

JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2026
JACKSON TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL FINE ARTS CENTER AUDITORIUM

January 21, 2026 Monthly Meeting - Jackson Township Board of Education

A. Executive Session Meeting
Information: 1. Executive Session

The Official Meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Education was held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law and was called to order by Board Attorney, Mr. Zitomer, at 5:48 p.m., on January 21, 2026.

Members present: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas
Also present: Mrs. N. Pormilli, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. D. Baginski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Dr. L. Godlesky, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. M. Zitomer, Board Attorney and Ms. P. Blood, State Appointed Fiscal Monitor

On a motion by Mrs. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board of Education opened the Executive Session to discuss contracts; employment of personnel-terms and conditions of employment; pending litigation; investigations, and matters falling within the attorney client privilege with respect to these subjects. This meeting was not open to the public. The Board would reconvene at approximately 6:30 p.m. (or as soon as possible) in the Jackson Township Middle School Fine Arts Auditorium at which time action would be taken.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM
B. Opening of Meeting

Procedural: 1. Call to Order

The Official Meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Education reconvened in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law and was called to order by Board Secretary, Mr. Baginski, at 7:02 p.m.

Procedural: 2. Salute to the Flag

Mr. Baginski asked all to stand for the salute to the flag.

Action, Procedural: 3. Certification of Meeting

For the Certification of the meeting according to the tenets of the Open Public Meeting Law, the Board Secretary, Mr. Baginski, made the following statement: "This meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law and has been duly advertised in the newspaper as an Official Meeting."

Roll Call:

Members present: Michael Walsh Erica Osmond, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas
Also present: Mrs. N. Pormilli, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. D. Baginski, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Dr. L. Godlesky, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. M. Zitomer, Board Attorney and Ms. P. Blood, State Appointed Fiscal Monitor

Procedural: 4. Administration of the Oath of Office/Affirmation

Mr. Baginski administered the Oath of Office and swore in elected Board Member Megan Gardella as a member of the Jackson Board of Education. After the oath, he turned the meeting over to Mrs. Gardella, newly elected BOE President.

C. Superintendent's Report/Information Items

Discussion, Information: 1. Remarks from Superintendent

Mrs. Pormilli congratulated Mrs. Gardella and Mrs. Barocas for being reelected to the Board. She turned the meeting over to the Student representatives for their monthly report.



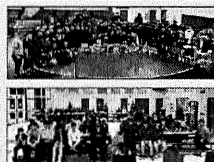
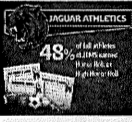
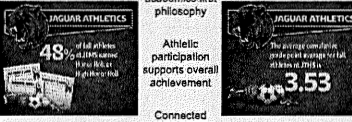
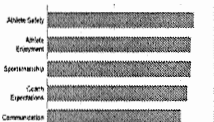
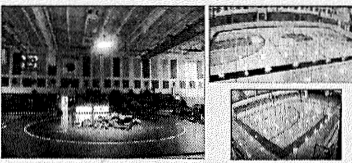
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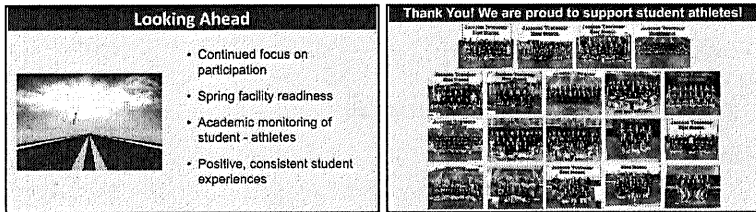
- Students are demonstrating dedication and achievement as they prepare for next week's final exams.
- Congratulations to Seniors of the Month, Vanessa Desouza and Jared Teopaco.
- The Science National Honor Society deepend interest in STEM fields by allowing students to apply classroom learning in a real-world scientific setting through hands-on experiments at Holman Elementary.
- The Drama club attended Broadway show, Mamma Mia, in NYC which our students are rehearsing for as the spring musical.
- Clubs and activities continue to foster school spirit and community involvement at JTHS.
- Challenge Day brought students together to focus on connection and understanding within our school giving students insight to promote a nurturing and compassionate environment.

Colin Williams reported:

- The 8th Grade Orientation allowed future Jags and their families to build excitement about their transition to high school – Pals, current students, clubs and sports teams showcased what the school offers.
- Clubs have many fundraisers and events planned.
- The Freshman Class is hosting a Sweetheart Dance on February 12th.
- A volleyball tournament will be on February 27th.
- The Science National Honor Society is hosting a Valentine's Day chocolate-covered goodie sale from January 20th to February 12th.
- Jackson Idol auditions were last week and the show is on February 19th.
- Boys Wrestling has an undefeated start; Girls Wrestling achieved a strong 6-0 record and won 3 tournaments; Boys & Girls Bowling are doing very well, Boys & Girls basketball continue to be a strong force in the Shore.
- Congratulations to Athletes of the Month: Jason Lin (Indoor Track) and Bella Finer (Basketball)
- Ten student-athletes represented JTHS at the Shore Conference Winter Leadership Conference.
- Each month there are more opportunities for student involvement resulting in a closer community.

Mrs. Pormilli thanked the Student reps for their report and invited Mr. McClain, Athletic Director, to give a brief overview of our fall athletic season focusing on student engagement, academic impact and how athletics supported the students during an emerging year. He presented the following slides:

<p>Jackson School District Athletics Department Overview & Highlights</p>  <p>Greg McClain Director of Athletics January 21, 2026</p>	<p>Purpose of Tonight's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate Fall athletic participation • Highlight student engagement and academics • Share facility investments supporting our programs 	<p>Athletics During a Merger Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First year as a unified athletic program • Maintained broad student participation • Focus remained on stability and student experience • Programs continued without interruption 			
<p>Fall Participation Snapshot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 650 unique student-athletes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 461 at JTHS o 190 at JTMS • Nearly 20% of the HS & MS populations • Participation across all Fall programs • More students involved = stronger outcomes 	<p>Academic Performance</p>  <p>Reinforces "academics first" philosophy</p> <p>Athletic participation supports overall achievement</p> <p>Connected students perform better</p> 	<p>Fall Athletics Parent Survey</p> <p>Key Takeaways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong overall parent satisfaction • Athlete safety, enjoyment, sportsmanship rated highly • Positive feedback on coach commitment and team culture • Feedback guiding communication and facility improvements <p>Parent Thoughts (n=500)</p> 			
<p>Facility Investments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o New gym floors o Wrestling spotlight installed o New gym chairs w/redesigned logo o Storage sheds / containers for outdoor sports added o Soccer/Girls' Lacrosse Field Improvements o New / Irrigated FH & Boys' Lacrosse Fields o Baseball & Softball warming tracks completed • Planned Improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Varsity Baseball and Softball fields o Safety netting installation behind goals on Varsity Boys' Lacrosse field o Scoreboard relocation to Varsity Boys' Lacrosse/Field Hockey field 	<p>2025 - 2026 Participation Fees</p> <p>Athletic Teams: \$100 per season Family yearly maximum of \$350</p> <p>*Family yearly maximum includes Athletics and Co-Curricular combined</p> <p>Co-Curricular Clubs: \$50 per co-curricular activity Family yearly maximum of \$350</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">2025-2026 Athletic Teams Participation Fee Totals</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>\$72,100</td> </tr> </table>	2025-2026 Athletic Teams Participation Fee Totals		Total	\$72,100
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Mrs. Pormilli thanked Mr. McClain, the coaches and the Board for supporting the athletic program and the wonderful things happening in the athletic program at the high school and the middle school. She noted the preschool inclusion program lottery is now open and closes February 13th at 3:00 p.m. Scholarship applications for high school seniors are open to applications. The district partnered with the big brothers and big sisters program and students had the opportunity for learning about the Monmouth Medical radiology program and at NJ Natural Gas. She congratulated the DECA team who qualified for the state competition in Atlantic City in March. She noted many students were selected to be leaders in Ocean County. She noted she is impressed with what our students are doing. A trade and jobs fair at the direction of Mr. Palumbo is an incredible opportunity for students and families to learn about pathways for after you graduation. A college fair will be on March 4th. In December there were concerts and amazing shows. She noted Girls wrestling won the Queen of the Hills Duels. She encouraged those who qualify to apply for free and reduced lunch as it provides other opportunities to applicants besides food for students.

