

MINUTES- JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION- November 18, 2025

- A. The Regular meeting of the Jackson Local School District Board of Education was held, Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 5:00 pm at Strausser Elementary. The following members were present: Goff, Jones, Winkhart, and Wright. Gindlesberger was absent.
- B. President Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. President Lia Jones addressed the Board regarding consent agenda items: Before proceeding with the approval of any consent agenda items, the board members were asked if they would like to remove any items from the consent agenda to discuss separately or to consider for approval separately. Noting none, the meeting continued according to the agenda.

25.167 Moved by Goff, seconded by Wright, to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 Regular meeting, as presented.

Goff, yes; Wright, yes; Winkhart, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.

25.168 Moved by Winkhart, seconded by Goff to accept the October 2025 financial statements, account modifications and appropriation changes, as presented.

	FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT
AMOUNT	BUDGET KEY	BUDGET KEY
\$ 543.60	0011313072035300-511	0011313072035300-640
\$ 4,581.73	0012130000000100-413	0012153000000100-640
\$ 1,420.00	0012240000000960-434	0012240000000960-640
\$ 5,281.50	0012760000000000-423	0012760000000100-640
\$ 30,000.00	0035600000000050-640	0032590000000000-840
\$ 5,000.00	0035200000000000-630	0032760000000030-640
\$ 8,500.00	0035600000000000-620	0035600000000030-573
\$ 25,366.19	0035600000000000-620	0035600000000020-573
\$ 350.00	0189004219000040-510	0189004219000040-410
\$ 172,510.75	0705600000000000-620	0705200000000070-630
\$ 1,673.00	0705600000000000-620	0705600000000090-423
\$ 44,867.00	0705600000000000-620	0705600000000020-423
\$ 27,259.00	0705600000000000-620	0705600000000030-423
ADVANCES		
BACK		
ADVANCES		
IN - end of October		
\$ 575.00	0017410000000000-920	5510000000000510-R5210
\$ 68.27	0017410000000000-920	4990000000000990-R5210
\$ 5,386.96	0017410000000000-920	5240000000000240-R5210
INCREASE/DECREASE		BUDGET KEY-ACCOUNT

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AMOUNT		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
\$ 183,224.34		0012139000000100-640
\$ 50.00		0012310000000310-841
\$ 3,576.26		0012310000000310-439
\$ 20,086.93		0012500000000010-546
\$ 165,000.00		0012960000000000-419
\$ 13,000.00		0014590000000020-413
\$ 550.00		0079093294000030-590
\$ 1.68		0079017219000700-881
\$ 466.83		0119005124000100-590
\$ 2,000.00		0189005219000050-410
\$ 2,000.00		0189006219000060-410
\$ 3,500.00		0220000276000020-490
\$ 1,292.15		2009000411000020-890
\$ 595.66		2009002411700020-891
\$ 594.15		2009004412500020-891
\$ 2,127.41		2009007412800020-891
\$ 10,000.00		2009008413700020-891
\$ 5,000.00		2009009413800020-891
\$ 2,700.00		2009010414100020-891
\$ 14,792.00		2009015432033020-891
\$ (2,500.00)		2009016432023020-891
\$ 25,620.94		2009017433000020-891
\$ 1,901.00		2009019439000020-891
\$ 1,633.00		2009021439017020-891
\$ 2,173.00		2009022439000020-891
\$ 12,407.00		2009026467000020-891
\$ (8,350.00)		2009031276000020-891
\$ 3,175.00		2009033463000020-891
\$ 2,200.00		2009036468000030-891
\$ 1,700.00		2009041413400020-891
\$ 400.00		2009046414102020-891
\$ 1,770.00		2009049411800020-891
\$ (1,955.00)		2009051463000020-891
\$ 30.00		2009061411700020-891
\$ 240.00		2009063431000020-891
\$ 300.00		2009064439017020-891
\$ 350.00		2009065463000020-891
\$ 550.00		2009068414100020-891
\$ 1,500.00		2009084463000020-891
\$ 10,000.00		3009022413900020-510
\$ 50,000.00		3009051413000020-490

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Winkhart, yes; Goff, yes; Wright, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.

- D. Board members reviewed the list of expenditures paid in October 2025, which totaled \$6,986,784.89.
- E. During the first hearing of visitors, no one wished to address the Board.
- F. The following Communications were presented to the Board
 - The following are Athletic Volunteers for the 2025 winter sports season;
 - Alexis Ropchuck – Gymnastics
 - Christy Harp – Diving
 - Michael Loan – Bowling
 - Riley Anthony – Cheer
 - Jason Hmiel – Boys Basketball
 - Chad Bailey – Boys Basketball
 - Todd Pallotta – Boys Basketball
 - Steve Gosney – Middle School Boys Basketball
 - Matt Andrews – Middle School Boys Basketball
 - Matt Bessler – Middle School Boys Basketball
 - Ben Taylor – Middle School Boys Basketball
 - Kyle Myers – Wrestling
 - Athletic Director, Jeff Kracker gave an update on the Federal League All Sports Trophy and recognized the following teams:
 - Girls Tennis – Federal League Champions and State Qualifiers
 - Girls Soccer – Federal League Champions and District Champions
 - Girls Volleyball – Federal League Champions, District Champions and Regional Runner Up
 - Cross Country (Boys and Girls Teams) – Federal League Champions and State Qualifiers
 - Angie Leggett, Principal of Strausser Elementary, gave a presentation to the Board on the Benchmark Advance program.
- G. The proposed Teacher calendar for the 2026-2027 school year was presented to the Board.

