

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 14, 2025

The Jefferson Township Local School Board of Education met for a Regular meeting on Monday, July 14, 2025 at the Administration Office, 2625 South Union Road, Dayton, OH 45417. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Vice President Renee McDaniel 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, absent; Ms. Renee McDaniel, present. Four members present.

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

(Resolution #25.089) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The adoption of the July 14, 2025 agenda was moved by Rev. Dargan and seconded by Ms. Cooper.

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

(Resolution #25.090) APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Cooper moved and Ms. Babetto seconded the approval of 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 minutes for the June 30, 2025 Special meeting."

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

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND RECOMENDATIONS:

(Resolution #25.091) APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSTION OF AN INCOME TAX

Ms. Cooper moved and Ms. Babetto seconded the approval of the following resolution:

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RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH THE
PROPOSITION OF AN INCOME TAX

(Ohio Revised Code Sections 5748.02 and 5748.03)

WHEREAS, the Board at its meeting on June 30, 2025 determined that it is necessary to raise annually additional revenues of at least \$954,364 for the purpose of paying current expenses of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Commissioner of the State of Ohio has estimated and certified the property tax rate and the income tax rate required in order to produce such additional revenues; and

WHEREAS, the income tax rate, rounded to the nearest one-fourth of one percent as required by law, is 1.00% per annum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, Montgomery County, Ohio, a majority of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. It is hereby determined to be necessary to proceed with the proposition of levying an income tax on the earned income of individuals residing in the School District (the "Income Tax"). The Income Tax shall be at the rate of 1.00% per annum, shall be for the purpose of paying current expenses of the School District, shall take effect and begin to be levied on January 1, 2026, and shall be levied for a three (3) year period of time.

Section 2. The income that shall be subject to the Income Tax is the earned income of individuals residing in the school district as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5748.01(E) (1) (b).

Section 3. The question of levying the Income Tax shall be submitted to all of the electors in the entire territory of the School District at the election to be held on November 4, 2025. All of the territory of the School District is located in Montgomery County, Ohio.

Section 4. The form of the ballot to be used at said election shall be as follows:

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Shall an annual income tax of 1.00% on the earned income of individuals residing in the school district be imposed by the Jefferson Township Local School District for a three (3) year period of time, beginning January 1, 2026, for the purpose of paying current expenses of the School District?

	FOR THE TAX
	AGAINST THE TAX

Section 5. The Treasurer of the School District is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Montgomery County, Ohio, not later than August 6, 2025.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Ms. Cooper moved and Ms. Babetto seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

(Resolution #25.092) TREASURER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
The approval of the following Treasurer/CFO recommendations was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Rev. Dargan:

➤ 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 June 2025 Financial Reports, as presented."

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➤ 2025-2026 CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES

"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 2025-2026 Certificated of Estimated Resources."

**Jefferson Township Local School District
FY2026 Total Estimated Resources**

		Amended Total 7/14/2025
001	General Fund	\$10,006,380.47
018	Public School Support	\$2,717.62
019	Other Grants	\$0.00
031	Underground Storage Tank	\$11,000.00
300	District Managed Activity	\$21,528.74
439	Early Childhood Education	\$0.00
451	Public School Connectivity	\$0.00
507	ESSER	\$10,654.91
516	IDEA - Part B Special Education	\$0.00
536	Title I-School Improvement Supp	\$221.20
572	Title I - Disadvantaged Children	\$373,613.84
584	Title IV-A - Student Support and Academic	\$10,462.93
587	IDEA Early Childhood Special Education	\$401.31
590	Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality	\$5,669.33
599	Miscellaneous Federal Funds	\$16,820.12
		\$453,090.00
003	Permanent Improvement	\$164,181.72
006	Food Service	\$293,553.62
007	Trust	\$3,052.86
200	Student Managed Activity	\$2,316.37
		\$5,369.23
	Total All Funds	\$10,922,575.04

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➤ 2025-2026 APPROPRIATIONS

“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 2025-2026 Appropriations.”

