

**JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Jackson High School
October 21, 2025**

The Board of Education of the Jackson Public Schools held a regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on October 21, 2025 at Jackson High School, 544 Wildwood Ave., pursuant to notice duly given.

Present: Shalanda Hunt, Alaina Sharp, Cheryl Simonetti, Marilyn Acton, Derek Dobies, Subba Reddy
Absent: Kesha Hamilton

Approval of Agenda

Motion by D.Dobies, supported by S. Reddy, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent's Report

Nick Webb from Maner Costerisan came to present the audit results. He stated that JPS had a good clean audit this year, no significant deficiencies; JPS has a healthy fund balance. Nick mentioned that compared to many districts JPS has a low millage rate.

Debbie Stair from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) provided a presentation on strategic planning. She outlined the five stages of the strategic planning process, from the initial development phase through to full implementation. If the Board approves moving forward, the process is expected to take approximately four months, with an estimated cost to the district of around \$10,000.

Superintendent Patterson provided an update on the bond efforts for the month of October. Members of the Bond Advocacy Committee have been going door to door and fundraising to maintain community support for the bond. Additionally, community members have been sharing testimonials expressing why they support the bond.

Citizens Requesting to Address the Board

1. William Hastings

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- 25-26-24 Minutes
- 25-26-25 Human Resources
- 25-26-26 Thought Exchange Subscription Renewal
- 25-26-27 Arctic Wolf Renewal

Motion by M.Acton, supported by C. Simonetti, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0 unanimously.

Discussion Items

25-26-28 Bond Extra Duty Contracts

Marcus stated during the 2018 bond, the Board approved extra duty pay for staff members. Similar to that process, once the new bond is approved, additional work will be required related to contractors, negotiations, contracts, and project facilitation. For the 2018 bond, JPS paid approximately \$128,000 in extra duty compensation to employees; if the district had contracted out this work, the estimated cost would have been around \$430,000.

No action required at this time. A recommendation for approval will be on the November agenda for action.

Action Items

25-26-29 2024/25 Audit Report

Marcus discussed an overview of what Nick presented earlier. Marcus recommended the audit report be approved as presented.

Motion by D. Dobies, supported by M. Acton, to receive the 2024/25 audit report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Comments

The Board members were given an opportunity to provide comments.

Calendar

- October 22, 2025 - Bond Livestream/ in-person, JHS Media Center, 6:00 pm
- November 4, 2025 - Vote
- November 18, 2025 - Regular Meeting, JHS Media Center, 6:00 pm

Adjournment

Motion by D. Dobies, supported by M. Acton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Cheryl Simonetti, Secretary