

❖ MINUTES ❖

Regular Board of Education Meeting
CARL JUNCTION R-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT
5:45 p.m. - Board Dinner
6:15 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting
Instructional Service Center - Board Room
>>>Board Roll-Call<<<

H = Here A = Absent P = Partial

H - LARRY COWGER	H - KASEY COWGER
H - MELINDA BROWN	H - BRIAN MASSEY
A - TRAVIS SPENCER	H - ROBERT HAYS
A - DR. ROB HERRON	

I. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- A. Larry Cowger called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. There were 5 members present. Dr. Pyle, Dr. Wilson, Mr. Williams and Jennifer Kennedy, board secretary, were present.
- B. Motion by Kasey Cowger to excuse Travis Spencer. Motion seconded by Robert Hays and carried 5-0.
- C. Motion by Robert Hays to approve the Board agenda. Motion seconded by Melinda Brown and carried 5-0.
- D. Pledge of Allegiance
- E. Reading of Mission Statement

II. STUDENT RECOGNITION - Wrestling State Qualifiers and Placers

III. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- A. Motion by Robert Hays to approve the April 7, 2026 Carl Junction School Board election results. Motion seconded by Brian Massey and carried 5-0.

Board of Education Reorganization

IV. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Travis Spencer was unable to attend the meeting. Was sworn in at the Superintendent's office by Jennifer Kennedy, Board Secretary on 4/20/2026

V. REORGANIZATION

- A. Superintendent serves as Temporary Chairman
- B. Dr. Pyle calls for nominations for board president. Robert Hays nominates Larry Cowger for the Board President. Melinda Brown seconds the nomination. Brian Massey makes a motion to cease nominations. Kasey Cowger seconds the motion. Larry Cowger is confirmed by a vote of 4 "yes", 0 "no", and 1 "abstain".
- C. Larry Cowger calls for nominations for vice president. Larry Cowger nominates Travis Spencer. Brian Massey seconds the nomination. Robert Hays motions to cease nominations. Melinda Brown seconds the motion. Travis Spence is confirmed by a vote of 5 "yes" and 0 "no".

- D. Larry Cowger calls for nominations for Missouri School Board Association delegate. Kasey Cowger nominates Melinda Brown. Motion is seconded by Robert Hays. Brian Massey motions to cease nominations. Motion seconded by Larry Cowger. Melinda Brown is confirmed by a vote of 5 “yes” and 0 “no”.
- E. Larry Cowger calls for nominations for Missouri School Board Association alternate delegate. Motion by Larry Cowger to nominate Robert Hays. Motion seconded by Brian Massey. Kasey Cowger motions to cease nominations. Melinda Brown seconds the motion. Robert Hays is confirmed by a vote of 5 “yes” and 0 “no”.
- F. Larry Cowger calls for nominations for Carl Junction Educational Foundation Board representative. Robert Hays nominates Travis Spencer. Brian Massey seconds the motion. Melinda Brown motions to cease nominations. Motion seconded by Kasey Cowger. Travis Spencer is confirmed as Carl Junction Educational Foundation Board representative.
- G. Larry Cowger motions to appoint Jennifer Kennedy as Secretary to the Board. Brian Massey seconds the appointment. Jennifer Kennedy is appointed as Secretary to the Board by a vote of 5 “yes” and 0 “no”.
- H. Robert Hays motions to appoint Robin Grosse as Treasurer of the Board. Brian Massey seconds the appointment. Robin Grosse is appointed as Treasurer of the Board by a vote of 5 “yes” and 0 “no”.

VI. CALL TO ORDER OF NEW BOARD

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 23, 2026
- B. Approve General Ledger for April 2026
- C. Approve Payment of Bills

Motion by Kasey Cowger to approve consent agenda. Motion seconded by Robert Hays and carried 5-0.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE - Thank you note from Les Rinehart.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Positive Comments - JROTC students help clean up the cemetery on Peace Church Rd, cemetery looks great. JROTC will be presenting colors at a Royals game.
- B. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
 - 1. Professional Growth and Learning
- C. Assistant Superintendent for Operations
 - 1. Safety Report
 - 2. Facilities
- D. Superintendent
 - 1. MSBA Report
 - 2. Legislative Report
 - 3. Finance Report
 - 4. May and June Work Sessions

X. BUSINESS

- A. Motion by Robert Hays to approve Southwest Missouri Bank bid as presented. Motion seconded by Brian Massey and carried 4-0-1.

- B. Motion by Kasey Cowger to approve elementary campus and athletic complex law service bid as presented. Motion seconded by Melinda Brown and carried 5-0.

XI. CLOSED SESSION For the Purpose of Discussion of Legal and Personnel Matters per Section 610.021, Par. 1 & 3

Motion by Larry Cowger to go into closed session for the purpose of discussion of legal and personnel matters per Section 610.021, Par. 1 & 3. Motion carried by roll call vote of 5-0: Mr. Larry Cowger – Yea; Mr. Kasey Cowger – Yea; Ms. Melinda Brown – Yea; Mr. Travis Spencer – Absent; Dr. Rob Herron – Absent; Mr. Brian Massey - Yea; Mr. Robert Hays – Yea.

Motion by Larry Cowger to return to open session. Motion seconded by Robert Hays and carried by roll call vote of 5-0: Mr. Larry Cowger – Yea; Mr. Kasey Cowger – Yea; Ms. Melinda Brown – Yea; Mr. Travis Spencer – Absent; Dr. Rob Herron – Absent; Mr. Brian Massey - Yea; Mr. Robert Hays – Yea

Motion by Larry Cowger to excuse Dr. Rob Herron. Motion seconded by Kasey Cowger and carried 5-0.

XII.ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Larry Cowger to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. Motion was seconded by Melinda Brown and carried 5-0.

Larry Cowger, President

Jennifer Kennedy, Secretary to the Board of Education