

Board Work Session
Monday, April 14, 2025 6:00 PM Eastern

Conference Room of the Administration
Building
1400 South Dearing Road
Parma, MI 49269

Kacy Cooper: Present
Gale Easton: Present
Blaine Goodrich: Present
Jason Herrington: Absent
Brent Oliver: Present
Dr. John Sheets: Present
Taryn Watterson: Present
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

A. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by President John Sheets at 6:05pm.

B. Hearing of Citizens:

Public comment was given by Jay Horsfall and Darren Taylor.

C. Committee of the Whole:

C.1. Finance

C.1.a. Financial Reports

C.1.b. Check Register

Clarifying discussion was help on a few check register payments.

C.1.c. Budgets to Date

C.1.d. 2025-2026 Budget Discussion

Finance Director, Amber Moore, provided an update on the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2026, including the possible increases and reductions to per pupil foundation allowance. The budget hearing is scheduled for May 19, 2025, during which the 2025 L-4029 and millage rates will be discussed.

C.1.e. Call for Public Budget Hearing

Formal action to call for a budget hearing on May 19, 2025 will take place at the regular board meeting on April 28, 2025.

C.1.f. JCISD Budget Proposal

The JCISD budget will be presented to the County School Board Association at their board meeting on May 10, 2025. Local district approval or rejection will be required by June 1, 2025.

C.2. Facilities

Mike Bullinger, Tony Clark and Steele Fortress (R.W. Mercer) provided updates on the the elementary construction project. The kindergarten and first grade hallways are being finalized.

Roofing should be completed by the end of the week, and work continues on windows, brick veneer and plumbing. They are awaiting approval from EGLE regarding the retention ponds, and further work is ongoing for bulletin #12 pricing.

C.2.a. Bulletin #12 (revised)

C.2.b. WSD Monthly Progress Report #13

Amber Moore provided an updated budget for the construction project.

C.2.c. Playground Bid/Quote

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the playground bid/quote as presented. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Gale Easton, Passed.

Jason Herrington: Absent, Kacy Cooper: Yea, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea, Taryn Watterson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C.2.d. Technology Bid (partial)

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the technology bid as presented. This motion, made by Brent Oliver and seconded by Kacy Cooper, Passed.

Jason Herrington: Absent, Kacy Cooper: Yea, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea, Taryn Watterson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C.2.e. Parma Village Agreement (Groner Park & Utility Bill)

An agreement was reached with the Village of Parma regarding the acquisition of Groner Park. Action will be taken at a future board meeting regarding this agreement.

C.2.f. Technology Migration Update

Technology Director, David Hood, provided updates about the migration from the JCISD technology consortium to AllCovered. Some equipment has been installed, while others will be in the near future. Some minor service interruptions are expected as we near the July 1st transition date, and the June 23rd board meeting may be moved to accommodate this possibility. Overall, the JCISD technology team has been helpful, and our administration is happy with the customer service that AllCovered has provided.

C.3. Personnel

C.3.a. Resignations

C.3.a.1) Becky Good- MS Cross Country

C.3.a.2) Clara Walt- MS Volleyball

C.3.b. Appointments

C.3.b.1) Amber Brown- Substitute Bus Driver

C.3.b.2) Kelly Baker- Playground Paraprofessional

C.3.b.3) Carey Baumgardner- Middle School Art Teacher

C.3.c. Leave of Absence

C.3.c.1) Valerie Ferency

C.4. Curriculum

C.5. Policy

C.5.a. ESTA Policy Reading (First Reading)

Amber Moore discussed the Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA) policy, and this will be added to the agenda on April 28, 2025 for a second reading and approval.

D. Other Business:

D.1. JCISD Biennial Election

D.2. Trips

D.2.a. Girls Basketball- June 12-14- Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids

D.3. 2025-2026 Calendar

Ongoing discussions are taking place regarding the 2025-2026 calendar. A district-wide professional development advisory committee will meet on Monday, April 21, 2025. Strategies are being evaluated to ensure a smooth transition for students and staff to the new Western Elementary. It is likely the district will seek to utilize professional development as instruction time for next school on a non-precedent basis, and the goal is to present a recommendation to the board at the next meeting on April 28, 2025.

Western High School graduation is Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 7:00pm.

E. Closed Session:

None.

F. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.