

North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Central Office Board Room
Tuesday, March 17, 2026

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Session on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 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, Secretary Sheila Akers, member Everett James and member David Mac Killop. Vice President Cameron Stalbaum was absent. 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.

Consent Items

Mrs. Akers made a motion to approve the Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting from February 17, 2026, as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Mr. Mac Killop made a motion to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0. Mr. James 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
ECA POSITIONS		
Shane Lindeman	Bus Driver	Recommended to Hire
Jennifer Deem	Part-time Night Custodian	Recommended to Hire
Melanie Gardner	Director of Media Services	Retirement
Isabela Bohannon	Custodian	Resignation
Ariana Miller	Substitute Teacher	Resignation
Lauren White	High School Instructional Aide	Resignation
Courtney Byrd	Middle School Boys Track Coach	Recommended to Hire
Kylee Windbigler	Assistant Softball Coach	Recommended to Hire
Jennifer Koch	Color Guard Sponsor	Recommended to Hire
David Rossa	High School Cross Country Coach	Resignation

Approval of Bus Purchase

Mr. Tunis requested Board approval to purchase a new 14-passenger yellow MPV with lift from Midwest Transit in the amount of \$133,549. He noted that yellow MPVs permit drivers to stop on highways, whereas white MPVs do not. The purchase will include the trade-in of one bus.

Mrs. Akers made a motion to approve the Bus Purchase as presented. Mr. Mac Killop seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0

Approval of New Apple Lease

Mr. Tunis asked the Board to approve of a new Apple lease agreement. He explained that the term will be reduced from four years to two years, resulting in cost savings. The lease will include Apple Neo laptops and iPads. The laptops will be issued to high school students, who will retain them for the duration of their four years in high school.

Mr. Mac Killop made a motion to approve the New Apple Lease as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0

Approval of the Resolution for the Transfer of Real Property

Following discussion of concerns regarding the Resolution for the Transfer of Real Property related to the Town Sidewalk Project, the Board voted to table the item in order to obtain additional information addressing the concerns raised.

Mrs. Akers made a motion to table the approval of the Resolution for the Transfer of Real Property as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Proposed 2027 Band Trip

Dr. Shepherd informed the Board of a proposed request from the Band Department for an overnight band trip to Cleveland, scheduled for April 22–24, 2027. The trip would include sightseeing in Cleveland, as well as visits to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the House of Blues Cleveland.

Mr. James made a motion to approve the Proposed 2027 Band Trip as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Monetary Donation

Mr. Tunis presented a Monetary Donation from Good Oil Company in the amount of \$680.88 to go to the Athletic Department.

Mr. Mac Killop made a motion to approve the Monetary Donations as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Student Activity Center

Dr. Shepherd discussed proposed concepts for a Student Activity Center to include a weight room and additional student activities, which could potentially free up two classrooms for use by the Robotics program. Following discussion, the Board agreed to further explore the proposal and investigate the most efficient path forward before taking any action.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Shepherd shared that Mr. Tunis wished to inform the Board about an Industrial Arts promotional video. Mr. Tunis shared a video that high school student Orrin Ball, who produces videos for the athletic department, has created highlighting the new and existing programs at NJ-SP High School, including Robotics, Masonry, Engineering and Design Modeling, Agriculture, Shop (welding and wood turning), as well as Carpentry and Construction.

Dr. Shepherd reported that Spring Break will be held March 23–27. He also provided an update that SCILL, the third-party provider, will be concluding its involvement. Knox High School will assume responsibility for the Auto Tech Program which will continue to operate in the same facility as a shared CTE program.

Dr. Shepherd requested that the May Board meeting be rescheduled to May 12, 2026, due to his commitment to serve as the keynote speaker at the SCILL Graduation.

He further updated the Board on SEEDs Preschool, noting that due to a significant loss of funding, the preschool program will continue operations through the remainder of the year while plans are developed for its future.

In his final report, Dr. Shepherd shared that the Robotics Team advanced to the State Finals and commended the students on this achievement in their inaugural year.

Old Business

Mr. Wilde discussed the need for improved lighting in the Central Office parking lot and requested that the Board explore implementing BoardDocs as the platform for distributing board packet information.

Other

There was no Other Business.

Recognition of Visitors

No one commented.

Adjournment

Mrs. Akers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 P.M. Mr. Mac Killop seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0.

_____	Doug Wilde, President
_____	ABSENT
_____	Cameron Stalbaum, Vice President
_____	Sheila Akers, Secretary
_____	Everett James, Member
_____	David Mac Killop, Member