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## OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 19, 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**

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**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, Nancy Means, staff, and patrons.

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

### REQUEST TO SPEAK

- Parents in attendance presented calendar options to the board and Mr. Middleton, to be considered for upcoming school years, limiting e-learning days. A dialogue was held between all present and everyone concurred the calendar up for approval, later in the meeting, was a viable option.

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## REPORTS

- Elementary principal, Mr. Trent Whaley reported the school is wrapping up a successful year, given our natural challenges that we faced.
  - The math bowl team held their virtual competition last week.
  - The archery team placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the state tournament in March.
  - The elementary held their kindergarten registration. The numbers are projected to be on track, with more wishing to enroll.
  - The Little Eagles Preschool numbers have increased, and we still are enrolling students.
  - Mrs. Fox has been planning our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade music program for May 20<sup>th</sup>, which will be held in person.
  - Plans are currently under way for an in person kindergarten graduation on May 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - The school will host 4th, 5th and 6th grade awards and plans are currently being finalized.

## ACTION ITEMS

- The board approved the minutes of the March 15, 2021 executive and regular meetings.

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

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

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

- The board approved the resignation of Jennifer Knight-Laws as high school English teacher at the completion of her 2020-2021 contract.

Motion: Debra Roberts  
Second: Jim Westerman  
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the hire of Mackenzie Kopplin as a high school English teacher for the 2021-2022 school calendar per master contract pay and benefits.

Motion: Jim Westerman  
Second: Travis Neal  
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the hire of Jacob Reilmann as 3<sup>rd</sup> shift custodian, pending background check, per support staff contract pay and benefits.

Motion: Jim Westerman  
Second: Jason Smith  
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the 2021 summer day care program and workers as presented. The program will run from June 1 to July 30, 2021.

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

- The board approved the amended 2021-2022 school calendar per attached document.

Motion: Jim Westerman  
 Second: Debra Roberts  
 Vote: 5 For

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Middleton reported on the following items:

- Kate Todd is starting a partnership between the athletic department and an athletic leadership council comprised of students and coaches to have equal input into our athletic program. They also have a goal of being more involved in the community while promoting positive athletics.
- Mr. Middleton recognized and congratulated Coach Bradshaw on his 500<sup>th</sup> career win as JCD baseball coach. Coach Bradshaw has coached a great number of sports throughout the years and continues to coach cross country in the fall. It is no surprise that “Coach” has reached this milestone as he has dedicated an incalculable amount of hours on and off the field. Most JCD fans and parents have seen this first-hand. A presentation to Mr. Bradshaw will be held before the baseball game on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.
- The new JCD sign has been put in to place. This goes along with the new roof that we put over the gymnasium at no cost to our taxpayers. The sign was purchased through a grant and the roof was through refinancing of bonds. JCD is very pleased to have these two items.
- Mr. Middleton relayed a message he received from a parent. The parent wanted to give a big thank you out to Rhonda Starke and the kids on her bus. The parent has a daughter that is an amputee and is deaf. Last week the bus honked the horn, which puzzled her. She went out and some kids had gotten off the bus with candy, a card, and several balloons for her daughter. She was very grateful for the kind gesture.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

- The board commented they were happy with the attendance of the parents and the discussion that took place regarding the school calendar.

## **PATRON COMMENTS**

- Mrs. Horn explained her resignation from the summer recreation program.
- A patron thanked Mr. Middleton and the board for allowing them to take part in the dialogue regarding the school calendar and e-learning days.

## **NEXT MEETING**

- The next regular meeting of the Jac-Cen-Del School Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Jac-Cen-Del Elementary Library.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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