Mrs. Pormilli announced her retirement from the Jackson School District effective July 1st, 2026 is on the agenda tonight concluding her 35 years in public education, including 10 years in the Jackson School District and six years as superintendent here. She noted serving this community has been one of the greatest privileges of her professional life. She noted the challenges faced, including a global pandemic and a significant budget crisis. She noted through it all, her commitment to students never wavered. She is incredibly proud of how this district came together during those moments. She will carry with her the people, the dedicated educators and staff, supportive families, thoughtful board members, and resilient students who inspire her work every day. She thanked everyone for their trust and for allowing her the honor of leading the Jackson School District. Her announcement is done with bittersweet emotions, deep gratitude, and appreciation for everyone who made her journey so meaningful. This announcement allows the board adequate time to search for a new superintendent. She noted she will continue to move forward towards achieving district goals for this year and providing strong programs of instruction for our students.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. McCarron, publicly thanked Mrs. Pormilli for her unwavering commitment to our children and the community and wished her nothing but the best. With this retirement announcement, the Board is beginning a comprehensive search for the district's next superintendent of schools, one of the most important Board responsibilities. The Board is committed to conducting a search that is thorough, transparent, and inclusive. Their focus will be on identifying a leader who understands the unique needs of the Jackson community and keeps students at the center of decision-making. They be soon be releasing a survey to gather feedback from the community which will be used to develop a superintendent profile to guide the selection process. This profile will be shared at the February 18, 2026 Board meeting. The Board anticipates appointing a new superintendent in late spring for a July 1, 2026 start date. The Board is committed to keeping the community informed throughout the process and will launch a dedicated web page with updates, timelines, and survey information. The Board remains focused on stability, supporting students and staff, and selecting a leader who will guide the district forward with integrity and vision.

Dr. Osmond noted that although the Board is sad to see Mrs. Pormilli leave the district this July, they need to look to the future to maintain a clear and strong path with new leadership for our students, our faculty, and our staff. As co-chair of the search committee, she recognizes they are operating in a very complex environment with shifting demographics and the ongoing budget pressures facing our community and our district. With these unique challenges, the Board is committed to a search process that is both transparent and inclusive. She encourages everyone to participate in the upcoming survey to ensure everyone has the opportunity to help shape the profile of our next superintendent. She thanked Mrs. Pormilli for all of her years of service and the amazing things she has done for so many students.

Mrs. Gardella turned the meeting over to Board Attorney, Mr. Zitomer, who added Student #5 to the agenda. (See Students section for wording of the motion).

Action, Procedural: 2. Approval of Agenda with Addition

Motion to approve the agenda with the addition just stated by the Board Attorney as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools.

Motion by Tara Rivera, second by Michael Walsh.

Final Resolution: MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas

D. State Monitor's Report

Discussion, Report: 1. State Monitor's Report

Mrs. Gardella turned the meeting over to Ms. Blood for the state monitors report.

Ms. Blood congratulated Mrs. Pormilli on a happy, healthy retirement. She noted she sees how fortunate the district is to have her. She congratulated Mrs. Gardella on being elected back on the Board and being named the Board President. She noted the new Commissioner of Education has been named but has not yet been sworn in so Commissioner Dehmer is there through the transition period. She noted there are a number of changes happening in Trenton in the DOE and she hopes good things will continue to happen for kids and education. She will share additional information as she learns more. Mrs. Gardella asked Ms. Blood if her contract signed by our current commissioner will roll over with a new one. Ms. Blood responded yes, because the contract runs through June, but there is a 30 days notice clause. So, when the debt is paid back to the state, it would allow for the termination of the contract with notice.

E. Discussion Items - Standing Committee Reports

Discussion, Information: 1. Committee Reports

Buildings & Grounds Update by Mr. McCarron (Chair)

Capital Improvements / Projects – District Wide

Administration Building

- Installed two new macerating toilets
- Installed a new security light at the main entrance

Jackson Township High School (JTHS)

- Installed new electrical outlets inside the concession stand
- Mounted all new banners and achievement boards on gym walls

Jackson Township Middle School (JTMS)

- Installed new lighting in the upstairs district storage area
- Refinished the Clayton gym floor with all new graphics
- Installed seven new circuits and fourteen new outlets in the old weight room

Crawford-Rodriguez

- Installed a new Belimo valve for heat

JT 5/6

- Repaired/replaced the outdoor kitchen compressor

Holman

- Applied new playground mulch and installed a new railroad-tie border

Advocacy Committee Update by Mrs. Gardella (Chair)

Mrs. Gardella met with Assemblyman Alex Sauickie and his secretary John Fischer.

- Mr. Sauickie reported no new legislation for education.
- Discussed continued areas of strain on the local budget including bilingual education, special education, transportation and security.
- Mr. Sauickie reported that the new education committee members should be announced shortly and due to the administration and not knowing about the commissioner, he felt our state aid numbers may not come out until possibly March
- The committee will remain in contact with the assemblyman
- Mr. Sauickie asked the committee to identify some areas that he could potentially use with legislators as areas of support for funding
- The next meeting is not scheduled

Scholarship Committee Update by Mr. Walsh (Chair)

The committee recently met. They are in the process of putting together an ad journal for the scholarship night - money raised is used to supply the scholarships. Phase one - collect sponsors, Phase two (current) - students apply for the scholarships, Phase three - sponsors choose recipients, Phase four - committee finishes up and distributes the committee's scholarships and Phase five -scholarship night - June 3rd. Mr. Walsh encouraged anyone to place an ad in the journal.

State and County School Board Committee Update by Mr. Rivera (Chair)

The next county meeting is January 28th - it's virtual at 6:45 p.m.

F. Approval of Minutes

Action: 1. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the following Board of Education meetings:

Official Board Meeting – December 17, 2025 Closed Session Meeting

Official Board Meeting – December 17, 2025 Business Meeting

Motion by Tara Rivera, second by Michael Walsh.

