

North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Central Office Board Room
Tuesday, November 18, 2025

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Session on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. in the Central Office Board Room. Board President Doug Wilde called the Regular Session to order at 6:00 P.M. The Board members present were President Doug Wilde, Vice President Cameron Stalbaum, Secretary Sheila Akers, members Everett James and R. David Mac Killop. Others present were Superintendent M. Kelly Shepherd and Business Manager/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.

Consent Items

Mrs. Akers made a motion to approve the October 21, 2025, Minutes of a Regular Session as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Mr. Mac Killop made a motion to approve the November 7, 2025, Minutes of a Public Hearing as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0. Mr. Mac Killop made a motion to approve the November 11, 2025, Minutes of a Public Hearing as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0. Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Mrs. Akers made a motion to approve the financial reports and claims as presented. Mr. Mac Killop seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Approved personnel:

NAME	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION
Linda Ochwat	Full Time Bus Aide	Recommended to Hire
Katelyn Montgomery	Substitute Teacher	Recommended to Hire
Jesica Metzger	Substitute Teacher	Recommended to Hire
Maggie Hochstedler	Substitute Teacher	Recommended to Hire
Vanessa Crase	Title I Paraprofessional	Recommended to Hire
ECA POSITIONS		
Caston Sanchez	Volunteer High School Boys Assistant Basketball Coach	Recommended to Volunteer
Megan Krzyzanowski	Volunteer High School Girls Basketball Coach	Recommended to Volunteer
Anthony Madsen	Volunteer Middle School Boys Basketball Coach	Recommended to Volunteer
Timothy Holbrook	Volunteer Middle School Boys Basketball Coach	Recommended to Volunteer
Graham Max	Volunteer Middle School Boys Basketball Coach	Recommended to Volunteer
Justin Miller	Volunteer Middle School Boys Basketball Coach	Recommended to Volunteer
Joshua Poort	Volunteer Middle School Boys Basketball Coach	Recommended to Volunteer
John Boyd	Volunteer Middle School Boys Basketball Coach	Recommended to Volunteer
Chad Zimmerman	7 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Recommended to Hire
Scotty Elsea	Varsity Girls Head Tennis Coach	Recommended to Hire
Jon Harris	Middle School Head Wrestling Coach	Resignation

Approval of Monetary Donations

Mr. Tunis presented Monetary Donations from the Whitenack Family in the amount of \$3000.00 to be donated to Girls Cross Country and Track, Pulaski County Council donated \$5000.00 from Solar Funds, Kim Cook donated \$200.00 to the Middle School Student Council, Northern Indiana Community Foundation donated \$600.00 from the Hardesty Memorial Endowment Fund to go to the Veterans' Day Program, and the Scutchfield Family donated \$100.00 to the Robotics Program.

Mr. James made a motion to approve of the Monetary Donations as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Masonry/Alternative Building

Dr. Shepherd provided an update to ensure all members were informed and aligned regarding the Masonry/Alternative building projects. Mr. Stalbaum reported on his recent conversation with Don Duncan and emphasized the need to complete the project plans in order to obtain pricing for the Masonry/Alternative Building and determine the overall cost.

Dr. Shepherd noted that each of the four potential bidders met for approximately one hour and presented their standard model proposals. Mr. James expressed his concerns related to the process.

Dr. Shepherd also reviewed the project timeline: completion of drawings is anticipated by Thanksgiving, bid documents will be prepared during the first week of December, and bids are expected to be opened before Christmas. Final pricing is expected no later than January.

Science Labs/Classroom Renovation

Dr. Shepherd reported that a pre-bid meeting will be held tomorrow for prospective bidders to tour and review the science labs. Bid openings are scheduled for December 11, with Lancer overseeing the process. Recommendations will be presented to the Board at the December 16 meeting. Dr. Shepherd also suggested scheduling a work session to review and discuss the project plans.

NEOLA Policies-First Reading

Dr. Shepherd shared that this is our first reading of NEOLA Policies. Three policy batches have been received. He reported that he met with our NEOLA representative earlier this month, most changes involve minor wording adjustments. Board members are asked to review the materials and submit any questions to Dr. Shepherd prior to the next meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Shepherd reported several upcoming dates:

- November 26th –28th – Thanksgiving Break
- December 22nd –January 2nd – Christmas/Winter Break
- December 16th – Regular School Board Meeting
- January 5th – Teachers return
- January 6th – Students return

He also highlighted upcoming events:

- November 22nd – Home Robotics Competition, with over 40 teams registered; event runs from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with concessions available.
- December 5th and 6th – Madrigal performance at St. Peter Lutheran School.
- December 6th – PTO Santa Shoppe from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room.

Vocational updates were provided. Dr. Shepherd spent two days in Plymouth participating in the Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment, which is conducted every two years to review student demographics, emerging workforce trends, and program needs that guide the allocation of Perkins funding. Discussion topics included potential additions such as electrical pathways, a CDL add-on to building trades, and the emergence of AI programs that could be offered remotely as shared coursework. Enrollment in vocational classes continues to increase.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Other

Mr. Wilde reported that he attended the town board meeting the previous evening. The town plans to install an illuminated sign along the highway with matching stonework around the pillars and inquired whether this is a project the Masonry class could undertake in the spring. It was noted that contact should be made with Mr. Hoffman regarding the project.

Mr. Gappa added that during the recent Vocational CTE Fair at Knox, Mr. Hoffman and his 8th and 10th grade students staffed a booth showcasing the work of the Masonry program.

It was further noted that a work session will be scheduled for the end of January.

Recognition of Visitors

No one spoke.

Adjournment

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Doug Wilde, President

Cameron Stalbaum, Vice President

Sheila Akers, Secretary

Everett James, Member

R. David Mac Killop, Member