

**JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Jackson High School
December 16, 2025**

The Board of Education of the Jackson Public Schools held a regular board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on December 16, 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:

Approval of Agenda

Motion by D.Dobies, supported by A.Sharp, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Patterson acknowledged Shalanda Hunt's resignation from the Board of Education and thanked her for her time and dedication to Jackson Public Schools.

Lisa Francisco from the Michigan Department of Education presented on the district's partnership with MDE and outlined the process. She noted that throughout the three-year process, JPS demonstrated strong dedication and leadership across the district, with a continued focus on students. Superintendent Patterson thanked Ms. Francisco for her support and expressed appreciation for her partnership with JPS.

Sam Barna from Baker Tilly presented an overview of the owner's representative role during the duration of a bond project and explained what the role would entail should the Board of Education choose to hire an owner's representative.

Mitch Watt from Triangle presented on the responsibilities of a construction manager and outlined what the construction manager would oversee throughout the bond process.

Board of Education interviews were conducted. Applicants were allotted ten minutes to respond to questions from the Board regarding their previously submitted application and questionnaire.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- 25-26-41 Minutes
- 25-26-42 Human Resources
- 25-26-43 Monthly Financial Report, November
- 25-26-44 Bond Financial Report, November

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

Citizens Requesting to Address the Board

1. Chris Davis

Discussion Items

Action Items

25-26-45 Board Vacancy Appointment

Board members were given the opportunity to identify their top three choices from the interview candidates. Cheryl, Subba, Derek, Marilyn, and Alaina selected Tabitha Williams as their first choice. Kesha selected Angelene Pattona as her first choice, and Chris Davis was also identified as a second-choice candidate.

Motion by C. Simonetti, supported by S.Reddy, to appoint Tabitha Williams as board member for a 1 year term. Role call vote was done. Motion carried 5-1 (no-Hamilton)

25-26-46 NEOLA Updates, Title IX, Vol 39 No 1, Edgar/UGG, 2nd Reading/Adoption

Motion by C.Simonetti, supported by D.Dobies, to approve the policies as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

25-26-47 25-26 Budget amendment #1

Motion by D.Dobies, supported by A.Sharp, to approve the 2025/2026 1st budget amendment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

25-26-48 Energy Projects RFP

Andy Bitner, CEO of GCA, presented on proposed energy projects for the district. He recommended six focus areas: power optimization; data monitoring and management (including a paid internship opportunity for JPS students); smart walk-in coolers and freezers; bio-enzymatic cleaning and laminar flow; water conservation through valve optimization; and a water leak detection network.

Motion by C. Simonetti, supported by D.Dobies to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

25-26-49 2025 Series 1 Bond Resolution

Motion by D.Dobies, supported by A.Sharp, to approve the 2025 series 1 bond resolution 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

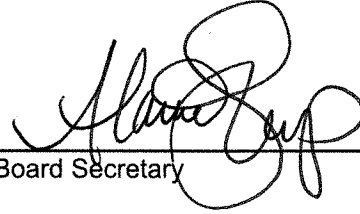
Cheryl motioned that we temporarily suspend our bylaws and table the election of officers to January 20, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously

Adjournment

Motion by D.Dobies, supported by S.Reddy, to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alana Ray", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and stylized.