

MINUTES- JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION- January 13, 2026

- A. The Organizational meeting of the Jackson Local School District Board of Education was held, Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 5:00 pm at Lake Cable Elementary School. The following members were present: Gindlesberger, Goff, Jones, Winkhart, and Wright.
 - B. President pro tempore Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Lia Jones, Thomas Winkhart and Tonya Wright, elected Board Members, were sworn in by the Treasurer.
 - D. President pro tempore 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.
- 26.01 Moved by Winkhart, to nominate Lia Jones for President of the Board of Education. With no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Lia Jones was elected President of the Board of Education with the vote as follows:
- Winkhart, yes; Gindlesberger, yes; Goff, yes; Wright, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.
- 26.02 Moved by Goff, to nominate Scott Gindlesberger for Vice President of the Board of Education. With no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Scott Gindlesberger was elected Vice President of the Board of Education with the vote as follows:
- Goff, yes; Gindlesberger, yes; Winkhart, yes; Wright, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.
- 26.03 Moved by Goff, seconded by Wright, to establish the date, time and place of the regular meetings of the Jackson Local School District Board of Education during 2026 as follows:

January 13, 2026 – Lake Cable Elementary School
 February 24, 2026 – Sauder Elementary School
 March 24, 2026 – Jackson Memorial Middle School
 April 28, 2026 – Jackson High School
 May 19, 2026 – Jackson High School**
 June 23, 2026 – Jackson High School
 July 21, 2026 – Jackson High School (11:30 am)**
 August 25, 2026 – Jackson High School
 September 22, 2026 – Jackson High School
 October 27, 2026 – Sauder Elementary School
 November 17, 2026 – Amherst Elementary School**

**Denotes a meeting to be held on the third Tuesday of the month

Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted. Meetings will begin at 5:00 pm.

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

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26.04 Moved by Gindlesberger, seconded by Winkhart, to approve the following standing authorizations for calendar year 2026:

- a. Authorization of signature of Board Treasurer on all checks and purchase orders and to utilize facsimile/electronic signature for such.
- b. Authorization for Treasurer to award interim deposits on monies pursuant to O.R.C. 135.01 to 135.21, inclusive.
- c. Authorization for Treasurer to be bonded in the amount of \$75,000 and the Assistant Superintendent to be bonded in the amount of \$25,000.
- d. Authorization for Board President, Board Members and Superintendent to be bonded in the amount of \$25,000.
- e. Authorization for the Administration to encumber money within adopted line items within each fund classification to the appropriations without prior Board approval.
- f. Authorization for the Treasurer to re-appropriate, advance or transfer funds. Such reappropriations, advances and transfers will be presented for approval by the Board of Education at the next regular meeting.
- g. Authorization for the Superintendent to send school employees to professional meetings within the amount of the appropriations for 2026.
- h. The Superintendent has the authority to direct and approve professional development programs, including graduate course work, and reimburse within the guidelines promulgated by the superintendent.
- i. Authorization for Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or nonteaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.
- j. Authorization for Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.
- k. Resolution to appoint the Treasurer as wage coordinator for outside contracts.
- l. Authorization for Treasurer and Superintendent to travel for the purpose of conducting the business of the district and/or attend professional meetings, and to receive reimbursement for all appropriate and reasonable expenses.
- m. Authorization for the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition.
- n. Board President assumes the role of Legislative Liaison and acts as Delegate of O.S.B.A. Annual Conference. (Vice President serves as alternate.)
- o. Board Vice President is designated as the Student Achievement Liaison.
- p. Approve membership in O.S.B.A. for 2026, which includes the Consultant Service and Legal Assistance Fund, and the 2026 Ohio Education Policy Institute (OEPI).
- q. Authorization for the Superintendent to adjust substitute rates on an individual basis as needed.
- r. Authorization for the Treasurer to enter into and/or accept/participate in Federal, State, and Local Grants or agreements and authorize the Treasurer to appropriate funds for the grants awarded.
- s. Authorization for the Superintendent to enter into Settlement Agreements when he/she perceives litigation may be avoided.

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- t. Authorization for the Treasurer to borrow at the best possible rate for cash flow purposes.
- u. Authorization for the Treasurer to conduct records commission meetings and district audit committee meetings, not limited to, but at least, annually.
- v. Authorization for the Superintendent to appoint appropriate personnel to required positions such as, but not limited to, Title IX Coordinator.
- w. Direct the Superintendent, Treasurer, board member, Gindlesberger, board member, Jones, and Mr. Ken Douglas, a local school finance expert, to serve as a district audit committee to meet at the annual audit conference.
- x. Authorize the Superintendent to select and employ legal counsel and to initiate legal action to protect and/or defend the interests of the Board, District, students and/or its employees. Such actions may include but are not limited to appeals of tax issues, workers' and unemployment compensation, litigation and actions before administrative agencies.
- y. Establish a service fund for the Board of Education in the amount of \$20,000 to be used to pay the expenses actually encumbered by Board members in the performance of their duties and for in service training and professional development (attending workshops, seminars, conferences, conventions) and other expenses in connection with assigned duties as permitted by law.
- z. The Canton Repository is the official newspaper for the publication of those notices required by law to be made in a newspaper.
- aa. Authorize the IRS mileage reimbursement rate for calendar year 2026.
- bb. Authorize the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Treasurer, working together, to approve change orders for work on any project up to \$10,000 and to conduct such other business related to the project as is required between Board meetings.
- cc. Authorize the use of public funds per Ohio Attorney General Opinion No. 82-006, when necessary and appropriate, to purchase food/refreshments for individuals attending meetings or other gatherings to advance the goals of the district.
- dd. Assign the Superintendent and Treasurer as delegates to Jackson Township.
- ee. Authorize the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to be the Board's designee for out-of-school suspension appeals.

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

26.05 Moved by Wright, seconded by Gindlesberger, to adopt the following Board of Education Agenda organization for the calendar year 2026:

Call to Order
 Roll Call
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Approval of Minutes
 Financial Reports
 Hearing of Visitors- Agenda Items
 Communications
 Superintendent's Report of Business Requiring NO ACTION
 Superintendent's Report of Business Requiring ACTION
 Old Business
 New Business
 Hearing of Visitors- General Items
 Adjournment

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

26.06 Moved by Wright, seconded by Goff to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 pm.

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



President



Treasurer