Final Resolution: MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas

Abstain: Brian McCarron

G. Financial Reports

Action: 1. Bill List

Motion to approve the Bill List and Claims.

Total Computer Checks, January 1-21, 2026	\$	3,756,133.22
December Bill List	\$	5,142,934.77
Total Hand Checks, December 31, 2025	\$	392,186.33
Total Payroll, December 31, 2025	\$	7,825,432.60
FICA:	\$	366,248.24
Total Board Share	\$	198,768.43
Retired Health Benefits and Pension Payment	\$	6,808.61
Health Benefits	\$	1,910,723.48
Voids	\$	(789,392.74)
Total Budgetary Payment, for the month	\$	15,337,859.72
Food Service Board Bills and Claims Sept 2025	\$	257,630.73

Motion by Tara Rivera, second by Michael Walsh.

Final Resolution: MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas

Action: 2. Treasurer's and Board Secretary's Reports

Motion to approve the Treasurer's and Board Secretary's Reports.

Motion by Tara Rivera, second by Michael Walsh.

Final Resolution: MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas

Board Secretary's Certification:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.12(d), I certify that as of August 31, 2025, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Jackson Township Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. ISA:22-8 and ISA:22-8.1



Daniel Baginski
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

H. Public Forum - Agenda Items Only

Action, Information: 1. Open Public Forum

Motion to Open Public Forum

Motion by Michael Walsh, second by Tara Rivera.

Final Resolution: MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas

Mrs. Gardella made the following statement: "Please sign in and state your name and whether or not you are a Jackson resident. Each person is allowed a maximum of three minutes to speak. No person may speak more than once on a topic until all others have been heard."

Action: 2. Close Public Forum

Motion to Close Public Forum

Motion by Tara Rivera

Final Resolution: MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas

I. Finance - Resolution for Action

Action: 1. Approve the following motions on Finance

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following finance resolutions are presented to the Board of Education for approval.

Motion by Tara Rivera, second by Michael Walsh.

Final Resolution: MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas

Discussion: Mrs. Kas noted the school lunch balance is now \$165,801 and the chrome book balance is now \$88,468 for a total of \$254,270.

Mr. Walsh ask regarding Finance #9 & #10, she asked what the difference was between the 5 & 7 year bus leases. Mr. Baginski responded that the seven-year lease is our regular lease schedule that we do on bus replacement every year. There is a lease that falls off and we replace it. The 5-year lease is an extra lease this year to replace some of our wheelchair vans as discussed with the transportation committee.

Information: 2. Finance-Line Item Transfers November 2025

The Board of Education, based on the recommendation of the Board Secretary, approve the line-item transfers for the month of November 2025.

Document: Finance-Line item Transfer Report for 1-21-26 agenda.pdf

Information: 3. Finance-Federal Projects November 2025

The Board of Education, based on the recommendation of the Board Secretary, approve the adjustments to the Federal and State Fund 20 Projects for the 2025-2026 school year for November 2025.

Document: Finance-Federal projects November 2025.pdf

Information: 4. Finance-Awarded Vendors Subsequent to December 1, 2025

Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Jackson Township Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts subsequently awarded by the board of education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18. et.seq, NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements 2CFR, Part200.

Document: Finance-Awarded Vendors Subsequent to December 1, 2025 for 1 21 26 agenda.pdf

Information: 5. Finance-Transfers-SBMHG Round 3

The Board of Education approves the following line item transfers for the 2025-2026 School year SBMHG ROUND 3 funds:

Transfer Amount	From Account #	To Account #
\$5,000.00	20-456-100-300-09-570001	20-456-200-300-09-570001

Information: 6. Finance-Fund Transfer

The Board of Education approve the following line item transfers for the 2025-2026 school year for the esports grant:

	Transfer Amount	From Account #	To Account #
a.	\$1,458	20-457-200-300-09	20-457-200-500-09
b.	\$1,000	20-457-200-590-09	20-457-200-500-09
c.	\$2,542	20-457-200-110-09	20-457-200-500-09

Information: 7. Finance-Shared Service Agreement with Township for SROs

The Board of Education approves the following Resolution for a Shared Services Agreement between the Jackson Township Board of Education and the Township of Jackson to provide two (2) School Resource Officers (SROs) for the Jackson Township School District for 2025-2026 school year:

RESOLUTION APPROVING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JACKSON TOWNSHIP FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., municipalities and local boards of education may enter into agreements for shared services with other municipalities and local boards of education to provide or receive any service that the local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, each local unit authorized to enter into an agreement under the Shared Services and Consolidation Act must do so by the adoption of a resolution; and

WHEREAS, the agreement must comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:65-7 and specify the services to be performed under the agreement, procedures for payment, and assignment and allocation of responsibility for meeting standards between and among the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Township and the Board desire to join together to provide two (2) School Resource Officers (SROs) for the Jackson Township School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the mutual covenants, agreements, and considerations contained herein, the Township and the Board do hereby agree as follows:

The Board President and Board Secretary/Business Administrator are authorized to execute the Shared Services Agreement. A copy of said Agreement will be kept on file in the Business Office.

- For the 2025-2026 school year, commencing on September 5, 2025 through June 24, 2026.
- No compensation will be due from the Board of Education to the Township during the summer recess while the District's schools are not in session.

This Shared Services Agreement shall be effective immediately.

Information: 8. Finance-Approve Contract for State Monitor - February to June 2026

The Board of Education approves the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE MONITOR'S CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education ("Department") has appointed Patricia A. Blood to serve as State Monitor for the Jackson Board of Education ("Board") from February 28, 2026 through June 30, 2026, pursuant N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-55; And

WHEREAS, the Department and Ms. Blood have entered into a professional services contract for Ms. Blood to serve in this Capacity;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board, as required by law, shall assume the costs of Ms. Blood's appointment per the rates set forth in her contract with the Department pursuant N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-55(f).

Information: 9. Finance-5-Year Lease Purchase Completed

The Board of Education approves the following Resolution for Lease Purchase and Financing for School Vehicles:

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN DETERMINING TO FINANCE CERTAIN SCHOOL VEHICLES AND RELATED ACQUISITIONS THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE BID, RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD AND EXECUTION OF A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, APPROVING THE FORM OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS INCLUDING A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE TRANSACTION.

