

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, June 9, 2025**

The Jefferson Township Local School District Board of Education met for a Regular meeting on Monday, June 9, 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 #25.073) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The adoption of the June 9, 2025 agenda was moved by Rev. Dargan and seconded by Ms. McDaniel.

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

(Resolution #25.074) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

BOARD REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

TREASURER/CFO REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

(Resolution #25.075) TREASURER/CFO REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The approval of the following Treasurer/CFO recommendations was moved by Ms. McDaniel 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 May 2025 Financial Reports, as presented.”

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- Amend Board Policy Revision in Resolution #25.061 from po1430 to po1630.06

"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 Board Policy Revisions, as presented:"

Pol630.06            Administrative Staff Vacation

- 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>
First Student, Inc.	2500035	07/05/2024	\$107,168.87
IGS Energy	2500039	07/05/2024	\$ 3,086.92
Premier Health	2500057	07/08/2024	\$ 3,521.99

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

(Resolution #25.076) APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS\*  
The approval of the following Superintendent recommendations was moved by Ms. McDaniel and seconded by Rev. Dargan:

- Approve Certified Staff Frozen Step Increases in Accordance with Article 29 of the JTEA Master Agreement, for the 2025-2026 School Year\*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Degree/Step</u>
Bennington, Kara	Sixth Grade ELA/Social Studies	MA/10
Delph, Brandi	7-12 Social Studies	MA/26
Hatch, Sharanda	Fourth Grade, Blairwood	BA+150/26
James, Christopher	Title 1, Jr./Sr. High School	MA/16 (50%)
Rutland, Whitlee	Kindergarten Teacher, Blairwood	BA/10
Schindler, Julie	First Grade, Blairwood	BA/13
Smith, Garry	9-12 Science	BA/28
Stepp, Kevin	7-12 ELA	MA+15/30
Washington, Tamika	7-8 ELA/Social Studies	BA/26

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(Resolution #25.077) APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS\*  
The approval of the following Superintendent recommendations was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Ms. Babetto:

- Approve Certified Staff, One Year Contract, for the 2025-2026 School Year\*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Degree/Step</u>
Abt, Madison	Second Grade, Blairwood	BA/1

- Approve Certified Staff, Summer School, for the 2025-2026 School Year\*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Degree/Step</u>
Irby, Christine	Summer School (9 Weeks, 45 Hrs., \$35/Hr.)	NTE \$1,575

- Approve Non-Teaching Staff, One Year Contract, for the 2025-2026 School Year\*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>
Price, Leonard	Custodian, Midday Shift, Blairwood	6

- Approve Substitute Teaching Staff for the 2025-2026 School Year\*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>
Gordon Celeste	Substitute Teacher	N/A
Williams, Sidney	Substitute Teacher	N/A

- Approve Supplemental Contracts for the 2025-2026 School Year\*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>
Murphy, Ronnesha	Varsity Volleyball	1
Smith, Garry	Assistant Varsity Volleyball	0
Potter, Charles	Varsity Football	0
Laurence, Drew	Assistant Varsity Football	0 (50%)
Potter, Robert	Assistant Varsity Football	2 (50%)

- Approve Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Smith, Ashlyn	Second Grade, Blairwood	07/31/2025

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➤ Approve Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Clark, Marcia	Custodian, Blairwood	06/30/2025

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

(Resolution #25.078) SUPERINTENDENT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
The approval of the following Superintendent recommendations was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Ms. Babetto:

➤ Approve Payment in Lieu of Transporting Pupils For the 2024-2025 School Year

<u>Parent Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u># of Children</u>
Nicole Dunham	Dayton Christian	3

➤ Approve Payment in Lieu of Transporting Pupils For the 2025-2026 School Year

<u>Parent Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u># of Children</u>
Karen Lands	Bishop Leibold	1
Carl Schaefer	St. Peter's	2
Shaunece Gillespie	The Greater Dayton School	3
Jenna Greene	Spring Valley Academy	3
Heather Harphant	Chaminade Julienne	1
Heather Harphant	Bishop Leibold	2

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

NOVEMBER 4, 2025 LEVY UPDATE:

Dr. Clifford emphasized the importance of both the school district and the township NOT being on the ballot at the same time in November. Both will likely be unsuccessful. We will be recommending a school district income tax with a reduction in the rate as well as a fixed term.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Jeanette Gibson inquired about the future jobs available in the Agricultural Education fields. LaShonda Gullette inquired about the plans for home football games.

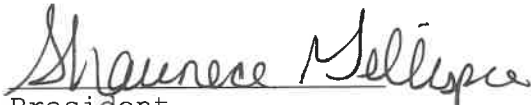
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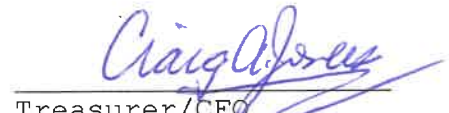
(Resolution #25.079) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Rev. Dargan and seconded by Ms. Cooper 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 6:42 p.m.

  
President

  
Treasurer/CFO