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## MINUTES

Additional Appropriations Public Hearing  
Regular Board Meeting

October 16, 2023 – 6:00 PM at Elementary Art Room

### ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS PUBLIC HEARING:

#### CALL TO ORDER

- Those in attendance were Debra Roberts, James Gayheart, Tiffany Foster, Michael Davis, Daniel Horn, Samuel Melton, Nancy Means, staff and patrons.

Motion: James Gayheart  
 Second: Daniel Horn  
 Vote: 5 For

#### PRESENTATION FROM BARNES & THORNBURG REGARDING FINANCINGS

- Jeffery Qualkinbush gave an update on the resolutions the board needed to approve in order to begin preliminary financing costs of renovations proposed for the buildings and facilities.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No public comments were heard

#### ACTION ITEMS

- The board approved the issuance of the bonds and related matters for the 2023A General Obligation Bonds.

Motion: Michael Davis  
 Second: Tiffany Foster  
 Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the issuance of the bonds and related matters for the 2023B General Obligation Bonds.

Motion: Daniel Horn  
 Second: Michael Davis  
 Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the additional appropriations and related matters for the 2023A General Obligation Bonds.

Motion: Daniel Horn  
Second: James Gayheart  
Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the additional appropriations and related matters for the 2023B General Obligation Bonds.

Motion: Michael Davis  
Second: Tiffany Foster  
Vote: 5 For

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Michael Davis  
Second: James Gayheart  
Vote: 5 For

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING:** Immediately following Additional Appropriations Public Hearing

## **CALL TO ORDER**

- There were no additions or changes. Those in attendance were Debra Roberts, James Gayheart, Tiffany Foster, Michael Davis, Daniel Horn, Samuel Melton, Nancy Means, staff and patrons.

Motion: James Gayheart  
Second: Daniel Horn  
Vote: 5 For

## **HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REPORT BY MR. FRED UNSICKER**

Mr. Unsicker reported the high school has had an excellent first nine weeks of the school year and highlighted the following areas:

- Mr. Unsicker stated he has had 200+ classroom “walk-throughs / observations” already this year to see how classes are going. He stated this allows students and teachers to become familiar with him being in the classroom.
- Every homeroom class has been visited by Mr. Stone and/or Mrs. Caudill to discuss discipline and counseling items.
- Mrs. Caudill has been in classrooms talking about academic planning and college/career planning.
- New teachers all have a mentor teacher who is familiar with their subject. New teachers also meet every two weeks to discuss any education related items; sometimes pedagogy, sometimes technology, sometimes classroom management issues.

- Student support meetings are being held every three weeks (alternating between JH and HS) to address any students who have academic, behavioral, attendance, or affect issues. These meetings are meant to identify issues (barriers to success) and formulate a plan to support the student.
- Period 6 (Achieve) is being utilized once a week to have students access Harmony and check academic performance. Utilizing this 20-minute period is excellent for targeting support in general education and for support of students with individualized educational plans.
- Mr. Sutton and Mrs. Gray each supervise a lunch/gym time period where our students get to relax in the gym and just unwind, play games, and be kids.
- Academic focus is utilizing ELA skills in all classes. This includes all classes and involves students writing more, formulating thoughts formally, explaining processes, drawing conclusions, and using logical reasoning.
- Multiple field trips for experiences outside the traditional classroom have been taken to places like Honda, Hanover College, Iron Timbers, Ag Days, and the State Fair.
- The end of the nine weeks grading period has been reached. Grades will be finalized by Tuesday night and will be released on Wednesday, October 18.
- Athletically, all fall teams are done with their seasons and winters sports are getting ready to begin.
- Recently, a safety conference was attended by Mr. Unsicker and Mr. Narwold. Mr. Jason Smith was also in attendance. Great information was obtained to bring back to the district.
- Upcoming events include the annual "Trunk or Treat", the Veterans Day program, and a freshman trip to SCC.

## **PATRONS COMMENTS**

- Mrs. Horn gave an update on the "Good News Club" and announced they have enrollment of 88 kids.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- The board approved the minutes of the September 18, 2023 budget public hearing, 1028 lease amendment hearing, and regular board meeting.

Motion: Daniel Horn  
 Second: Michael Davis  
 Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the minutes of the October 2, 2023 executive session meeting.

Motion: James Gayheart  
 Second: Tiffany Foster  
 Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the 2023 budget and plans, as advertised, for the following funds: Education, Operations, Debt Service, Rainy Day, Bus Replacement Plan, and CPF Plan.

Motion: James Gayheart  
 Second: Michael Davis  
 Vote: 5 For

- The board approved the appointment of Sam Melton, Debra Roberts, Dee Budd, Fred Unsicker, and Ralph Pitman with Lancer Associates, to the evaluation voting members committee for the selection of a construction manager at risk.

Motion: Daniel Horn  
 Second: James Gayheart  
 Vote: 5 For

- The board approved 4 discretionary days be added to **full-time**/permanent subs. A change of language in the "Classified/Support" employee handbook will be evaluated at renewal time in July of 2024.

Motion: Daniel Horn  
 Second: Michael Davis  
 Vote: 5 For

- The board made the decision to table the appointment of Fred Neal to represent Jac-Cen-Del Community School Corporation on the Osgood Public Library Board until further information could be obtained.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT BY MR. SAM MELTON**

- Mr. Melton explained the bond proposals were for renovations at the elementary and high school and not the auxiliary building as it is unsure if it will be part of the project. In the near future tours of surrounding facilities will take place to examine different types of auxiliary buildings to determine what exactly will fit JCD needs and if funding is adequate.
- Mr. Melton is getting input on the new year school calendar so a vote can be made in the November meeting.
- School messenger is now being utilized for alerts regarding snow days or weather closures. Information was sent out and posted to our website to all families.
- There have been a couple bargaining sessions held with the teacher's union and hopefully an agreement will soon be made.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

- Two board members asked questions regarding the dress code for our students.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Jac-Cen-Del School Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Jac-Cen-Del Elementary library.

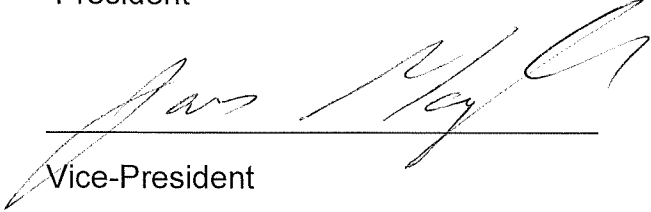
**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: James Gayheart  
 Second: Tiffany Foster  
 Vote: 5 For

October 16, 2023 Additional Appropriations Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes

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President



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Vice-President

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Secretary



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Member

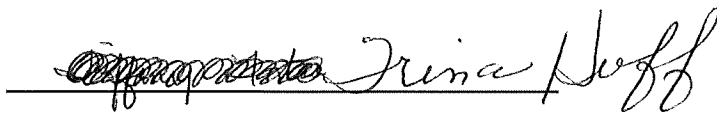


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Member

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Submitted by:



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Recording Secretary