WHEREAS, The Board of Education or the Township of Jackson in the County of Ocean, New Jersey (the "Board" when referring to the governing body, and the "School District" when referring to the legal entity and the territorial boundaries that are governed by the Board) has determined to lease purchase finance the acquisition of school buses, and other miscellaneous costs required to enter into a Lease Purchase Agreement ("Lease, Agreement") for an amount of not to exceed \$697,708 and a term not to exceed five-years (collectively, the "Acquisition"); and

WHEREAS, Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Lease Purchase Bidding/Financial Advisory Service (HCESC) has served as financial advisor (the "Financial Advisor") to conduct a competitive bid (Bid) for the Lease Purchase to finance the cost of the Acquisition; and

WHEREAS, HCESC has conducted the Bid for the Lease Purchase on behalf of the Board on January 21, 2026 and has made a recommendation of award to the Board and the Board Secretary; and

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to expedite the payment of the respective vendors of the Acquisition;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

The Board hereby awards the Lease Purchase financing to Cogent Bank, at an indexed interest rate of 3.43% and to enter into Lease with Cogent Bank. (Lessor) after Board Counsel has reviewed the Agreement; and

The Board hereby approves the execution of the Lease to the Lessor in order to finance the Acquisition and authorizes the sale of the Lease to Cogent Bank as Lessor. This award is to be made in accordance with the proposal form submitted by Cogent Bank to the Board Secretary as of the date of the Bid, said proposal shall be attached hereto, and kept on file with the Board Secretary; and

The Board authorizes the Board President or the Board Secretary to approve any changes or deletions to the Lease Agreement or related documents as may, in the judgment of Counsel be necessary, advisable and in the best interest of the Board; and

The Board authorizes the Board President or the Board Secretary to establish an escrow account for the deposit of the lease proceeds in accordance with the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA), and to direct the deposit and investment of the lease proceeds in escrow for the term of the lease; and

The Board hereby delegates the Board President and the Board Secretary the ability to execute the lease purchase agreement and other related financing documents with Cogent Bank, serving as the Lessor and purchaser of the lease purchase agreement (the "Lessor" and "Purchaser"), and Escrow Agent (Escrow Agent); and

The Lease is hereby designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for purposes of Section 265 (b)(3) (ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Information: 10. Finance-7 year Lease purchase complete

The Board of Education approves the following Resolution for Lease Purchase and Financing for School Vehicles:

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WHEREAS, Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Lease Purchase Bidding/Financial Advisory Service (HCESC) has served as financial advisor (the "Financial Advisor") to conduct a competitive bid (Bid) for the Lease Purchase to finance the cost of the Acquisition; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

The Board hereby awards the Lease Purchase financing to Cogent Bank, at an indexed interest rate of 3.59% and to enter into Lease with Cogent Bank (Lessor) after Board Counsel has reviewed the Agreement; and

The Board hereby approves the execution of the Lease to the Lessor in order to finance the Acquisition and authorizes the sale of the Lease to Cogent Bank as Lessor. This award is to be made in accordance with the proposal form submitted by Cogent Bank to the Board Secretary as of the date of the Bid, said proposal shall be attached hereto, and kept on file with the Board Secretary; and

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The Board authorizes the Board President or the Board Secretary to establish an escrow account for the deposit of the lease proceeds in accordance with the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA), and to direct the deposit and investment of the lease proceeds in escrow for the term of the lease; and

The Board hereby delegates the Board President and the Board Secretary the ability to execute the lease purchase agreement and other related financing documents with Cogent Bank, serving as the Lessor and purchaser of the lease purchase agreement (the "Lessor" and "Purchaser"), and Escrow Agent (Escrow Agent); and

The Lease is hereby designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for purposes of Section 265 (b)(3) (ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Information: 11. Finance-Change Order with Langan Engineering-Groundwater Remedial Action Report

The Board of Education based on the recommendation of the Board Secretary, approves the change order with Langan Engineering for the professional services project for the DEP 2020 Groundwater Remedial Action Report. The change order is not to exceed \$34,700. The project will be split into two payments one after the work is completed in approximately March 2026 and the second after July 1, 2026.

Information: 12. Finance-Renewal of School Physician

The Board of Education appoints Adam Redlich, MD from A+ Sports Medicine, LLC, as School Physician for the period February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027, at an annual fee of \$30,900.00.

J. Facilities - Resolutions for Action

Action: 1. Approve the following motions on Facilities

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following facilities resolutions are presented to the Board of Education for approval.

Motion by Tara Rivera, second by Michael Walsh.

Final Resolution: MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas

Information: 2. Facilities-Facilities Usage Report

The Board of Education approves the use of facilities for groups as filed.

Document: *Facilities-Facility Usage for 1-21-26 Agenda.pdf*

K. Programs - Resolutions for Action

Action: 1. Approve the following motions on Programs

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following programs resolutions are presented to the Board of Education for approval.

Motion by Tara Rivera, second by Michael Walsh.

Final Resolution: MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas

Information: 2. Programs-Approval of 2026-2027 District Calendar

The Board of Education approves the 2026-2027 District Calendar.

Document: *Programs-2026-2027 District Calendar Draft for 1-21-26 Agenda.pdf*

Information: 3. Programs-2025-2026 Preschool Education Aid (PEA) Transfer Request

The Board of Education approves a request to the County Superintendent's office to transfer 2025-2026 Preschool Education Aid funds into a budget category for which no funds were previously budgeted or approved. Funds totaling \$1,810.00 were transferred from Account #20-218-400-731-09 (Instructional Equipment) to purchase classroom furniture.

Document: *Programs-25-26 Preschool Education Aid Transfer Request Form for 1-21-26 agenda.pdf*

Information: 4. Programs-Staff Development SIOP Workshops with Marina Moran

The Board of Education approves a consultant, Marina Moran, from Staff Development Workshops to provide SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) professional development on February 3, 2026, to be funded by 2025-26 Title III grant funds, account # 20-241-200-320-09, not to exceed \$2,000.

Information: 5. Programs-Mental Health Stipend to Monmouth University

The Board of Education approves a payment of \$5,000 for the 2025-2026 school year to the Institution of Higher Education (IHE) college professor from Monmouth University-Dr. Alyson Pompeo-Fargnoli, working with the interns and practicum students in the School Based Mental Health Grant. This is paid by the grant at no cost to the Board, Account # 20-456-200-300-09-570-001.

Information: 6. Programs-Professional Development

The Board of Education approves professional day requests and the travel related expense resolution from staff members as filed with the appropriate supervisor.

Document: *Programs-Board of Education Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement For the 1-21-2026 agenda*

Document: *Programs--Board of Education approval of Professional Development for the 1-21-2026 agenda*

Information: 7. Programs-Lead U assembly for Holman

The Board of Education approves consultants from Lead U to be guest speakers for the Holman Elementary School students in grades Pre-K-4 to be funded by 2025-26 Title I Grant fund, account # 20-231-100-300-04, not to exceed \$1,900.

Information: 8. Programs-Staff Development Workshops with Tom Semko

The Board of Education approves Tom Semko a consultant from Staff Development Workshops to provide Professional Development on the topic of AI in the Math Classroom. The PD will be on February 3, 2026 from 8:30am -1pm (full day), for grades 7 and 8 math teachers at JTMS, to be funded by 2025-26 Title IV grant funds, account # 20-280-200-320-09 not to exceed \$1,800.

Information: 9. Programs-High Impact Tutoring

The Board of Education approves the following Title I and Title IV: High Impact Tutoring Program for the 2025-2026 school year to be paid through Title I and Title IV grant funds, total amount not to exceed \$49,200.

