

Villisca Community School  
Special Session – Joint Board Meeting with Corning CSD  
April 16, 2026

President Jason Poston called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the board room at Southwest Valley High School. Directors answering roll call were Gray, Shipley, Williams, Mullen, and Poston. Also present was Secretary Forsythe.

Corning Board of Directors:  
Stephanie Hodapp (via virtual)  
Howard Anderson  
Staci Venteicher (via phone until 5:13 then in person)  
Trent Roberts  
Adam Boswell

Also present was:  
Jodi Lyddon, Corning Board Secretary

MOTION by Shipley, second by Mullen to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Also present were Michael Volk and Bob Olson with EDWise search firm.

MOTION by Shipley, second by Mullen to enter into Closed Session for superintendent interviews per – Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) and 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when a closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual requests a closed session. The board entered at 5:10 p.m. Following a roll call vote the motion was approved unanimously.

The boards returned to open session at 6:08 p.m.

Also present were Josh Culberson and Paul Tedesco with EDWise search firm.

MOTION by Gray, second by Williams to enter into Closed Session for superintendent interviews per – Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) and 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when a closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual requests a closed session. The board entered at 6:12 p.m. Following a roll call vote the motion was approved unanimously.

The boards returned to open session at 7:16 p.m.

Also present were Paul Tedesco and Bob Olson with EDWise search firm.

MOTION by Mullen, second by Gray to enter into Closed Session to discuss superintendent finalist candidates per – Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) and 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when a closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual requests a closed session. The board entered at 7:17 p.m. Following a roll call vote the motion was approved unanimously.

The boards returned to open session at 9:09 p.m.

After reviewing all committee members' input and considering the Southwest Valley Board Members' interviews with each candidate, the Boards decided by consensus to continue searching for a new superintendent.

MOTION by Williams second by Mullen to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Forsythe  
Board Secretary

Jason Poston  
President