

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE JAY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JAY COUNTY, INDIANA**

The Board of Trustees of the Jay School Corporation, Jay County, Indiana met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 20, 2025, at the Jay Schools Central Office, 414 Floral Ave, Portland, IN. All Board members and news media had been duly notified and the agenda properly posted.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Prior to the convening of the meeting there was a moment of silence and the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Donna Geesaman, with Board members, Marcie Vormohr, Chip Phillips, Aaron Clark and Chad Towell present. Ronald Laux and Jon Eads were absent. Also attending were Superintendent, Jeremy Gulley; Assistant Superintendent, Trent Paxson; Business Manager, Shannon Current and Corporation Attorney, Josh Atkinson.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Mr. Phillips made the motion to approve the agenda as presented and Mr. Clark seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**COMMENTS FROM PATRONS** There were no comments from patrons.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Mr. Phillips made the motion to approve the September 15, 2025, Regular Session minutes. Mr. Towell seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

**“PATRIOT PRIDE” MOMENT** Mr. Dues and Shannon Neargarder, along with Bloomfield Students, Trey Hirschy and Sullivan Mackey provided the Board with information concerning their Just Say No Club. They showed the Board their posters and recited their Just Say No pledge. Great job students!

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

***Discussion of the Terms of the Tentative Agreement of the  
Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement***

The School Board met pursuant to Indiana Code 20-29-6-19(a) to discuss the terms of the tentative agreement of the teacher collective bargaining agreement, which is posted on the Jay Schools website on the School Board Page listed as JSC-JCTA Tentative Agreement 25-26 at this link: <https://www.jayschoolcorp.org/page/school-board>.

The topic was opened for public comment. There were no comments from patrons.

The School Board will vote on the ratification during the October 27, 2025, Special Session.

***2026-2027 School Calendar***

Mr. Gulley presented a draft 2026-2027 school calendar for the Board’s consideration.

**Consent Agenda****Retirement**

Janet Dunmoyer	School Bus Driver	Jay School Corporation	Effective October 29, 2025
Annette Stultz	Instructional Assistant	West Jay Elementary School	Effective September 26, 2025

**Resignation**

Paige Gillette	School Bus Aide	Jay School Corporation	Effective September 22, 2025
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**Leave of Absence**

Emily Kaiser	Special Education Teacher	East Jay Elementary School	Beginning November 3, 2025, through January 12, 2026
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**ECA**

Connie Aker	Academic Team Assistant Coach	Jay County Jr-Sr High School	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year
Lexi Pease	Just Say No Sponsor	East Jay Elementary School	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year
Abby Sutter	Just Say No Sponsor	East Jay Elementary School	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year
Donald Gillespie	High School Girls' Assistant Tennis Coach	Jay County Jr-Sr High School	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year
Marc Bogenschutz	High School Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach	Jay County Jr-Sr High School	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year
Lita Chowning	Jr High Girls' Assistant Wrestling Coach	Jay County Jr-Sr High School	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year
Sawyer Koch	High School Assistant Swim Coach	Jay County Jr-Sr High School	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year
Zachary Johnson	Freshman Girls' Basketball Coach	Jay County Jr-Sr High School	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year
Rena Dixon	7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach	Jay County Jr-Sr High School	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year
Tucker Griffin	7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	Jay County Jr-Sr High School	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year
Eddie Fields	High School Boys' Assistant Wrestling Coach	Jay County Jr-Sr High School	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year
Nathan Weesner	Assistant Robotics Coach	Jay County Jr-Sr High School	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year

**ECA Resignation**

Marvin Buckner	High School Girls' Assistant Golf Coach &	Jay County Jr-Sr High School	Effective immediately
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	Jr High Assistant Golf Coach		
Logan Shaffer	High School Boys' Assistant Wrestling Coach	Jay County Jr-Sr High School	Effective immediately

**ECA Volunteer**

Kathy Ayers	Arts Place Latchkey Art Club Volunteer	East Elementary and Redkey Elementary Schools	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year
Allison Smiley	Arts Place Latchkey Art Club Volunteer	East Elementary and Redkey Elementary Schools	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year
Nick Ely	Volunteer with Athletic Trainer	Jay County Jr-Sr High School	Effective the 2025-2026 School Year

**Field Trip**

Katie Loy	FFA Poultry Judging Team	National Poultry & Egg Conference in Louisville, KY	November 19-21, 2025
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**Contracted Service**

Orange Grove Therapy, LLC	Virtual Speech/Language Therapy	Jay School Corporation	February 1, 2026, through the end of the 2025-2026 School Year
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**Special Consent Agenda Item**

Tyler Diek	Second Shift Custodian	Jay County Jr-Sr High School	Effective September 15, 2025
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Ms. Vormohr made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Towell seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

**BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT *Claims and Receipts***

The claims and receipts were presented to the Board for approval. Mr. Clark made the motion to approve the claims and receipts as presented and Mr. Phillips seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

***Review and Ratify Actions Taken – Natural Disaster Response***

Pursuant to the resolution the Board approved on September 30, 2024, Ms. Current presented the Board with more items approved by the insurance adjuster and asked for Board action to approve pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the resolution. Mr. Phillips made the motion to approve the payment and Mr. Towell seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

***Donations***

The Jr-Sr High School received several donations. The show choir received \$3,000 from the Jay County Visitors and Tourism Bureau and \$1,000 from Compass Poultry to be used for transportation costs, entry fees, props, music, and costumes. The high school boys' basketball team received a donation of \$7,800 from a golf outing held by Friends of Jay County Basketball which will be used for equipment, clothing and gear. Jay County Robotics received \$3,000 from The Portland Foundation for new field and game elements. Mr. Clark made the motion to approve the generous donations and Ms. Vormohr seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

***Permission to Sell Surplus Items***

Ms. Vormohr made the motion to approve the sale of two spare buses that are no longer in use through an online auction using Bricker Auction Company. This online auction would begin in October or November. Mr. Phillips seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

***Formative Assessment Grant***

Mr. Towell made the motion to accept the Formative Assessment Grant in the amount of \$21,523.14 for the use in helping to purchase NWEA. NWEA is an assessment administered to the students on three separate occasions during the school year. Mr. Clark seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

**Items for Future Agenda**

Next Executive Session Meeting October 27, 2025, 4:00 PM

Next Special Session Meeting October 27, 2025, 5:00 PM

Next Regular Session Meeting November 17, 2025, 5:00 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM

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Donna Geesaman, Board Vice President

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Marcie Vormohr, Board Secretary