	School	Account	Total Amount
a.	Crawford	20-231-100-110-10	\$13,200.00
b.	Elms	20-280-100-110-09	\$13,200.00
c.	Johnson	20-231-100-110-03	\$10,800.00
d.	Switlik	20-231-100-110-06	\$12,000.00

Information: 10. Programs-Band Trip to NYC

The Board of Education approves the Jackson Township High School Marching Band trip to the St Patrick's Day Parade in New York City, on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Students will be playing in the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. There is no cost to the Jackson Board of Education. Charter bus transportation is paid by the Band Parents Associates for all students and certified staff.

Information: 11. Programs-Screenagers

The Board of Education approves the Screenagers Family Mental Health Program for the Jackson School District Families and students in grades 5-12 to be funded by 2025-2026 Title IV Grant fund, Account #20-280-100-110-09, not to exceed \$4,000.

Information: 12. Programs-Sustainable School Food Service & Cafeterias Initiative Grant

The Board of Education approves the application and acceptance, if awarded, for the Sustainable School Food Service & Cafeteria Initiative Grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the period of 2/13/26 to 6/30/2027.

L. Students - Resolutions for Action

Action: 1. Approve the following motions on Students

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following students resolutions are presented to the Board of Education for approval.

Motion by Tara Rivera, second by Michael Walsh.

Final Resolution: MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas

Information: 2. Students-HIB December Chart

The Board of Education accepts, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15b(6), the monthly Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Report as presented to the Board of Education during Executive Session.

Document: *Students-December 2025 HIB Chart for 1 21 25 Agenda.pdf*

Information: 3. Students-Educational Field Trips

The Board of Education approves educational field trips as filed with the Transportation Director.

Document: *Students-Educational Field Trips for 1 21 26 Agenda.pdf*

Information: 4. Out Of District Placements

The Board of Education approves the following placements for the 2025-2026 school year, beginning December 8, 2025 through June 30, 2026:

a.	1 Student	Placement:	Collier High School
		Tuition:	\$39,832
		Effective:	1/5/26
		Account#	(20-250-100-566-09)
b.	1 Student	Placement:	Jackson Regional Day
		Tuition:	\$77,500
		Effective:	12/8/25
		Account#	(11-000-100-565-09)
c.	1 Student	Placement:	Lehmann School (Ladacin)
		Tuition:	\$81,776.96
		Effective:	1/5/26
		Account#	(11-000-100-566-09)
d.	1 Student	Placement:	Mary A. Dobbins
		Tuition:	State Responsible
		Effective:	1/8/26

Information: 5. Students-Suspension (added at tonight's meeting)

RESOLVED, that the Board continues the suspension of pupil ID# on file with the superintendent's office for the next sixty (60) days on home instruction; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the pupil shall undergo regular counseling with proof of same provided to the high school Administration; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the pupil shall be required to obtain psychiatric clearance; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the pupil shall not be permitted on school property or to attend any school sponsored events or activities during the suspension; and **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Administration shall revisit the pupil's placement and potential return to Jackson High School at the conclusion of the sixty (60) day period, based upon the pupil's regular attendance, compliance with the terms of this resolution, and psychiatric clearance.

M. Personnel - Resolutions for Action

Action: 1. Approve the following motions on Personnel

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following personnel resolutions are presented to the Board of Education for approval.

Motion by Tara Rivera, second by Tina Kas.

Final Resolution: MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella (abstain from 2B and 16KK; Yes to all others), Tina Kas

Information: 2. Personnel-Retirements

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts with best wishes, the resignation of the following employees, due to retirement:

	Last Name	First Name	Title	Location	Effective Date
a.	Engle	Todd	Technology Teacher	JTHS	7/1/26
b.	Pormilli	Nicole	Superintendent	Administration	7/1/26
c.	Ranieri	Stacy	Van Aide	Transportation	3/1/26
d.	Traina	Mary	Special Education Teacher	JTMS	7/1/26
e.	Webb	Natalie	Kindergarten Teacher	Elms	7/1/26

Information: 3. Personnel-Resignations

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the resignation of the following employees:

	Last Name	First Name	Title	Location	Effective Date
a.	Herron	Chandrea	Lunchroom Aide	Elms	1/30/26
b.	Pfeifer	George	Driver	Transportation	1/5/26
c.	Rivera	Melissa	Driver	Transportation	2/17/26
d.	Sito	Angela	Receptionist	Preschool Annex	1/26/26

Information: 4. Personnel-Leave of Absences

The Board of Education approves a leave of absence for the following personnel:

	Last Name	First Name	Title	Location	Leave Type	Start Date	End Date	Return to Work
a.	Annunziato	Michael	Driver	Transportation	Revised Paid Medical	11/4/25	12/4/25	NA
					Revised Unpaid Medical	12/5/25	12/23/25	1/5/26
b.	Burgos	Michael	Principal	Elms	Paid Sick Leave	12/9/25	12/23/25	1/5/26
c.	Catusco	Maryann	Driver	Transportation	Revised Unpaid Federal FMLA	9/1/25	12/5/25	NA
					Unpaid Medical	12/6/25	TBD	NA
d.	Closius	Kara	Reading Teacher	JTMS	Paid Medical	2/5/26	2/17/26	NA
					Unpaid Federal FMLA	2/18/26	4/1/26	4/13/26
e.	Conklin	Melissa	Social Worker	JTHS	Paid Sick Leave	1/5/26	1/9/26	NA
					unpaid Federal and NJ FMLA	1/12/26	TBD	NA
f.	DeVivo	Lisa	Paraprofessional	Elms	Paid Medical	1/5/26	TBD	NA
g.	Galvin	Denise	Driver	Transportation	Intermittent Unpaid Federal and NJ FMLA	12/12/25	3/26/26	NA
h.	Goodwin	Susan	LDTTC	JTHS	Paid Medical	1/19/26	TBD	NA
i.	Ippolito	Christopher	Social Studies Teacher	JTMS	Revised Paid Medical	9/1/25	1/16/26	1/20/26
j.	Jaroslowsky	Andrew	Driver	Transportation	Paid Medical	1/5/26	2/12/26 (half)	NA
					Unpaid Medical	2/12/26 (half)	TBD	NA
k.	Miller	Miekeann	Preschool Inclusion Teacher	Crawford	Paid Medical	2/27/26	3/17/26	NA
					Unpaid Medical	3/18/26	5/15/26	5/18/26
l.	Newman	Megan	Physical Education Teacher	JTHS	Unpaid Federal and NJ FMLA	2/3/26	5/14/26	5/15/26

	Last Name	First Name	Title	Location	Leave Type	Start Date	End Date	Return to Work
m.	Plantz	Ashley	Secretary-COSA	District	Paid Medical	3/16/26	4/1/26	NA
					Unpaid Federal and NJ FMLA	4/13/26	06/30/26	7/1/26
n.	Polson	Laura	Special Education Teacher	JT 5-6	Paid Medical	2/2/26	2/2/26	NA
					Unpaid Federal FMLA	2/3/26	4/1/26	4/13/26
o.	Ramos	Carmen	Teacher-ESL	JTHS	Paid Medical	12/18/25	1/16/26	1/20/26
p.	Scheddin	Deana	Driver	Transportation	Paid Medical	1/5/26	TBD	NA
q.	Schiro	Jenny	Secretary-COSA	Transportation	Paid Medical	12/8/25	half 1/23/26	NA
					Unpaid Federal FMLA	half 1/23/26	TBD	NA

