

North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Central Office Board Room
Tuesday, December 16, 2025

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Session on Tuesday, December 16, 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, and member R. David Mac Killop. Member Everett James was absent. 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 November 18, 2025, Minutes of a Regular Session as presented. Mr. Mac Killop seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Mr. Mac Killop made a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the financial reports and claims as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Approved personnel:

NAME	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION
Ashley Prater	Kindergarten Teacher	Recommended to Hire
Kara Kasten	Kindergarten Teacher	Resignation
Samantha Short	Substitute Teacher	Resignation
Brandi Thompson	Substitute Teacher	Released
Andrew Wilcox	Substitute Bus Driver	Released
ECA POSITIONS		
Kelsie Purcell	Volunteer Middle School Boys Basketball Coach	Recommended to Volunteer
Kolton Linback	Volunteer Middle School Boys Basketball Coach	Recommended to Volunteer
Julia Miller	Volunteer Middle School Boys Basketball Coach	Recommended to Volunteer
Caroline Brown	Middle School Head Softball Coach	Recommended to Hire
Jami Schatte	Middle School Assistant Softball Coach	Recommended to Transfer
Larry (Jesiah) Clemons	Middle School Head Wrestling Coach	Recommended to Transfer

Approval of NEOLA Policies

Dr. Shepherd reported that three sets of policies were presented for first reading in November. As there were no further questions, approval of the NEOLA policies was requested.

Mr. Mac Killop made a motion to approve of the NEOLA Policies as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Interest Earned Resolution

Mr. Tunis explained that this is an annual resolution approving the Business Manager to receipt interest earned into the Operations Fund.

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve of Interest Earned Resolution as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer to Pay Claims and Make Transfers

Mr. Tunis shared an additional year-end resolution authorizing him to balance the books and complete end-of-year financial transactions.

Mr. Mac Killop made a motion to approve of the Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer to Pay Claims and Make Transfers as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Monetary Donations

Mr. Tunis asked for approval of monetary donations, including a \$419.48 donation from Starke County Co-op to the FFA program; a \$100 donation from The Scutchfields' R & L Elephant Ears to the Robotics Department; contributions totaling \$610 from eleven donors to the Lady Jays Athletic Department in memory of Cleda Trusty Childers; and a \$5,000 donation from an anonymous donor to the Robotics Department in support of Mr. Clifford and the program. Mr. Stalbaum commended the Robotics Team for the excellent work they are doing. Mrs. Akers made a motion to approve of the Monetary Donations as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Science Labs Bid

Mr. Tunis updated the Board that on Thursday he and Mr. Radtke met with Lancer and six bidders to open and review all submitted bids. Larson-Danielson submitted the lowest overall bid in the amount of \$941,380.

Alternate bids were discussed, and the administration recommended awarding the project to Larson-Danielson. All parties were in agreement. Additional potential projects were also discussed.

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve of Science Labs Bid as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Overnight Field Trip

Dr. Shepherd requested Board approval for an overnight field trip for the boys' basketball team and cheerleaders to attend the holiday tournament on January 2, 2026.

Mr. Mac Killop made a motion to approve of Overnight Field Trip as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

2026-2027 School Calendar-First Draft

Dr. Shepherd discussed the first draft of the 2026–2027 School Calendar and reviewed key dates with the Board. Members were encouraged to review the calendar and suggest any necessary changes prior to approval at next month's meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Shepherd shared comments from Mr. Clifford regarding the continued success of the Robotics program. He reported that the school hosted a robotics tournament with 40 teams in attendance. The team entered the finals in second place, then formed an alliance with the first-place team and won the tournament. As a result, the team has joined a league and now travels weekly to Caston for league competition. The program is currently participating in the HNAC tournament for elementary and middle school teams. Additionally, the Drone Team competed at Ben Davis, where they won the tournament championship and earned a spot in the Top 10 State and Canada Regional competition.

Dr. Shepherd and Mrs. Akers commented on the Band and Choir concert held on Sunday, noting it was very well attended and highly impressive.

Dr. Shepherd also reported that the Santa Workshop at the elementary school was a great success. Additionally, he updated the Board on the Superintendent's Professional Development through the Butler School of Business, noting that four sessions have been completed with two remaining, and described the experience as very positive.

Old Business

Mr. Stalbaum inquired about the progress of SEEDs. Mrs. Akers reported that the program has a new director this year and that operations appear to be going well. They discussed upcoming funding changes from the state and expect to have more information following a January meeting. Dr. Shepherd provided an update on the Masonry program, noting that students should be able to help with work in the Spring as previously discussed. Responses from Eastern Pulaski and South Central schools regarding participation in the Masonry Trade program for the upcoming Fall have been favorable.

Other

There was no other business.

Recognition of Visitors

No one spoke.

Adjournment

Mrs. Akers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 P.M. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Doug Wilde, President

Cameron Stalbaum, Vice President

Sheila Akers, Secretary

ABSENT

Everett James, Member

R. David Mac Killop, Member