Mr. Warner voiced concerns regarding some of the music being played prior to high school girls basketball games as part of their 'run out' mix of songs. While admitting that no abusive language was being played for those in attendance to hear, he indicated that with the use of technology, a person could do a deeper dive into the lyrics of some of the songs. By doing so, he revealed that some of the songs have abrasive and inappropriate lyrics. The board thanked Mr. Warner for coming and bringing his concerns to their attention. The board later acknowledged that there are many song lyrics that would be considered inappropriate in a school setting and indicated to the school administration, the athletic department and coaching staffs that anything created by students and played over the speakers at a Jackson Center event should be monitored, inappropriate lyrics eliminated and every effort must be made to continue to use the 'clean' version of songs, similar to what the general public would hear on the radio. .

Consideration for Approval – Renewal of OHSA membership for the 2025-26 school year - Res. #25-013

Mr. Kohler motioned and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to approve the yearly membership renewal as an Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSA) member. Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Adopt the Department of Education and Workforce updated Special Education Model Policies and Procedures- Res. #25-014

Mr. Morris motioned and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to accept the State of Ohio Special Education Policies, detailed in a 197 page document available for review. Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Reports & Information Items

Superintendent Reichert provided an update on the 2 houses on St. Rt. 65 owned by the school. Mr. Jay Winner was notified the district would like him to look at his schedule to find a time to tear the houses down, but leave the garage on 210 S. Main for potential public bid and sale. A

discussion about the future potential of both properties included ideas involving using one or both of the properties for student activities. It was concluded the existing structures would require a significant level of investment following the hail storm last spring and so tearing them down continues to be the plan while the idea of the use of the grounds by students in the future remains a possibility. Treasurer Meyer shared that year end activities of closing HR and Accounting systems and producing W-2's, 1099's and 1095C's continues and normal, monthly reports would resume at the regular February monthly meeting.

Consideration for approval – Enter executive session to discuss the employment personnel – Res. #25-015

Mr. Wren motioned and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to enter into executive session. Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried. The board entered executive session at 7:50pm and re-entered the regular meeting at 8:40pm.

Consider for approval – Resignation due to retirement of Marilyn Kohler, guidance counselor, effective at the end of the 24-25 contract year – Res. #25-016

Mr. Kohler motioned and Mr. Wren seconded a motion to accept the retirement resignation of guidance counselor, Marilyn Kohler. The retirement date will be the end of the 24-25 contract year for the guidance counselor role. Mrs. Kohler was in attendance and thanked the Board for the opportunity and support over the years. The Board thanked Mrs. Kohler for her quality work with students and staff since her hire in 1997. Mr. Reichert thanked Mrs. Kohler for her intentional early notice to allow as much time as possible to search for a replacement. Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Consider for approval – Classified Staff Employment – Res. #25-017

Mrs. Mullenhour motioned and Mrs. DeVine seconded a motion to approve the employment of Laura Biederman as a part time custodian. Roll call – 5-0. Motion Carried.

Consider for approval – Drama Support Role – Res. #25-018

Mrs. DeVine motioned and Mr. Wren seconded a motion to approve Ashley Leasure into a Drama Support Role. Roll call – 5-0. Motion Carried

Consider for approval – Use of State Funds for New College Credit Plus (CCP) Classes – Res. #25-019

Mr. Kohler motioned and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion authorizing the Treasurer & Superintendent to follow the guidelines provided in using funds to be received from the State of Ohio incentivizing new CCP offerings in the '23-24 school year. Roll call – 5-0. Motion Carried

Mr. Kohler moved and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 9:05 Roll call - 5-0. Motion carried.

**Next Board Meeting:** February 17th, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.

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President

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Treasurer