Information: 5. Personnel-Position Creation

The Board of Education approves the following new position(s) for the 2025-2026 school year:

	Position	Location
a.	Paraprofessional	Johnson
b.	School Nurse	JTHS

Information: 6. Personnel-Rescind Employment

The Board of Education approves the rescindment of employment of the following personnel:

	Last Name	First Name	Title	Location	Original Board Agenda
a.	Lewis	Domonique	Custodian-PT	JTHS	12/17/25

Information: 7. Personnel-New Employments

The Board of Education approves the employment of the following personnel:

	Last Name	First Name	Title	Location	Account	Replacing	PC #	Effective date	Salary	Step
a.	Bawnik	Dayna	School Nurse	JTHS	11-000-213-100-12-260305	New Position	New PC	3/23/26 or sooner	\$74,142.00	MA +30 Step 10
b.	Bishop	Holly	Paraprofessional-Personal	Elms	11-000-217-106-09-210000	Stacey Perinelli (resigned)	1807	1/22/26	\$39,536.00 (\$39,036.00 plus \$500.00)	1
c.	Boyce	John	Custodian - PT (4PM -10PM,Tues-Fri)	JTHS	11-000-262-100-12-250202	New Position	New PC	1/22/26, pending criminal history	\$24,311.04	1
d.	Garced	Chandra	Preschool Van Aide	Transportation	20-218-200-104-09	Kim Markey (transfer)	1876	1/22/26, pending criminal history	5 hours 45 minutes per day, \$21.00 per hour	1
e.	Hedderman	Kathleen	Receptionist - PM	Administration	11-000-251-100-09	Jennifer Herkert (transfer)	1538	1/26/26, pending criminal history	4.5 hours per day, \$17,841.60	1
f.	Hires	Mariel	Paraprofessional - Personal	Elms	11-000-217-106-09-210000	Deborah Henry (transfer)	487	2/2/26	\$39,861.00 (\$39,036.00 plus \$825.00 hygiene stipend)	1

Information: 8. Personnel-Transfers

The Board of Education approves the transfer of the following personnel:

	Last Name	First	From Position	From Location	To Position	To Location	Paid To Account	Replacing	PC #	Effective Date	Salary Change	Step
a.	Book	Joan	Paraprofessional-Classrooms	JTMS	Paraprofessional-Classroom	JT 5-6	11-204-100-106-09	Felicia Marchisotto (transfer)	1341	1/26/26	NA	
b.	Fuca	Joseph	Special Education Teacher	JTMS	Special Education Teacher	JTHS	11-213-100-101-09	Michelle De Cesare (resigned)	1124	2/3/26	NA	
c.	Henry	Deborah	Paraprofessional-Personal	Elms	Paraprofessional-Classroom	Crawford	11-216-100-106-09	Dawn Pisano (transfer)	890	1/26/26	NA	
d.	Marchisotto	Felicia	Paraprofessional-Classroom	JTMS	Paraprofessional-Classroom	Switlik	11-204-100-106-09	Joan Book (transfer)	433	1/26/26	\$40,536.00 (remove hygiene stipend)	6
e.	Pisano	Dawn	Paraprofessional-Classroom	Crawford	Paraprofessional-Classroom	Johnson	11-216-100-106-09	New Position	New PC	1/26/26	NA	
f.	Rosetti	Morgan	Special Education Teacher	JTMS	Special Education Teacher	JTHS	11-213-100-101-09	Leah Fargo	138	2/3/26	NA	
g.	Torres	Maritza	Driver	Transportation	Bus Coordinator	Transportation	11-000-270-160-08-250304	Colleen McClain (transfer)	1804	3/2/26	\$56,568.93	C1

Information: 9. Personnel-Contract Adjustments

The Board of Education approves the following contract adjustments:

	Last Name	First Name	Title	Location	Account	Effective date	Salary from	Salary to	Step	Reason
a.	Barone	Eugenia	Van Aide	Transportation	11-000-270-107-08-250311	1/22/26	5 hours 45 minutes, \$21.00 per hour	6 hours 40 minutes, \$21.00 per hour	1	route adjustment

	Last Name	First Name	Title	Location	Account	Effective date	Salary from	Salary to	Step	Reason
b.	Barry	Jessie-Ann	Van Aide	Transportation	11-000-270-107-08-250311	1/22/26	6 hours 40 minutes, \$25.00 per hour	8 hours, \$25.00 per hour	2	route adjustment
c.	Firestone	Michael	Driver	Transportation	11-000-270-160-08	1/22/26	6 hours 40 minutes, \$32.25 per hour	6 hours 55 minutes, \$32.25 per hour	2	route adjustment
d.	Perry	Dawn	Van Aide	Transportation	11-000-270-107-082-50311	1/22/26	6 hours 40 minutes, \$21.00 per hour	6 hours 55 minutes, \$21.00 per hour	1	route adjustment

Information: 10. Personnel-Longevity

The Board of Education approves the following contract adjustments for longevity for the 2025-2026 school year, in accordance with the current negotiated contracts:

	Last Name	First Name	Title	Bargaining Group	Effective Date	Longevity Years	Current Salary	Adjustment	Adjusted Salary (Prorated)
a.	Connell	Heather	English Teacher	JEA	2/1/26	20 Years	\$83,292.00	\$500.00	\$83,792.00
b.	Hayek	Sarah	Business Teacher	JEA	2/1/26	17 Years	\$82,292.00	\$1,500.00	\$83,792.00
c.	Maher	Kevin	Teacher	JEA	2/1/26	17 Years	\$78,992.00	\$1,500.00	\$80,492.00
d.	Seich	Leslie	Secretary	JEA	2/1/26	20 Years	\$57,033.00	\$250.00	\$57,283.00
e.	Shedlebower	Christine	English Teacher	JEA	2/1/26	20 Years	\$96,152.00	\$500.00	\$96,652.00
f.	Webb	Natalie	Kindergarten Teacher	JEA	2/1/26	25 Years	\$95,152.00	\$500.00	\$95,652.00
g.	Wyskowski	Robert	Special Education Teacher	JEA	2/1/26	25 Years	\$95,152.00	\$500.00	\$95,652.00

Information: 11. Personnel-Substitute Teachers and Paraprofessionals

The Board of Education approves the following substitutes and daily rates for the 2025-2026 school year, to include one (1) day orientation at their daily rate:

	Last Name	First Name	Para-professional \$115.00 per day	Para-professional with 60 credits \$130.00 per day	Substitute Teacher (Substitute Certification 30-60 credits) \$130.00 per day	Substitute Teacher (Substitute Certification -BA/MA) \$150.00 per day	Substitute Teacher (CE/CEAS/Standard) \$170.00 per day	Substitute Long Term Leave > 8 weeks \$225.00 per day
a.	Colon	Olivia				X		
b.	Curci	Gracie				X		
c.	Genevrino	Olivia			X			
d.	Herron	Chandrea				X		
e.	Hopkins	Donna	X					
f.	Kisseberth	Alexandria					X	X
g.	Lee	Kimberly	X					
h.	Miesieski	Victoria				X		
i.	Orta	Carlos				X		
j.	Pipitone	Anthony					X	X
k.	Polefka	Jordan					X	X
l.	Ruditsky	Julia				X		
m.	Topoleski	Sophia		X				
n.	Torjussen	Kristine					X	X

