



RICH HISTORY, BRIGHT FUTURE
Jacksonville School District #117
Board of Education Regular
Wednesday, January 15, 2025

The Board of Education of Jacksonville School District #117 met in Regular Session on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, beginning at 7:00 PM at the Board Room, 211 West State Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650. Members present at roll call were Mr. Beard, Mrs. Leonard, Mr. Pool, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Trace, and Mrs. Wilson. Also, in attendance were Superintendent, Steve Ptacek, Assistant Superintendent, Matt Moore, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Kelly Zoellner, Director of Human Resources, Tami Stice, Chief Financial Officer, Rick Cunningham, and Recording Secretary, Jenn Lacey. Mr. Lonergan was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Mrs. Wilson moved, seconded by Mrs. Stewart to approve the agenda as presented. Yea: Wilson, Stewart, Leonard, Trace, Pool, Beard. Nay: None.

RECOGNITION – Athletic Director, Mr. VanAken introduced JHS Coach, Tiffany Hickox who was nominated for the Illinois Dance Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS-President Beard gave visitors the opportunity for questions and or comments and there were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 20- No School (No Student/Staff Attendance) MLK Holiday
- February 14-Parent/Teacher Conference (Full Day)-No Student attendance
- February 17-No School (No Student/Staff Attendance) President's Day
- February 19-Next Regular Board Meeting

STANDING REPORTS

Financial/Treasurer's Report-Mr. Cunningham reported the District is 50% of the way through the budget year. The increase seen in the reports is due to the property tax revenue.

Operating Funds Fund Balances

Operating Funds	Current Year FY 2025	Last Year FY 2024	Difference FY 25 to FY 24
Fund 10 - Education	\$ 40,277,523.46	\$38,529,034.50	\$ 1,748,488.96
Fund 20 - O & M	\$ 4,899,169.98	\$4,439,205.52	\$ 459,964.46
Fund 40 -Transportation	\$ 3,456,358.68	\$2,749,766.83	\$ 706,591.85
Fund 70 - Working Cash	\$ 3,140,016.75	\$2,922,703.39	\$ 217,313.36
Total	\$ 51,773,068.87	\$48,640,710.24	\$ 3,132,358.63

Fund Tracker-Mr. Ptacek followed up what Mr. Cunningham stated that the increase in our funds is due to property taxes.

Sales Tax Tracker-Mr. Ptacek said we did not receive a sales tax report.

PPRT Tracker-Mr. Ptacek reported the percentage increased to 72%.

State Updates-Mr. Ptacek reported the ROE had a meeting and there were no new updates.

Vision 117 Phase IV-Mr. Ptacek reported the Core team is meeting, including the architects, next week to see where they are in this phase. He also stated they are currently in land discussions.

F.O.I.A. Report-No F.O.I.A. submissions.

Enrollment Reports-Mrs. Zoellner reported the enrollment numbers are slightly down across all buildings; also included are early graduates.

2nd Quarter Suspension Report-Mrs. Zoellner showed the suspension numbers for all buildings for 2nd quarter. This year the numbers were better than previous years. She did note that incidents did increase when the fake snap chat letter came out.

Certified Vacancy Report-It was reported that one position was removed from the Vacancy report.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee-President Beard reported the Policy Committee will likely meet in the next few months or so now that the new Title IX has been overturned and reverted to the previous 2020 policy. They don't believe it will affect this district too much but HR and Administration is working of finding the classes to attend to view the changes.

Four-Rivers Report-President Beard stated there is nothing to report until they meet next week.

IASB Reports-President Beard reported to the Board there will be a Divisional meeting coming up in March hosted in Jacksonville as well as a Governance meeting in June.

CONSENT AGENDA-Mrs. Wilson moved, seconded by Mrs. Stewart to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- Consideration of Treasurer's Report
- Consideration of Previous Minutes
 - 6:00 PM Public Hearing and 7:00 PM Public Hearing for December 18th, 2024
 - Regular Meeting and Closed Session for December 18, 2024
- Consideration to approve the updated Board policies
 - 2:105- Ethics and Gift Ban
 - 2:120- Board Member Development
 - 4:30- Revenue and Investments
 - 4:60- Purchases and Contracts
 - 4:150- Facility Management and Building Program
 - 4:170- Safety
 - 5:10- Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

- 5:20-Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:120- Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest
- 5:125- Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
- 5:230- Maintaining Student Discipline
- 6:60- Curriculum Content
- 6:135-Accelerated Placement Program
- 6:270 Guidance and Counseling Program
- 7:10- Equal Educational Opportunity
- 7:100- Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusions of Students
- 7:180- Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:200- Suspension Procedures
- 8:10- Connection with the Community

Yea: Wilson, Stewart, Leonard, Trace, Pool, Beard. Nay: None.

