

**JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Jackson High School
November 18, 2025**

The Board of Education of the Jackson Public Schools held a regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on November 18, 2025 at Jackson High School, 544 Wildwood Ave., pursuant to notice duly given.

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Patterson provided an update on the successful passage of the bond on November 4. He thanked the community for their strong support of Jackson Public Schools, noting that approximately 2,400 voters participated at the polls.

Julie Baker reported that we have successfully met the requirements to be released from Partnership District status. She also noted that Jackson High School has been designated as a Targeted Support School for one year.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- 25-26-30 Minutes
- 25-26-31 Human Resources
- 25-26-32 Bond Financial Report, October

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

Citizens Requesting to Address the Board

1. William Hastings

Discussion Items

25-26-33 NEOLA Updates, 1st Reading

No action required at this meeting. A recommendation for adoption will be made at the December meeting.

25-26-34 Energy Project: RFP

No action required at this meeting. A recommendation for adoption will be made at the December meeting.

Action Items

25-26-35 2026 Summer Property Tax Levy Resolution

Marcus stated that we are required each year to vote on when we will collect our taxes for the upcoming 2026 tax year.

Motion by C. Simonetti, supported by D. Dobies, to adopt the 2026 Summer Property Tax Levy Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

25-26-36 Monthly Financial Report, October

Motion by D. Dobies, supported by Subba Reddy, to approve the December 2025 Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

25-26-37 Bond Extra Duty Contracts

Marcus explained that extra duty pay was provided during the 2018 bond cycle and noted that using an owner's representative would add additional costs.

A. Sharp stated that other school districts have utilized owner's representatives and questioned why this option is not being considered. She requested the opportunity to hear from an owner's representative and expressed that the funds used for extra bond duty pay could instead support teachers through additional staffing resources.

D. Dobies expressed support for paying employees extra duty, noting that doing so saves the district money and that staff are familiar with the buildings and operations.

C. Simonetti asked for clarification on what constitutes extra duty pay versus regular pay.

S. Reddy voiced full support for paying district employees for the additional bond-related work.

K. Hamilton shared that she has spoken with other board members who reported using owner's representatives for bond projects, adding that not considering this option could be a disservice to teachers.

M. Acton also expressed concerns, noting that she has received feedback from constituents regarding extra duty pay.

Motion by D.Dobies to table the bond extra duty contracts to the December meeting, support supported S.Reddy.Motion carried 4-2 (No- K.Hamilton and M.Acton)

25-26-38 MASB - Strategic Planning

Motion by D. Dobies, supported by Subba Reddy, to approve the MASB proposal for strategic planning be approved as presented.. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Comments

The Board members were given an opportunity to provide comments.

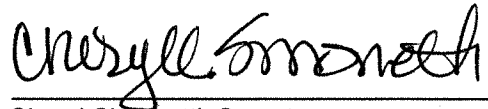
Calendar

- November 26-28, 2025 - Thanksgiving recess, no school
- December 3, 2025 - Board Work Session (Supt Evaluation), JCISD, Room 220, 6:00pm

- December 16, 2025 - Regular Meeting, JHS Media Center, 6:00 pm
- December 22 - January 2, 2026 - Winter Break, no school

Adjournment

Motion by D.Dobies, supported by S.Reddy, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Cheryl Simonetti, Secretary