Information: 12. Personnel-Student Teachers

The Board of Education approves the following student teachers as filed with the Assistant Superintendent:

	Last Name	First Name	Request	College / University	Dates	Cooperating Teacher(s)	School(s)
a.	Arellano	Fatima	Observation	Kean University	1/22/26-5/31/26	Maria Gonzalez	Crawford
b.	Cameron	Alyssa	Practicum	Kean University	1/22/26-5/31/26	Kerrin Strano	JT 5-6
c.	Coffman	Sarah	Practicum	Georgian Court University	2/2/26-5/31/26	Catherine Carley	Crawford
d.	Genevrino	Olivia	Practicum	Georgian Court University	1/22/26-5/31/26	Christina Castro	Holman
e.	Mack	Theodore	Practicum	Rutgers University	1/22/26 - 5/31/26	Jacqueline Daton	JTMS

Information: 13. Personnel-Substitutes (Other)

The Board of Education approves the employment of the following substitutes for the 2025-2026 School Year, effective January 22, 2026, unless otherwise noted:

	Last Name	First Name	Substitute Position	Rate
a.	Johnson	Brenda	Food Service Worker, pending fingerprints	\$15.92 per hour
b.	Milone	Johanna	Food Service Worker	\$15.92 per hour
c.	McDermott	Constance	Van Aide	\$16.50 per hour
d.	Pfeifer	George	Driver	\$28.00 per hour

Information: 14. Personnel-Child Care

The Board of Education approves the staff and salaries for the Child Care Academy's 2025-2026 school year:

	Last Name	First Name	District Lead Teacher	Teacher/ Substitute Teacher	Paraprofessional / Substitute Paraprofessional	Receptionist / Substitute Receptionist	Child Care Assistant
a.	Cassaro	Amanda			X		
b.	DeChamplain	Deborah			X		
c.	Leon	Brielle		X			

Information: 15. Personnel-Volunteer Clubs

The Board of Education approves the following volunteer clubs and advisors for the 2025-2026 school year:

	Last Name	First Name	School	Club
a.	Stuart	Robert	JTMS	Winter Running Club

Information: 16. Personnel-High Impact Tutoring

The Board of Education approve the following personnel for the Title I and Title IV: High Impact Tutoring Program for the 2025-2026 school year to be paid through Title I and Title IV grant funds, total amount not to exceed \$49,200.

	Last Name	First Name	School	Position	Account	Amount
a.	Adem	Samantha	Elms	Tutor	20-280-100-110-09	\$1,200.00
b.	Anastasia	Danielle	Johnson	Tutor	20-231-100-110-03	\$1,200.00
c.	Barlow	Crystal	Johnson	Tutor	20-231-100-110-03	\$1,200.00
d.	Barth	Kelly	Switlik	Tutor	20-231-100-110-06	\$1,200.00
e.	Beetel	Nicole	Elms	Tutor	20-280-100-110-09	\$1,200.00
f.	Carretta	Kimberly	Johnson	Coordinator	20-231-100-110-03	\$1,200.00
g.	Cirz	Marisa	Johnson	Tutor	20-231-100-110-03	\$1,200.00
h.	Clendennen	Melissa	Johnson	Tutor	20-231-100-110-03	\$1,200.00
i.	Desai	Tripti	Crawford	Tutor	20-231-100-110-10	\$1,200.00
j.	Donnelly	Heather	Johnson	Tutor	20-231-100-110-03	\$1,200.00
k.	Durao	Madeleine	Crawford	Tutor	20-231-100-110-10	\$1,200.00
l.	Georgiano	Erica	Crawford	Tutor	20-231-100-110-10	\$1,200.00
m.	Giaconia	Jennifer	Elms	Tutor	20-280-100-110-09	\$1,200.00
n.	Gonzalez	Maria	Crawford	Tutor	20-231-100-110-10	\$1,200.00
o.	Haley	Melissa	Elms	Tutor	20-280-100-110-09	\$1,200.00
p.	Hogan	Carrie	Johnson	Tutor	20-231-100-110-03	\$1,200.00
q.	Hughes	Laura	Switlik	Tutor	20-231-100-110-06	\$1,200.00
r.	Karatzia	Gina	Crawford	Coordinator	20-231-100-110-10	\$1,200.00
s.	Kenney	Gina	Crawford	Tutor	20-231-100-110-10	\$1,200.00
t.	Konopack	Sheryl	Elms	Tutor	20-280-100-110-09	\$1,200.00
u.	Leon	Brielle	Crawford	Tutor	20-231-100-110-10	\$1,200.00
v.	Levine	Patricia	Crawford	Tutor	20-231-100-110-10	\$1,200.00
w.	Loser	Dawn	Crawford	Tutor	20-231-100-110-10	\$1,200.00
x.	Lowry	Meghan	Switlik	Tutor	20-231-100-110-06	\$1,200.00
y.	Lykes	Kathleen	Switlik	Tutor	20-231-100-110-06	\$1,200.00
z.	Magee	Susan	Switlik	Coordinator	20-231-100-110-06	\$1,200.00
aa.	Martocci	Gabriella	Elms	Tutor	20-280-100-110-09	\$1,200.00
bb.	Moody	Melissa	Crawford	Tutor	20-231-100-110-10	\$1,200.00
cc.	Paquette	Charlotte	Elms	Tutor	20-280-100-110-09	\$1,200.00
dd.	Pfaff	Ashley	Crawford	Tutor	20-231-100-110-10	\$1,200.00
ee.	Raucci	Tracy	Switlik	Tutor	20-231-100-110-06	\$1,200.00
ff.	Sanzone	Talia	Johnson	Tutor	20-231-100-110-03	\$1,200.00
gg.	Scrofani	Destiny	Switlik	Tutor	20-231-100-110-06	\$1,200.00
hh.	Shadell	Alexandria	Switlik	Tutor	20-231-100-110-06	\$1,200.00
ii.	Tice	Jessica	Elms	Tutor	20-280-100-110-09	\$1,200.00
jj.	Toddings	Teresa	Switlik	Tutor	20-231-100-110-06	\$1,200.00
kk.	Villecco	Jill	Elms	Coordinator	20-280-100-110-09	\$1,200.00
ll.	Vitale	Haylee	Elms	Tutor	20-280-100-110-09	\$1,200.00
mm.	Walsh	Kourtney	Switlik	Tutor	20-231-100-110-06	\$1,200.00
nn.	Wilder	Jessica	Johnson	Tutor	20-231-100-110-03	\$1,200.00
oo.	Zecca	Melissa	Elms	Tutor	20-280-100-110-09	\$1,200.00

Information: 17. Personnel-Screenagers

The Board of Education approves the following personnel for the Screenagers Family Mental Health Program for the Jackson School District Families and students in grades 5-12 to be funded by 2025-2026 Title IV Grant fund, not to exceed \$4,000. Each grant funded Family Night Coordinator / Staff Coordinator for Mental Health staff member will complete 20 hours of support to families outside the school day including one family night activity.