CLOSED SESSION-No Closed Session

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION-No Closed Session

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations – Mrs. Wilson moved, seconded by Mrs. Leonard to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented.

Resignation

- Rashana Wells, Paraprofessional at Early Years/Pre-Kindergarten Program, effective January 4, 2025.
- Katie Ring, Special Education Paraprofessional at Jacksonville High School, effective January 3, 2025.

Employment-Classified

- Tanika Davis, Special Education Paraprofessional at Lincoln Elementary School, *Salary: \$17.95/per hour*, contingent upon receipt and confirmation of required employment documentation effective retroactively to January 13, 2025.

Long Term Substitutes

- Sara Balster, Long Term Substitute Art Teacher at Murrayville-Woodson, South, and Washington Elementary Schools for the 2nd semester of the 2024-2025 school year, one year only.

Stipends

- Haley Sommer, Assistant Girls Varsity Basketball Coach at Jacksonville High School for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend pro-rated \$2,182.79, 12% on the base of \$43,081*, effective January 16, 2025.
- Misty Eisfelder, Special Education Teacher at Eisenhower Elementary School, Long Term Sub Extra Duty Stipend for the 1st semester of the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$1,500*.
- Tracey Roberts, Math/Science Teacher at Jacksonville High School, 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Heather English, Science Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Jim Chelsvig, Social Studies at Jacksonville High School, 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.

- Adam Reed, Science Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Dale Homolka, Art Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Robyn Maher, Art Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Leslie Sutton, ASL Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Jennifer Pool, Family & Consumer Science Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Steve Brannan, Physical Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Jennifer Dugan, Physical Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- J.R. Dugan, Physical Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Tim Thrasher, Physical Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Brian Davenport, Physical Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Jay Ater, Industrial Arts/Vocational (Welding) Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Niki Steckel, Industrial Arts/Vocational Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Cory Suhre, Industrial Arts/Vocational Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Joe O'Neil, Special Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Alex Cooper, Special Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Erin Cruz, Special Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Heather Davidsmeyer, Special Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Kimberly Niffen, Special Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Rachel Kitner, Special Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Renee Leifheit, Special Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Kyle Lewis, Special Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Erica Melcher, Special Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.

- Shelly Scaman, Special Education Teacher at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.
- Mark Grounds, Dean of Students at Jacksonville High School 6th Period Stipend for the 2024-2025 school year, *Stipend: \$2,250 (2nd semester)*.

Leaves of Absence

- Allison Holmes, Special Education Paraprofessional at Lincoln Elementary School, requesting family medical leave from January 9, 2025 until March 10, 2025 (8 weeks).
- Ron Lotz, Head Custodian at Bowl/Field House, requesting family medical leave from December 17, 2024 until March 11, 2025 (12 weeks).
- Gary Turner, Bus Driver at Transportation Department, requesting family medical leave from January 14, 2025 until the end of the 2024-2025 school year on an intermittent basis (up to 12 weeks total).
- Audrey Brown, School Counselor at Jacksonville High School, requesting a revision to her maternity leave and family medical leave to run concurrently from March 4, 2025 until December 19, 2025 (maximum of 12 weeks of FMLA and 32 weeks of maternity leave).

Yea: Wilson, Leonard, Pool, Trace, Stewart, Beard. Nay: None.

Consideration to approve the Settlement Agreement with EEOC-Mrs. Stewart moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve the Settlement Agreement with EEOC as presented. Yea: Stewart, Wilson, Leonard, Pool, Trace, Beard. Nay: None.

Consideration to approve Underwriter Recommendation for the District's Series 2025 Bonds-Mrs. Wilson moved, seconded by Mrs. Stewart that the Board of Education approve JP Morgan as the underwriter for the upcoming bond sale as recommended by PMA. Yea: Wilson, Stewart, Pool, Leonard, Trace, Beard. Nay: None.

Consideration of a resolution providing for the issue and sale of general obligation alternate bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$31,000,000 for the purpose of building and equipping a new elementary school building and refunding certain outstanding bonds. Mrs. Wilson moved, seconded by Mrs. Stewart to approve the resolution which provides for the issue and general obligation alternate bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$31,000,000 for the purpose of building and equipping a new elementary school building and refunding certain outstanding bonds as presented. Yea: Wilson, Stewart, Trace, Pool, Leonard, Beard. Nay: None.

ADJOURNMENT- Mrs. Wilson moved, seconded by Mrs. Stewart to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:51 pm. Yea: Wilson, Stewart, Trace, Pool, Leonard, Beard. Nay: None.

President

Secretary