

**North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees
Regular Board Meeting & Board of Finance Meeting
Central Office Board Room
Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Session and Board of Finance Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:45 P.M. in the Central Office Board Room. Board President Doug Wilde called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The Board members present were President Doug Wilde, Vice President Cameron Stalbaum, Secretary Sandra Kersting-Rudd, member Sheila Akers and member Everett James. Others present were Superintendent Mr. Kelly Shepherd and Business Managers/Treasurer Dalton Tunis. A copy of the list of patrons attending the meeting is on file at Central Office.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regular Meeting

Audience to Visitors

No one spoke.

Student Recognition

Student Recognition was cancelled due to students being unable to attend the meeting because of weather conditions.

Consent Items

Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to approve the minutes from December 17, 2024, Minutes of a Regular Meeting as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0. Mrs. Akers made a motion to approve the financial reports and claims as presented. Mrs. Kersting-Rudd seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Approved personnel:

NAME	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION
Jakca Cruz	1:1 Paraprofessional at Knox Middle School	Recommended to Hire
Margaret Kubley	Elementary Music Teacher	Recommended to Hire
Gracie Funkhouser	Developmental Preschool Paraprofessional	Recommended to Hire
Elisabeth Zimmerman	Speech Paraprofessional	Recommended to Hire
Kegan DePoy	Technology Intern	Internship Ended
ECA POSITIONS		
Charles (Chuck) Phillips	High School Freshman Basketball Coach	Recommended to Hire
Alyssa Gross	Volunteer Assistant Cheer Coach	Recommended to Volunteer
Yvette Nowak	High School Head Cheer Coach	Recommended to Hire
Jewel Palmer	Elementary Grade Level Leader	Recommended to Hire

Appointment of North Judson Wayne Township Public Library Board Member

Mr. Tunis shared that John Reibold has been recommended as the North Judson-Wayne Township Public Library Board Member.

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to appoint John Reibold as the North Judson Wayne Township Public Library Board Member as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0

Approval of 2025-2026 School Calendar

Dr. Shepherd shared the 2025-2026 School Calendar is similar to this year's calendar with the students first day of school being August 6, 2025, and the last day of school being May 21, 2026.

Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Approval to Cancel Outdated Checks

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve of Cancelling Outdated Checks as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Bus Purchase

Mr. Tunis recommended purchasing two 14-passenger MPV buses, a 48 passenger special needs bus, and 2 big yellow buses from Mid-West Transit.

Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to approve the Bus Purchase as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; the motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Monetary Donations

Mr. Tunis presented a donation from Good Oil Company in the amount of \$2,135.09 for Middle School Cheerleading and a donation from Bailey's Discount Center in the amount of \$300.00 for the Middle School. Mrs. Akers made a motion to approve the Monetary Donations as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

NEOLA Policies- Vol. 36, No. 2 – 1st Reading

Dr. Shepherd discussed the technical corrections in NEOLA Policies-Vol. 36, No. 2.

Vocational Update

Dr. Shepherd updated the board on proposed plans for potential facilities to support vocational programs for students seeking alternative graduation pathways leading them into the workforce.

Staffing Update/STEM/Title Director

Dr. Shepherd expressed his enthusiasm for a STEM grant allocated to each school and shared his aspirations for hiring a STEM Teacher and a Title I Director.

Website

Dr. Shepherd discussed plans to improve the school website, making it more user-friendly and up to date.

Lutheran Lunch Accounts

Dr. Shepherd informed the board about a miscommunication with the Lutheran School lunch accounts and confirmed that the issue had been resolved.

Autonomous Rider Scrubber

Mr. Tunis shared his interest in leasing an autonomous rider scrubber to assist with school cleaning, allowing custodians to dedicate more time to classroom cleaning.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Shepherd provided an update on ILearn goals and announced that an NJ-SP School student has received the Lilly Scholarship through Purdue for the second consecutive year.

Old Business

Dr. Shepherd discussed the Graduation rate.

Other

The board scheduled an executive session for February 18, before the regular meeting.

Recognition of Visitors

No one commented.

Adjournment

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 P.M. Mr. James seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0.

Board of Finance (Immediately following)

The Board of Finance meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by Board President Doug Wilde.

Mr. Shepherd requested the board to re-elect Doug Wilde as President of the Board of Finance. Mr. Stalbaum made the motion to elect Doug Wilde as President of the Board of Finance. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Wilde requested the board elect Sheila Akers as Secretary of the Board of Finance. Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made the motion to elect Sheila Akers as Secretary of the Board of Finance. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion, motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Wilde recommended The First National Bank of Monterey as the 2024 depository for NJ-SP School Corporation. Mrs. Akers made the motion to continue with The First National Bank of Monterey as the 2025 depository for NJ-SP School Corporation. Mrs. Kersting-Rudd seconded the motion, motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Wilde recommended approval of the Mileage Reimbursement Rate and Forms as presented. Mr. Stalbaum made the motion to approve the Mileage Reimbursement Rate and Forms. Mr. James seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Tunis and Mr. Shepherd presented the School Finance Condition Report to the Board. Mrs. Akers made the motion to approve the School Finance Condition Report as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion, motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Kersting-Rudd made a motion to adjourn the Board of Finance Meeting at 7:50 P.M. Mr. James seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0.

Doug Wilde, President

Cameron Stalbaum, Vice President

Sandra Kersting- Rudd, Secretary

Sheila Akers, Member

Everett James, Member