The following Board Policy updates were released in October 2025 and are being presented to the Board for a first reading:

Transportation Supplement – October 2025

Policy 4162 – Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL license holders who perform safety-sensitive functions and are subject to DOT testing (Revised)

Policy 4162.01 – Drug and Alcohol Testing of Employees without CDL licenses who transport students in alternative vehicles (Non-DOT Testing) (New)

Policy 8600 – Transportation (Revised)

Policy 8600.04 – Bus and Alternative Vehicle Driver Certification (Revised)

Policy 8640 – Transportation for Non-Route Trips (Revised)

Policy 8650 – Transportation by Alternative Vehicles (Revised)

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25.169 Moved by Wright, seconded by Goff, to adopt this resolution to authorize the Treasurer to obtain advances against tax collections from the County Auditor for the 2025 tax year payable in 2026, as presented.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF LOCAL TAXES BY THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICE FOR THE 2025 TAX YEAR, PAYABLE IN 2026

WHEREAS, Section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code states that all local governments must file a Resolution with the County Fiscal Office each year in order to receive advance payment of local taxes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Jackson Local School District Board of Education, County of Stark and State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Jackson Local School District Board of Education hereby authorizes the advance of local taxes by the County Fiscal Office for the 2025 tax year, payable in 2026 in order to comply with Section 321.34 of the Ohio Revised Code to receive advance payment of local taxes.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with law.

Section 3. That the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Fiscal Officer of Stark and Summit County, Ohio.

Section 4. This resolution is hereby declared necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the Jackson Local School District Board of Education and the inhabitants hereof, and provided it received the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to the Board, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Board; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Wright, yes; Goff, yes; Winkhart, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried

25.170 Moved by Winkhart, seconded by Goff, to accept with appreciation two pediatric exam/changing tables with an estimated value of \$1,300 donated by Community Health Pediatrics, a Rifton Large Gait Trainer with an estimated of \$2,500 and a Rifton Small HI/Lo Activity Chair 830 with and estimated value of \$1,250 donated by the Reid Abney Family and a \$100 gift card donated by David Vulich for books for the Spanish program.

Winkhart, yes; Goff, yes; Wright, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.

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25.171 Moved by Wright, seconded by Winkhart to adopt the following Classified Substitute Pay Rates, as presented.

Job Classification	Current Rate	Recommended
Bus Driver	\$21.53	\$21.53
Custodian/Grounds	\$15.00	\$18.00
Food Service	\$12.00	\$13.00
Secretary/Building Aide	\$12.00	\$13.00
Monitor Attendant	\$12.00	\$15.00
Monitor	\$12.00	\$13.00
All Other Classifications	\$12.00	\$13.00

Wright, yes; Winkhart, yes; Goff, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.

25.172 Moved by Winkhart, seconded by Goff to accept the recommendation that the January 2026 Organizational Board of Education Meeting be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 5:00 pm at Lake Cable Elementary, with the Regular Board of Education Meeting immediately following at approximately 5:15 pm, as presented.

Winkhart, yes; Goff, yes; Wright, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.

25.173 Moved by Wright, seconded by Goff, to accept the recommendation that Lia Jones be President Pro Tem for the January 13, 2026, Organizational Board of Education Meeting, as presented.

Wright, yes; Goff, yes; Winkhart, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.

25.174 Moved by Goff, seconded by Winkhart, to approve the following Field Trips per their tentative schedules, as presented.

The Jackson Boys Baseball team along with coaches Bill Gamble, Austin Szink, Frank Gamble, Mitch Balla, Trent Wertz and one TBA will travel to Wright State University and Centerville High School for a varsity tournament on March 26-28, 2026. The trip is funded by the Booster Club.

The Jackson Boys Lacrosse team along with coaches Bobby Lyle, Jeremy Glutting, John Thomas, Santiago Gil, Clayton Evans and Reid Blandine will travel to Westerville North and Gahanna Lincoln High School to compete against other Lacrosse programs in Columbus, Ohio on April 17-18, 2026. The trip is funded by the Jackson Lacrosse Booster Club.

The Jackson Boys Baseball team along with coaches Bill Gamble, Austin Szink, Frank Gamble, Mitch Balla, Trent Wertz and one TBA will travel to Olentangy Liberty High School to compete against other programs in Columbus, Ohio on April 17-18, 2026. The trip is funded by the Booster Club.

Goff, yes; Winkhart, yes; Wright, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.

