

North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Central Office Board Room
Tuesday, April 21, 2026

The North Judson-San Pierre Board of School Trustees met for a Regular Session on Tuesday, April 21, 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, President Cameron Stalbaum, Secretary Sheila Akers and member Everett James. Member David Mac Killop 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 March 17, 2026, as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Mr. Stalbaum 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
Daniel Hamilton	MPV Bus Driver	Recommended to Hire
Emily Tackett	High School Instructional Aide	Recommended to Hire
Whitney Combs	Substitute Teacher	Recommended to Hire
Cynthia Anderson	Substitute Teacher	Recommended to Hire
Sheila Harrington	Substitute Teacher	Recommended to Hire
Precious Sturgell	Part-time Night-time Custodian	Recommended to Hire
Tamara Howsare	Part-time Night-time Custodian	Recommended to Hire
Dayna Holland	Substitute Teacher	Resignation
Leslie Zank	MPV Bus Driver, Substitute and Custodian	Resignation
Kayla Johnson	Custodian	Resignation

NAME	POSITION	RECOMMENDATION
ECA POSITIONS		
Kylene Lambert	Co-ed Varsity Cross Country Head Coach	Recommended to Hire

Approval of Wellness Plan

Dr. Shepherd shared that he made updates to the Wellness plan and asked the board for approval. Mrs. Akers made a motion to approve the Wellness Plan as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0

Approval of Diligent Board Management

Dr. Shepherd and Mr. Tunis reported that Carly Durham researched the Diligent Board Program as requested and provided them with information regarding its functionality. They discussed questions board members had about how the program works and asked the board for approval.

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve Diligent Board Management as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0

Approval of the Resolution for the Transfer of Real Property

Mr. Tunis updated the board that he spoke with Joe Leszek regarding the town sidewalk project and discussed legal descriptions, liability, and maintenance.

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

Approval of Open Swim Proposal

Dr. Shepherd presented Mary Ann Dudka-Milo's Open Swim Proposal and asked for the Board's approval.

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the Open Swim Proposal as presented. Mrs. James seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Monetary Donation

Mr. Tunis presented the following Monetary Donations: \$693.15 from Good to Go Oil designated for the Baseball Team; \$2,000.00 from the Northern Indiana Community Foundation's Starke County Community Fund to support the Family Fun Bike Run; \$2,000.00 from Community Wide Federal Credit Union to be directed to the NJ-SP Lady Jays Basketball Team; and \$1, 683.16 from the Cheryl Lyn Welter Family Charitable Foundation to be distributed among four teachers who applied for classroom support.

Mr. James made a motion to approve the Monetary Donations as presented. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Approval of May Board Meeting Date Change

Dr. Shepherd requested that the May Board Meeting be rescheduled from May 19 to May 12, as he was invited by Linda Lewandowski to serve as the guest speaker at the SCILL Graduation Ceremony.

Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the May Board Meeting Date Change as presented. Mrs. Akers seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

Student Activity Center

Dr. Shepherd discussed his phone conversation with Don Duncan regarding the Student Activity Center and following a conference call with him, Mr. Tunis and Nick Radtke they just do not see moving forward with this project at this time.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Shepherd shared that the High School Robotics Team was invited to the World Championship competition. The Hicks Study from Ball State reported that we have a slight amount of value added and it is growing, putting our School in the top ten category. Starke Tank will be held again this year in our auditorium on Saturday at 5:00 P.M. as well as a BMX Bike Event at our Elementary School. Eighth Graders will be touring Purdue Northwest and Ivy Tech on Friday. The Fourth-Grade field trip to Biztown in Elkhart will be May 5 for Junior Achievement. Elementary Field Day will be May 15. Academic Super Bowl Area Competition will be April 21 at LaPorte High School. HNAC Math Competition will be on April 22 at Argos High School. Culver

Construction Trades Luncheon will be April 27 at The Depot. Prom will be on May 2 at Sandy Pines, with 90 students attending. The National Honor Society Dinner will be on May 6 at NJ-SP High School Cafeteria, and Academic Super Bowl Finals will be May 9 at Purdue University.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Other

Dr. Shepherd reported that 4-6 students from Culver are expected to participate in our Masonry Program. He noted that our Masonry class's first project, the baseball dugouts at Culver, has been completed, and discussions are underway to determine whether the town is prepared for them to proceed with a new sign project.

Mr. Stalbaum added that the Mint Festival Committee has inquired about offering helicopter rides during the festival and requested the use of school grassy areas or a parking lot for the vendor's operations.

Mr. Wilde inquired about the light in the Central Office parking lot, which has since been replaced. The Board requested an Executive Session to be held on May 12 at 5:30 P.M.

Recognition of Visitors

No one commented.

Adjournment

Mrs. Akers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 P.M. Mr. Stalbaum seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0.

_____ Doug Wilde, President

_____ Cameron Stalbaum, Vice President

_____ Sheila Akers, Secretary

_____ Everett James, Member

ABSENT

_____ David Mac Killop, Member