



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 15, 2021

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Jac-Cen-Del Elementary Office – 5:00 pm

Indiana Code: IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(d) (6)

No items other than those listed were discussed

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**Debra Roberts, Secretary**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING** – Jac-Cen-Del Elementary Library – 6:00 pm

### CALL TO ORDER

- There were no additions or changes to the agenda. Those in attendance were Jason Wagner, Jason Smith, Debra Roberts, James Westerman, Travis Neal, Ryan Middleton, Fred Unsicker, Trent Whaley, Trina Huff, Staff and Patrons.

Motion: James Westerman  
Second: Travis Neal  
Vote: 5 for

### REQUEST TO SPEAK

- JCD Bus Drivers: There was much discussion regarding e-learning days and e-learning snow days. Mr. Middleton informed the bus drivers that the administration has already been looking into some of the issues that have come up regarding the many changes that have been made due to the handling of Covid-19. Mr. Middleton informed the bus drivers that there will be some changes made in the next Support Staff Contract that will renew in July.

## REPORTS

- High School Principal: Mr. Fred Unsicker

JCD Jr-Sr High School was allocated \$20,000 in Title IV funds. We put these funds into starting up a second year of Biomedical Sciences (course title is Human Body Systems). We also allocated a portion to purchasing material for the Engineering and Computer Science programs as well purchasing one more unit of materials from Lab-Aids for our junior high school science curriculum.

Our Social-Emotional Learning curriculum, called The Harbor, has been in place now for about 9 weeks. Twice a week during the homeroom period (24 minutes) we watch a video presentation, and teachers facilitate a discussion among students. Each lesson focuses on a different skill, such as finishing what you started, cooperation, giving back to the community, helping others, grit, and forgiveness.

Greenhouse update: Two students are spearheading this project - Lindsay Linville and Oliva Neal. Lindsay is focusing on the animal side of the FFA program, Olivia on getting the greenhouse going. We ran into a thermostat issue in late February. Bill Craddock has called repairmen to come look at it, replace the thermostat, and troubleshoot for any other potential issues (humidity and airflow). This is scheduled to be done over break. The students are ready to get all the materials set up and working, and start growing plants and vegetables. The Ag program is currently incubating chicken eggs, and will have chickens soon.

Athletics - winter sports have all finished up; spring sports have all started. Looking forward to getting outside this spring.

Senior Class Trip - senior class officers and sponsors are working to finalize those plans in the next couple weeks. Right now we are looking at three "day trips" on Fridays in May.

Band Trip - Seniors have decided to cancel Disney and will work to plan a trip to Holiday World once school is out.

Professional Development - This past E-Learning Day, we spent about 30 minutes in a "staff meeting" and discussed a potential handbook change and several other "administrative" items. Then, teachers spent 90 minutes in small groups troubleshooting E-Learning. Following this, they presented their findings to the group, and we discussed themes. This will help us focus on what needs improvement first. (We also discussed the concept of PBL). Following this, departments/groups of teachers met to discuss curriculum. Case conferences were held without teachers/students missing class time.

## ACTION ITEMS

- The board approved the minutes of the February 15, 2021 executive and regular meetings and the March 4, 2021 Executive Session Meeting.

Motion: James Westerman  
Second: Travis Neal  
Vote: 5 for

- The board approved payroll and other claims for March 2021.

Motion: Debra Roberts  
Second: James Westerman  
Vote: 5 for

- The board approved the resignation of Nancy Dilk as custodian effective after completion of her last day on March 1, 2021.

Motion: James Westerman  
Second: Debra Roberts  
Vote: 5 for

- The board approved the resignation of Lisa Horn as Summer Recreation Director effective immediately.

Motion: Travis Neal  
Second: Debra Roberts  
Vote: 5 for

- The board approved the resignation of Cheryl Kuhn as Jr. High Assistant Track Coach effective immediately.

Motion: Debra Roberts  
Second: Travis Neal  
Vote: 5 for

- The board approved the hire of Sarah Dobson as Junior High Assistant Track Coach effective immediately.

Motion: Jason Smith  
Second: James Westerman  
Vote: 5 for

- The board approved the hire of Brandi Stewart as Custodian with the start date contingent upon completion of her background check and with pay and benefits per the Support Staff Package.

Motion: James Westerman  
Second: Jason Smith  
Vote: 5 for

- The board approved the hire of Melanie Bird as a Cook Assistant starting immediately, with pay and benefits per the Support Staff Package.

Motion: Travis Neal  
Second: James Westerman  
Vote: 5 for

- The board reapproved Jeff Bedel FMLA Leave because of a date change. The new period is starting on April 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 for 6-8 weeks.

Motion: Jason Smith  
Second: Travis Neal  
Vote: 5 for

- The board approved the Resolution Opposing Education Savings and Voucher Expansion.

Motion: James Westerman  
Second: Debra Roberts  
Vote: 5 for

- The board approved the donations to the JCD Girls' Basketball program in the amount of:

Osgood Grub Company \$500  
General Interiors \$500

Motion: Jason Smith  
Second: Debra Roberts  
Vote: 5 for

- The board approved the 2nd reading and adoption of the Neola Policy Updates, Volume 33, Number 1.

Motion: James Westerman  
Second: Travis Neal  
Vote: 5 for

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

JCD is now partnered with Versailles for the Summer Rec League. The director, Shawn Halcomb, has agreed to take on the responsibilities of coordinating the efforts of JCD joining Versailles. This opportunity will allow for a larger pool of our student athletes to participate with a larger, more diverse, group. We have also asked that some games be played at JCD. I would like to personally thank Mrs. Lisa Horn and Mr. David Bradshaw for their years of service to the program.

The administration team met last Friday to talk through our most recent two surveys that we sent to the teachers and parents regarding E-Learning and snow emergency days. We understand that this was our first year and changes were going to be made and the surveys give us the proper lens in which to make necessary changes.

The admin team also met to discuss some upcoming plans for next year. We are feeling positive that we will be in an environment that will be better for all of our employees and students. We would like to be at a much more normal/traditional school year which allows for us to invite our parents and stakeholders back into the buildings to be a vital part of our students' lives.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

The board once again thanked everyone for all their efforts during these trying times. They also thanked the bus drivers, staff and patrons at the meeting for expressing their concerns about e-learning and other various topics and assured all that the administration is continually working on necessary changes that need to be made for the betterment of the students and their education.

## **PATRON COMMENTS**

Several patrons were at the meeting to voice their concerns about e-learning. Mrs. Stacy Gray, JCDEA President, clarified a few things to the board and patrons about e-learning. She noted that is keeps the kids in a routine of learning and keeps them engaged in the e-learning process in case there ever was to be another school wide shut down or a situation where e-learning is the schools only option. She also stated these days are very pertinent to the continuing professional development for the teachers.

Mr. Fred Unsicker alluded to the fact that the full day e-learning professional development days are so much more prosperous than the previous 2-hour delay days. Decision and work can be done much more efficiently with a whole day versus 2 hours.

## **NEXT MEETING**

- The next regular meeting of the Jac-Cen-Del School Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Jac-Cen-Del Elementary Library.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: James Westerman  
Second: Jason Smith  
Vote: 5 for