**Jefferson Township Local School District
FY2026 Appropriations**

			Amended Total 7/14/2025
001	General Fund		\$8,545,185.00
019	Other Grants		\$0.00
031	Underground Storage Tank		\$11,000.00
300	District Managed Activity		\$15,175.00
439	Early Childhood Education		\$0.00
451	Public School Connectivity		\$0.00
507	ESEER		\$0.00
516	IDEA-B Special Education		\$0.00
536	Title I-School Improvement Supp		\$221.20
572	Title I-Disadvantaged Children		\$373,613.84
584	Title IV-A - Student Support and Academic		\$10,462.93
587	IDEA Early Childhood Special Education		\$401.31
590	Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality		\$5,669.33
599	Title V-B Rural and Low-Income		\$16,820.12
			\$433,363.73
003	Permanent Improvement		\$119,124.80
006	Food Service		\$290,526.44
007	Trust		\$0.00
200	Student Managed Activity		\$1,552.00
			\$1,552.00
	Total All Funds		\$9,389,751.97

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

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

(Resolution #25.093) APPROVE ADDENDUM ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

The approval of the following Superintendent recommendations was moved by Rev. Dargan and seconded by Ms. McDaniel:

- APPROVE ADDENDUM ITEMS TO THE AGENDA
Approve addendum items added to the agenda in accordance with board policy 0165.1 Regular Meetings.

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

(Resolution #25.094) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND 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>
Kim, Richard	9-12 Science	BA/10
Libecap, Michael	9-12 Mathematics	BA/15

- APPROVE SIGNING BONUSES, TO BE PAID QUARTERLY, FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kim, Richard	9-12 Science	\$10,000
Libecap, Michael	9-12 Mathematics	\$ 5,000

- APPROVE NON-TEACHING STAFF, ONE YEAR CONTRACT, FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Step</u>
Price, Leonard	Custodian, Midday Shift at Blairwood	06/10/2025	6

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

(Resolution #25.095) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The approval of the following Superintendent recommendations was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Rev. Dargan:

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➤ APPROVE ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT SUSPENSION FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR*

“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 suspension of the Dean of Students administrative contract of Zequoia Zackary, in view of the best interests of the District, due to financial conditions affecting the District and a reorganization and consolidation of administrative functions within the District. The suspension of contract will be effective thirty calendar days after board approval.”

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

(Resolution #25.096) APPROVE RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS
The approval of the following Superintendent recommendations was moved by Ms. Babetto and seconded by Ms. Cooper:

➤ APPROVE RESIGNATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Smith, Garry	Assistant Varsity Volleyball	07/14/2025

➤ APPROVE RETIREMENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Cooley, Marianna	Paraprofessional, Blairwood	05/23/2025

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

(Resolution #25.097) APPROVE THE 2025-2027 AGREEMENT WITH JEFFERSON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
The approval of the 2025-2027 Agreement with the Jefferson County Educational Service Center, for a period of two (2) years, beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027 was moved by Ms. Cooper and seconded by Ms. Babetto.

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

(Resolution #25.098) SUPERINTENDENT REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS
The approval of the following Superintendent recommendations was moved by Ms. McDaniel and seconded by Rev. Dargan:

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➤ APPROVE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTING PUPILS FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>Parent Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u># of Children</u>
Shawnteona Hagler	Richard Allen	2
Mishi Andrews	Chaminade Julienne	1
Jaime Young	Dayton Christian	1
Laura Berry	West Carrollton	2
Remy Boyd	Chaminade Julienne	1
Rebecca Urzua	Spring Valley	1
Michael Lee	Spring Valley	2
Jenna Greene	Spring Valley	2
Mbulelo Makola	Spring Valley	2
Karen Lands	Bishop Liebold	1
Heather Harphant	Chaminade Julienne	3
LaSonya Brown	Miami Valley School	1

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<u>Parent Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u># of Children</u>
Mbulelo Makola	Spring Valley Academy	2
Laura Berry	West Carrollton	2

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

➤ November 4, 2025 Levy Update

Superintendent Dr. Clifford reported that Jefferson Township will most likely be on the ballot in November. He will also be sharing with all staff at open houses and convocation the urgent need to be active in getting the income tax passed now.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ms. McDaniel read aloud Policy 0169.1 - Public Participation at Board Meetings.

Ms. Gullette inquired about whether the counselor at the Jr./Sr. High will be full time. That school needs more attention.

Ms. Keeton inquired about the College Credit Program and staffing.

Ms. Williams expressed the need for the community to be heard by the board of education and the importance of passing the levy.

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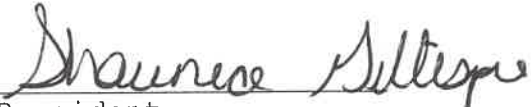
Ms. Black shared her support for the Dean of Students Zackary.

(Resolution #25.099) ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The Treasurer/CFO declared the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



President



Treasurer/CFO