	Last Name	First Name	School	Account	Amount
a.	Brown	Melissa	JTMS	20-280-100-110-09	\$1,000.00
b.	Hobbs	Kelly	JTHS	20-280-100-110-09	\$1,000.00
c.	Kratz	Susan	JTHS	20-280-100-110-09	\$1,000.00

Information: 18. Personnel-In Service Presentation Planning

The Board of Education approves the following personnel to plan for the February 3, 2026 In Service Day to be held at Crawford-Rodriguez and Johnson Elementary Schools, to be paid through Title II grant funds (account #20-270-200-110-09), not to exceed \$600.00 (3 hours each, \$50.00 per hour, \$150.00 each):

	Last Name	First Name	Title	Location
a.	Livio	Kelly	Teacher	Crawford
b.	Mayer	Jenna	Teacher	Holman
c.	Mazzella	Caitlin	Special Education Teacher	Holman
d.	Steider-Jones	Jennifer	Teacher	Holman

Information: 19. Personnel-Enrichment Coordinator/Teachers

The Board of Education approves the following Enrichment Coordinator and Teachers for the 2025-2026 school year (account #11-000-223-110-09-220102):

	Last Name	First Name	Position	Location	Stipend
a.	Avila	Nicole	Coordinator	District	\$3,300.00
b.	Clauburg	Nicole	Teacher-Grade 6	JT 5-6	\$650.00
c.	Convery	Bridget	Teacher-Grade 3	Johnson	\$650.00
d.	DeVivo-Calabrese	Dina	Teacher-Grade 4	Johnson	\$650.00
e.	Figuroa	Karen	Teacher-Grade 5	JT 5-6	\$650.00
f.	Fisher	Tracey	Teacher-Grade 3	Switlik	\$650.00
g.	Gonzalez	Maria	Teacher-Grade 4	Crawford	\$650.00
h.	Konopack	Sheryl	Teacher-Grade 3	Elms	\$650.00
i.	Magee	Susan	Teacher-Grade 4	Switlik	\$650.00
j.	Pfaff	Ashley	Teacher-Grade 3	Crawford	\$650.00
k.	Steider-Jones	Jennifer	Teacher-Grade 4	Holman	\$650.00
l.	Such	Marcie	Teacher-Grade 3	Holman	\$650.00
m.	Tice	Jessica	Teacher-Grade 4	Elms	\$650.00

Information: 20. Personnel-RISE Coordinator

The Board of Education approves the following RISE Coordinator for the 2025-2026 school year to be funded by the RISE Grant (account #20-462-200-100-09):

	Last Name	First Name	Stipend
a.	Gagliardi	Melita	\$1,700.00

N. Public Forum**Action, Information: 1. Open Public Forum Policy**

Motion to Open Public Forum

Motion by Tara Rivera, second by Michael Walsh.

Final Resolution: MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas

Nechaman Goldstein, resident and parent of non-public student, regarding private school transportation, noted she fills out the B16T forms through the LSTA. She stated she cannot fill out her form because she has an overdue balance. She noted last year the attorney said it is illegal for the LSTA to charge money for the busing. She emailed the LSTA but they weren't forthcoming. She asked if she is required to pay this fee or if anything changed since last year. She would like to know if there's anything that could be done about this.

Action: 2. Close Public Forum

Motion to Close Public Forum

Motion by Tara Rivera, second by Michael Walsh.

Final Resolution: MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas

Mr. Baginski answered that nothing's changed since last year regarding the LSTA. He asked Ms. Goldstein to leave her contact phone number with us tonight and he or someone from the LSTA will reach out to her tomorrow and make sure that the correct information is communicated. He noted there should not be any kind of financial penalty regarding the B16T form.

O. Board Comments**Information: 1. Board Comments**

Mr. Walsh congratulated the girls wrestling team for winning the Shore Conference tournament and two of the individual wrestlers who walked away with championships. He congratulated the boys bowling team for winning their division this year. He hopes Mrs. Pormilli enjoys her final 6 months before her retirement.

Mrs. Barocas congratulated all of our athletic teams. She thanked Mr. McClain for his presentation and noted she has seen the profound effect of the merger between the athletic department and our coaches in just the fall alone. She noted the seamless transition for our student athletes to have a successful fall season and for the seasons throughout the rest of the year. She thanked Mrs. Pormilli for all she has done but will reserve her comments on Mrs. Pormilli's retirement because she will be here for the next six months.

Mrs. Kas congratulated Mr. McCarron and Mrs. Gardella on being elected Board President and Vice President. She congratulated the athletic teams and wished DECA good luck in states. She will reserve her comments on Mrs. Pormilli's retirement for a future meeting.

Dr. Osmond reminded everybody about the survey to voice what they would like to see in the next leadership. She thanked Mr. McClain for his presentation tonight and congratulated all the teams. She thanked Mrs. Pormilli for all of her service. She noted it has been a pleasure working with her and she noted she did a lot of great things and should be proud.

Mrs. Rivera thanked everyone for coming out this evening and viewing on live stream and for the presentations. She congratulated Mrs. Pormilli and all the other retirees.

Mr. McCarron shared his thoughts of gratitude and appreciation for all that Mrs. Pormilli has done for the school district and our community. He noted during her tenure as superintendent, she navigated our district through unprecedented times including a global pandemic, significant financial challenges stemming from state aid cuts and our district's rapidly changing educational landscape. He noted she led with dedication and steadiness through some of the most challenging circumstances public education has faced. She showed strength as a leader and spent countless hours advocating to the county and the state. She was persistent with educating state officials on the shortfalls of the S2 funding formula towards a unique district like Jackson. Seeing that the state was not open to addressing the problems with their funding formula, she assembled her administrative team and shifted. She set a path of redistricting and planning for a strong future for our district. He noted she kept our school district afloat moving forward in a time when other districts in NJ were drowning. He is grateful for her commitment to our schools and for keeping our students, staff, and community at the center of her work.

Mrs. Gardella agreed with everyone's sentiments. She told Mr. McClain she'd like to see girls flag football in the spring one day. She thanked Ms. Blood for being the pipeline to the new commissioner for all the BOE's advocacy work. She appreciates in advance her time and energy. She noted she is abstaining from the superintendent retirement and anything related to the superintendent due to having relatives in the district and the ethics law. She congratulated Mrs. Pormilli on her retirement and noted she led the district through so many things. She noted she is also appreciative as a district parent.

P. Adjournment**Action: 1. Adjournment by Acclamation**

Motion to Close the Meeting

Motion by Tara Rivera, second by Michael Walsh.

Final Resolution: MOTION CARRIED

Yes: Erica Osmond, Michael Walsh, Brian McCarron, Tara Rivera, Allison Barocas, Megan Gardella, Tina Kas

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm



Daniel Baginski
Business Administrator/Board Secretary