

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE JACKSON-MILTON BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
JANUARY 10, 2026

JACKSON-MILTON LOCAL SCHOOLS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

January 10, 2026 – Middle School/High School Building – Board Meeting 9:02 a.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Mascioli
- B. Moment of Silence - Mr. Campbell
- C. Attendance

Roll Call

Mr. Campbell	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Vernon	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Pittman	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Truitt	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Mascioli	<u>Present</u>

- D. Minutes

Review and approval of the December 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education.

Motion by Mr. Vernon
Seconded by Mr. Campbell

Campbell Yes; Vernon Yes; Pittman Yes; Truitt Yes; Mascioli Yes

Approved X Not Approved _____

- E. Presentation/Recognition
Megan Bair, presented role of board member, sunshine law, legal update, etc. (see attached)

-Mr. Baker spoke about District Calendars and will have a meeting with the teachers on the 28th

-Mrs. Pittman feels like Jackson-Milton needs an image change, she would like a change in the news letter. Mrs. Pittman mentioned the billboard and thought it should say Welcome to Blue Jay Country. Mrs. Truitt saw the billboard and said it does need to be simpler so people can read it when driving by.

-Mr. Baker said K² is working on the newsletter now.

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F. Administrative Report

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1. Superintendent's Report

- a. Martin Luther King Day – January 19th – No School
- b. Staffing
- c. Curriculum
- d. Athletics
Mrs. Fishtorn spoke about Athletics
 - MVAC League has 3 schools leaving, they are going back to Portage County. They gave a 1 year notice so this is not effective until the 27/28 school year.
 - Some schools are adopting new sports, such as girls flag football and men's volleyball in the spring, We will not be doing that.
 - Mr. Mascioli asked what our weakest boys/girls sports are. Mrs. Fishtorn said Girls sports are very strong, boys basketball is struggling wrestling is good we just don't have a lot of numbers.
 - Pee wee sports are growing
 - Mrs. Fishtorn spoke with Level the Playing Field and they are giving equipment for free to leagues and Booster groups. Our Boosters were approved and they are going to get some things for free for the District.
 - Started Hot Stove Golf a year ago and there will be a 6 week camp for 3rd – 8th grade this spring/summer.
- e. Facilities
Mr. Cameron spoke about the facilities
 - Woodshop footers are in and block work should start soon.
 - Plumbing has been put in
 - Parking Lot is going well, have moved 7,000 tons of dirt. Putting it by the Highway as a sound barrier. They are ready to start underground digging but we need to get some paperwork notarized to combine the house with the Elementary building.
 - Met with Mr. Baker, Mrs. Beverly and BSHM on Thursday with a Civil Engineer that will be on the build team. Went over questions for them to be able to come up with the plans
 - GeoThermal – we are looking into a maintenance program so we will not have issues in the future. We need a sled and boiler system on the computerized system. Mr. Miscoli would like to have a survey of existing GeoThermal and what we should expect.
 - Elementary roof – the roofing company said the warranty was void because we had high winds. The Insurance Company said it was not covered as it is a warranty issue and we did not have high winds that would negate the warranty. Sky Roofing is going to do core samples to help us figure out what is happening and who is responsible. They are patching to keep things functional.
 - Mr. Mascioli questioned electrical work at the elementary building, he thought it came up about 2 years ago. Mr. Cameron said nothing has changed regarding electrical services at the building. His staff is converting to LED and changing out all the fixtures.

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- Mr. Cameron would like to create a position for a “head custodian” to oversee all custodians, helping create the schedules for all of the work that needs done, help with ordering supplies, train new staff, answer questions any custodians would have.
 - Mrs. Fishtorn said that we need to have a weekend custodian to cover events
- Mr. Cameron said that the work that was being completed on the gym floor was part of the original contract of refinishing. They have to wait so long to be able to come in and do the final coating.

f. Open Enrollment

g. Grading Scale –

Mr. Vega spoke about the grading scale and changing to Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Suma Cum Laude instead of Valedictorian – this would take away the subjectivity.

- Mr. Campbell would suggest the grading scale would need to start in the 8th grade to be similar.
- Mrs. Pittman agreed
- Mr. Vega said going from a 93-A to a 90-A would not hurt anyone
- Mr. Campbell said the top performers are still going to be your top performers, there will not be much change.
- Mr. Vega said if you change from Valedictorian we would need to change the grading scale.
- Mrs. Truitt feels the grading scale need to change to give kids credit where credit is due.
- Mrs. Pittman wants to know every Board members’ thoughts on changing
- Mr. Campbell said he would take advisement from the High School Principal
- Mrs. Truitt asked how it would affect scholarships
- Mr. Vega said scholarships are based off of the ACT scores not the GPA and the essay they write is huge

h. North Jackson Citizens Dinner – Mr. Campbell suggested Dr. Welch speak at the dinner

2. Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Beverly spoke about new legislation and property taxes and our outlook financially

3. Legislative Report – None

G. Roundtable Discussion

Mr. Campbell – Felt that our buses all look fairly new so it should not be necessary to purchase 2 buses for a while.

Mrs. Pittman – asked about free lunches and a summer program. She also spoke about unprofessionalism in Executive session & public session. She had notes to share for all of them to agree on them and make them the normal procedures for the meetings.

Mr. Campbell said he would agree that we need to formalize the meetings as they have not been formal in the past.

Mrs. Truitt agreed and said the December meeting was abhorrent – we should hold each other accountable.

Mr. Mascoili we need to have common courtesy and respect.

Mr. Campbell said we need to redefine public participation and round table, these should not be “gotcha” moments

Mr. Mascioli said he is planning on a few things for this year including critical thinking, making education fun, increase recess, the impact of AI. Feel the Board should look at the JM Vision. He would like to be part of the curriculum and safety decisions.

Mrs. Truitt said we need to have someone aid in the communication gap from staff to the Board. Mr. Vernon said there is a proper chain of command.

Mr. Mascioli said this year he would like a review of the guidance counseling programs in the district due to COVID, there is an increase in mental health issues and we need to be pro active. He would like to identify and implement a grant program, he would also like to have an interesting Commencement speaker.

H. Public Presentation - None

New Business

1. Board Business - None

Remove (*) 1. Treasurer’s Business

_____ a. Review and approval of the monthly Reconciliation Report, Disbursement Detail and Cash Summary Reports for the month of December, 2025.

_____ b. Review of bills for the month of December, 2025.

I. Vote

Motion to approve items as listed in the Treasurer’s agenda for approval.

Motion by Mr. Mascioli
Seconded by Mrs. Pittman

Campbell Yes; Vernon Yes; Pittman Yes; Truitt Yes; Mascioli Yes

Approved X Not Approved _____

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1. Superintendent's Business

- _____ a. Recommend that the Board approve the written resignation of Brenda Byich as Payroll Clerk effective January 9, 2026.
- _____ b. Recommend that the Board approve the written resignation of Gabriella Eagle as Elementary Cashier effective January 23, 2026.

I. Vote

Motion to approve items as listed in the Superintendent's agenda for approval.

Motion by Mrs. Pittman
Seconded by Mr. Campbell

Campbell Yes; Vernon Yes; Pittman Yes; Truitt Yes; Mascioli Yes

Approved X Not Approved _____

J. Motion to Adjourn – 2:01 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Campbell
Seconded by Mrs. Pittman

Campbell Yes; Vernon Yes; Pittman Yes; Truitt Yes; Mascioli Yes

Approve X Not Approved _____

The Meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.



Board President



Treasurer

