

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 24, 2025**

The Jefferson Township Local School District Board of Education met for a Regular meeting on Monday, February 24, 2025 at the Administration Office, 2625 South Union Road, Dayton, OH. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

President Shaunece Gillespie requested all present stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Ms. Patricia Babetto, present; Ms. Michelle Cooper, present; Rev. Cuttino Dargan, present; Ms. Shaunece Gillespie, present; Ms. Renee McDaniel, present. Five members present.

Superintendent Rusty Clifford, Ph.D. and Treasurer/CFO Craig A. Jones were also in attendance.

(Resolution #25.029) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The adoption of the February 24, 2025 agenda was moved by Rev. Dargan and seconded by Ms. Babetto.

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Rev. Dargan, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

(Resolution #25.030) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the January 28, 2025 Special meeting minutes was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Ms. McDaniel.

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Rev. Dargan, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

(Resolution #25.031) EXECUTIVE SESSION ORC 121.22(G)(1)

At 6:02 pm, Ms. McDaniel moved and Ms. Babetto seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session, in accordance with ORC section 121.22(G)(1), to discuss the employment, dismissal, discipline and compensation of a public employee.

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Rev. Dargan, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

At 6:28 pm the board reconvened the regular session.

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(Resolution #25.032) BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Rev. Dargan moved and Ms. Cooper seconded the motion to approve the following resolution:

“Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, in accordance with Policy 0147, Compensation, the compensation and expense reimbursements as follows.”

<u>Name</u>	<u>Training</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Compensation Expenses</u>	
Babetto, Patricia	ESC Board Institute	02/01/2025	\$125	\$ 9.66
Cooper, Michelle	ESC Board Institute	02/01/2025	\$125	\$14.84
McDaniel, Renee	ESC Board Institute	02/01/2025	\$125	\$ 9.80
Cooper, Michelle	Annual BAC	02/19/2025	\$125	\$13.16

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Rev. Dargan, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

(Resolution #25.033) APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Cooper moved and Ms. McDaniel seconded the motion to approve the following resolution:

“Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the appointment of Dr. Rusty Clifford as Superintendent for the period August 1, 2025 thru July 31, 2026.”

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Rev. Dargan, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

(Resolution #25.034) TREASURER/CFO REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The approval of the following Treasurer/CFO recommendations was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Ms. Babetto:

➤ APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

“Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the January 2025 Financial Reports, as presented.”

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➤ APPROVE 2025-2029 WRITTEN PLAN WORKBOOK AND NARRATIVE

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the 2025-2029 Written Plan Workbook and Narrative."

➤ APPROVE 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the 2025-2029 Five-Year Financial Forecast and accompanying notes and assumptions."

➤ APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYMENT

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the employment of the following administrative staff for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years:"

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Degree/Step</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Cara Haywood	Assistant Treasurer	5	02/24/2025
Cara Haywood	Assistant Treasurer	5	07/01/2025

➤ APPROVE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATION

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the following Then and Now Certifications:"

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>PO #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Premier Health	202679	02/24/2025	\$21,977.69

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Rev. Dargan, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

(Resolution #25.035) APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS*
The approval of the following Superintendent recommendations was moved by Ms. McDaniel and seconded by Rev. Dargan:

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- Approve Administrators, One Year Contract, for the 2024-2025 School Year*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>
Potter, Gilford	Jr./Sr. High Principal	3

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Rev. Dargan, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

(Resolution #25.036) APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS*
The approval of the following Superintendent recommendations was moved by Ms. McDaniel and seconded by Rev. Dargan:

- Approve Substitute Teacher at the Daily Rate of Pay for the 2024-2025 School Year*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kingsolver, Chad	Substitute Teacher	N/A

- Approve Staff Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Cross, Vincent	Custodian	01/31/2025
Caldwell, Chris	Jr./Sr. High Principal	02/24/2025

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Rev. Dargan, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

(Resolution #25.037) APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS*
The approval of the following Superintendent recommendations was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Rev. Dargan:

- Approve Supplemental Contracts for the 2024-2025 School Year*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>
Mitchell, William	Varsity Boys Track	4
Potter, Robert	Varsity Girls Track	1

- Approve the 2025-2026 Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Resolution

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, that the schools under this Board's jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletics programs in accordance with the Constitution,

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Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations, Business Rules, interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director's office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board's jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, By-laws, General/Sport-specific Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executive Director's office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11."

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Rev. Dargan, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ashley Wingo asked for the board's assistance with her kindergarten child at Blairwood.

(Resolution #25.038) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Rev. Dargan and seconded by Ms. Babetto that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Rev. Dargan, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

The President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



President



Treasurer/CFO