

Jackson Center Local Schools - Board of Education:
Regular Meeting: Monday, September 16th, 2024 – 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, Sept. 16th, 2024 for a regular meeting with the following members present: Mr. Brad Wren, Mrs. Kristen Davis, Mr. Matt Kohler, Mrs. Kristine Mullenhour & Mrs. Julie DeVine.

Minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 19th, 2024 - Res. #24-093

Mrs. Mullenhour moved and Mrs. DeVine seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on August 19th, 2024. Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors and Public Participation

Staff member Tara Shuster was in attendance as was newly hired staff member, Erin Schmerge, who was approved later in the meeting. Also in attendance were members of the FCCLA who participated in the national FCCLA competition over the summer in Seattle, WA. A summary of how the trip went was provided by a group of Jackson Center FCCLA students. Along with summarizing the non-competition aspects of their trip, the Board also recognized and congratulated the students' accomplishments at the competition as follows:

- Level 1, Chapter in Review - Gold and 1st in the nation: Maycee Kipker, Samantha Metzger and Isabella Warner
- Level 1 Focus on Children - Silver and 22 in the nation: Hadley Jackson and Whitney York
- Level 2 Food Innovations- Level 2- Gold and 11th in the nation: Laynee Shields and Corinne York
- National Programs in Action- Level 2- Gold and 2nd overall in the nation: Kendall Hilbun
- Professional Presentation- Level 3- Gold and 3rd overall in the nation: Avery Jackson

Consideration for Approval – FFA field trip to the National FFA Convention, Oct. 23rd thru Oct. 25th, 2024 in Indianapolis, IN.– Res. #24-094

Mr. Kohler motioned and Mr. Wren seconded a motion to approve an overnight trip of FFA students to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN from Oct. 23rd thru Oct. 25th. Roll Call – 5-0. Motion Carried

Consideration for Approval – Activity account purpose and budget requests– Res. #24-095

Mrs. Davis motioned and Mrs. DeVine seconded a motion to approve the account purpose and budget requests for fundraisers by the FFA which include flower & plant sales along with strawberry sales. Roll Call – 5-0. Motion Carried

Consideration for Approval – Approve changes, updates and new policies as recommended by the Ohio School Boards Association – Res. #24-096.

Mrs. Wren moved and Mrs. Davis seconded a motion approving updates, changes and new policies in the following areas:

- JFCK – Cell Phone Usage (This adopts the existing practice in which students in grades 9-12 may have cell phones that can only be used during designated times. If used without approval during undesignated times, phones are temporarily taken until a parent comes to the school to retrieve it.)
 - EDEC – Artificial Intelligence
 - EHC – Cybersecurity
- Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Application for Early Graduation. - Res. #24-097

Mr. Kohler moved and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion approving an early graduation for Bryleigh Montgomery pending successful completion of all requirements for such. Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Treasurer’s Finance Report – Res. #24-098

Mrs. Mullenhour moved and Mr. Kohler seconded a motion approving the financial report as presented. With consideration to the impact on the 5 year forecast, a discussion occurred about the potential of ending taxpayer payments on the remaining 5 years of the 2002 building bond issue. Discussions will continue. Roll call – 5-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Adopt Permanent Appropriations for FY25 – Res. #24-099.

Mr. Wren moved and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to approve permanent appropriations for the current fiscal year as recommended by the Treasurer. Roll call – 5-0. Motion Carried

Reports: Superintendent Reichert confirmed that just a few small projects remain in the new TAC (Tiger Athletic Center) and spring storm roof repair bids continue to come in. Pre-K-5 Principal Heuker and 6-12 Principal Reese both discussed the state testing results which were mixed. The total stars earned were lower than last year while the performance index and overall state ranking was higher. Study continues on identifying areas of emphasis moving forward.

Consideration for approval – Enter executive session to consider the employment of public employees and negotiations – Res. #24-100

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 8:10pm and re-entered the regular meeting at 9:00pm.

Consideration for Approval – Resignation of Board Member – Res. #24-101

Mr. Wren motioned and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion accepting the resignation of Board member, Kristen Davis, to be effective Sept. 23rd, 2024. Mrs. Davis has served on the Board of Education since 2012 and in roles as Vice President and on the Finance Committee, among others. The Board must appoint a new Board Member to fulfill the current term within 30 days of the resignation date. As such, a questionnaire will be posted to the website of which interested candidates will be requested to complete and also either include a resume or complete an additional job history form. Interested candidates should notify and provide completed information to the President of the Board of Education, Brad Wren, by 4pm on Friday, October 11th.

(1983jc@gmail.com) The Board will review all candidate information and then will appoint a new Board Member to complete the remainder of the term which ends Dec. 31, 2025. Roll call – 5-0 Motion Carried

Election of Vice President - Res. #24-102

Mrs. Davis nominated and moved and Mrs. DeVine seconded a motion to elect Mr. Matt Kohler to replace outgoing Board Vice President, Kristen Davis, for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year. Roll call - 4-0. Motion carried.

Consideration for Approval – Supplemental Contracts – Res. #24-103

Mrs. Mullenhour motioned and Mrs. DeVine seconded a motion approving the following supplemental contracts :

- Daniel McPherson Varsity Track Coach
- Madeline Simon Jr. High Track Coach
- Amanda Barhorst After School Gifted Program

Roll call – 5-0 Motion Carried

Consideration for Approval – Employment of Educational Aide pending completion of all requirements – Res. #24-104

Mr. Kohler motioned and Mrs. DeVine seconded a motion approving the employment of the following staff :

- Erin Schmerge Educational Aide (Start Date: 9/30/24)

Roll call – 5-0 Motion Carried

Mrs. Davis motioned and Mrs. Mullenhour seconded a motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 9:45pm. Roll call - 5-0. Motion carried

Next Board Meeting: October 21, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

President

Treasurer