

Jackson Center Local Schools - Board of Education:
Regular Meeting: Monday, March 20th, 2023 – 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, March 20th, 2023 for a regular meeting with the following members present: Mr. Brad Wren, Mrs. Kristine Mullenhour, Mr. Matt Kohler, Mrs. Kristen Davis & Mrs. Julie Devine.

Minutes from the Regular Meeting on February 20th, 2023 - Res. #23-029

Mrs. Davis moved and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the February 20th regular monthly meeting. Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors and Public Participation

In attendance were staff members Amanda Barhorst, Aaron Klopfenstein and Scott Elchert. Mr. Klopfenstein thanked the board for the opportunity being presented and approved later in the meeting to become the head boys' basketball coach. Mr. Elchert briefly addressed the board in support of Mr. Klopfenstein and thanked them for their support of the program over the years, noting that success is only achievable with the support of board, parents, players, coaches and community.

Principals' Reports: PreK-5 Principal Heuker updated the Board on the plan for role changes in 2023-24 as a result of the retirement of Suttan Barhorst. Lori Wiswell will move to grades 2/3 science and social studies and Amber Armbruster will replace her in the K/1 science and social studies area. An intervention specialist position will be posted to replace Mrs. Armbruster. Kaiden Geuy finish 10th out of 30 in the regional spelling bee held recently at UNOH in Lima and teachers are preparing and working on state testing groups. Pre-K screening will be held on Friday, April 14th. 6-12 Principal Reese noted the 4 successful performances of Grease on March 2nd thru March 5th and participation in spring sports will be strong this year with 24 student athletes participating in HS Track – the most in several years. State testing will also begin in April.

Consideration for Approval – Permission for the 6th grade overnight field trip to Camp Willson, April 24th through April 26th. - Res. #23-030

Mrs. Davis motioned and Mrs. Devine seconded a motion to approve the annual trip to Camp Willson, outside of Bellefontaine, by the 6th grade class. Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Financial / Treasurer's Report - Res. #23-031

Mr. Kohler motioned and Mrs. Devine seconded a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. The state has wrapped up their audit of fiscal years 2021 and 2022 without any significant issues and a handful of recommendations for accounting approach improvements, mainly relative to federal funds and grants received during the pandemic. Revenues continue to outpace expenditures and the district's real estate valuation grew from \$80.1 to \$81.9 million in 2022. Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for approval – Enter executive session to discuss personnel – Res. #23-032

Mr. Wren motioned and Mr. Kohler seconded a motion to enter executive session. Roll call – 5-0 Motion carried. The board entered executive session at 7:15pm and re-entered the regular meeting at 8:05pm.

Consideration for approval – Authorization of superintendent to hire part time seasonal maintenance workers – Res. # 23-033

Mrs. Mullenhour motioned and Mrs. Devine seconded a motion authorizing the superintendent to hire part time seasonal maintenance workers. – 5-0. Motion carried

Consideration for approval – Accept resignation of classified staff– Res. # 23-034

Mr. Wren motioned and Mr. Kohler seconded a motion to approve the resignation of the following classified staff member effective his last day on April 7th, 2023:

- Doug Hurley Custodian

5-0. Motion carried

Consideration for approval – Accept resignation of certified staff – Res. # 23-035

Mrs. Davis motioned and Mrs. Devine seconded a motion to approve the resignation of the following certified staff member effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year:

- Anastasia Long Vocal Music Programs

5-0. Motion carried

Consideration for approval – Accept resignation of administrative staff – Res. # 23-036

Mr. Kohler motioned and Mrs. Davis seconded a motion to approve the resignation of the following administrative staff member effective August 1st, 2023

- Jim Conley Technology Lead

5-0. Motion carried

Consideration for approval – Employment of classified staff upon meeting all pre-employment requirements – Res. # 23-037

Mr. Kohler motioned and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to approve the employment of the following classified staff:

- Thomas Massengale Custodian

5-0. Motion carried

Consideration for approval – Employment of administrative staff upon meeting all pre-employment requirements – Res. # 23-038

Mrs. Mullenhour motioned and Mrs. Devine seconded a motion to approve the employment of the following administrative staff effective August 1st, 2023:

- Christopher Sidell Technology Lead

5-0. Motion carried

Consideration for approval – Supplemental Contract – Res. # 23-039

Mrs. Devine motioned and Mr. Wren seconded a motion to approve the following supplemental contract:

- Daniel McPherson Music Technical Support (2022-23 school year)

5-0. Motion carried

Consideration for approval – Supplemental Contract – Res. # 23-040

Mrs. Devine motioned and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to approve the following supplemental contract:

- Aaron Klopfenstein Head Boys Basketball Coach (2023-24 School Year)

5-0. Motion carried

Consideration for approval – Formal Recognition of Extraordinary Accomplishment – Coach Scott Elchert – Res. # 23-041

Mr. Wren motioned and Mr. Kohler seconded a motion in which the Board recognized the extraordinary career accomplishments of retiring Boys' Head Basketball Coach, Scott Elchert. Coach Elchert retired from this position following another successful year which saw the Tigers fall just short of another State Final Four with an overall record of 26-2. Over the course of Coach Elchert's career, he became the longest tenured and all-time winningest basketball coach in school history with 375 wins over 23 years as the varsity coach. He also served for 5 years as the junior varsity coach and a year as a varsity assistant for a total of 29 years of coaching at Jackson Center. His example of hard work, dedication and discipline over those years lead to many, many district and regional tournament wins, multiple state tournament bids and included several of those teams being recognized as one of the top 5 academic teams in Ohio out of over 600+ schools. He has had a lasting impact on those students and players he has coached and mentored in the hallways and gyms of Jackson Center while his .663 winning percentage over 2 different coaching stints at Jackson Center is indicative of the success that can occur with this formula. It is with pride and appreciation that the Jackson Center Board of Education recognizes and thanks Mr. Elchert for these extraordinary accomplishments and congratulates him on his outstanding coaching career. 5-0. Motion carried

Reports & Information Items

Superintendent Reichert and Mr. Kohler provided an brief update on the multi-purpose building in which Freytag's has provided an initial print of the potential layout and discussions are on-going.

Mr. Kohler moved and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 8:50 Roll call - 5-0. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting: April 17th, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

President

Treasurer