25.175 Moved by Wright, seconded by Goff, to approve the requested unpaid child care leave of Hannah Class, Amherst Music Teacher, for the remained of the 2025-2026 school year, per article 15.02 of the JMEA Negotiated Agreement.

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Wright, yes; Goff, yes; Winkhart, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.

25.176 Moved by Goff, seconded by Winkhart, to approve the following retirements and resignations, as presented.

Retirements:

Jacobson, Donna – JHS Cook, effective end of the 2025-2026 contract year.

Romig, Matthew – Lake Cable Elementary Head Custodian – effective January 1, 2026.

Sullivan, Amy – JMMS Teacher – effective end of the 2025-2026 contract year.

Resignations:

Basso, Jason – JHS Custodian – effective November 14, 2025.

Colvin, Christine – JMMS Cook's Helper, effective October 31, 2025.

Harter, Christine – Strausser Elementary Cook's Helper, effective November 3, 2025.

Kemp, Stephanie – District Paraprofessional, effective November 25, 2025.

Tolbert, Tammy – Bus Driver, effective October 31, 2025.

Goff, yes; Winkhart, yes; Wright, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.

25.177 Moved by Wright, seconded by Winkhart, to adopt the following employment resolution, as presented.

**Employment Resolution for Supplemental Contracts
(Non-Teaching Staff)**

WHEREAS, the Board has posted the position(s) listed below as being available to employees of the District who hold teaching licenses or certificates, and no such employee who is qualified to fill the position has applied for, been offered and accepted such position; and

WHEREAS, this Board then advertised the above position(s) as being available to any individual with such a license or certificate who is qualified to fill it and who is not employed by the Board and no such person who is qualified to fill the position has applied for, been offered and accepted such position: and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following non-licensed, non-certified person(s) be employed for a one-year personal service contract as indicated pending completion of all legal requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to non-renew the personal service contract(s) at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 contract year of the following personnel as recommended by the Superintendent and direct the Treasurer to advise them by letter of the Board's intention to non-renew the contracts at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 contract year.

Pupil Activity Program Contracts 2025-2026

Last Name	First Name	Supplemental	Index
Harvey	Teal	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Solinger	Bruce	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Cheyney	Jonathon	Basketball – Boys 9 th Grade Head Coach	0.115
Weekley	Daniel	Basketball – Boys 7/8 Coach	0.115

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Young	Kyle	Basketball – Boys Bear Cub Coordinator	0.07
Blyer	Madison	Basketball – Girls 7/8 Coach	0.115
Cody	Kristin	Basketball – Girls Bear Club Coordinator (1/2 of Full Contract)	0.035
Dunn	William	Bowling – Girls Head Coach	0.16
Liber	Gary	Bowling – Boys Assistant Coach	0.10
Mogus	Rose	Swimming – Boys/Girls Assistant Coach	0.115
Kimble	Sherrie	Swimming – Boys/Girls Assistant (Diving) Coach	0.115

Wright, yes; Winkhart, yes; Goff, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.

- 25.178 Moved by Goff, seconded by Wright, to employ the following certified and classified personnel for the 2025-2026 contract years as recommended by the Local Superintendent; and to direct the Treasurer to send salary notices to these persons with salaries according to the adopted salary schedule or stipends and pending completion and return of all necessary documents including an acceptable B.C.I. record, where applicable:

Certified Substitutes

Taylor Grasse – Amherst Elementary
Chloe Harrison - JHS

Academic Tutors 2025-2026 (Non-contracted, 160 days - \$25/hr; 4 hrs/day

Danielle Temple – Amherst Elementary

Certified Supplemental Contracts 2025-2026

Last Name	First Name	Supplemental	Index
Askew	Emily	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Blandine	Reid	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Cambell	Jeni	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Conroy	Sarah	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Dannug	Samantha	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Dimengo	Lyndsay	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Dretke	Amy	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Hartley	Benjamin	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Holecko	Matthew	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Huthmacher	David	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Huttner	Rachel	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Kessler	Kristi	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Kulich	Ethan	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Mickley	Nichole	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Miller	Jenni	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Nousek	Madison	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Perko	Jared	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Poetter	Brian	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015

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Putney	Kelly	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Spinelli	Erik	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Tobin	Holly	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Wagner-Dunlap	Amber	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015
Williamson	James	Washington DC Trip – MS	0.015

Classified Employment 2025-2026**Contracted**

Nita Childers – Cook’s Helper – Strausser – 9:30 am-2:15 pm (4.75 hrs)

Krista Gindlesberger – Food Service Supervisor – Central Office

Todd Schuller – Monitor Attendant – Strausser – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm (8 hrs)

Substitutes

Maureen Kennan – Food Service

Non-Managerial, Confidential Central Office Administrative Assistant Substitutes

Susanne Waltman

Goff, yes; Wright, yes; Winkhart, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried

H. The next board of education meeting is scheduled for 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at Lake Cable Elementary School.

I. During the second hearing of visitors, no one wished to address the Board.

25.179 Moved by Goff, seconded by Winkhart, to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Goff, yes; Winkhart, yes; Wright, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.


President


Treasurer