

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 9, 2026

The Jefferson Township Local School District Board of Education met for a Regular meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026 at the Administration Office, 2625 South Union Road, Dayton, OH. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

President Michelle Cooper requested all present stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Ms. Patricia Babetto, present; Ms. Bonita Bembry, present; Ms. Michelle Cooper, present; Ms. Shaunece Gillespie, present; Ms. Renee McDaniel, present. Five members present.

Superintendent Dr. Rusty Clifford and Treasurer/CFO Craig A. Jones were also in attendance. Montgomery County ESC Director of Human Resources, Marion Stout, and Human Resources Coordinator Haley Coley were present assisting the board with the Superintendent search. Dayton Daily News reporter Lee McClory was present.

(Resolution #26.021) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The adoption of the February 9, 2026 agenda was moved by Ms. Gillespie and seconded by Ms. Babetto.

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Bembry, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

(Resolution #26.022) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of the following regular and special meeting minutes was moved by Ms. Gillespie and seconded by Ms. McDaniel:

- January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting
- January 28, 2026 Special Meeting
- February 3, 2026 Special Meeting
- February 5, 2026 Special Meeting

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Bembry, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

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BOARD MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS:

(Resolution #26.023) BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Ms. McDaniel moved and Ms. Babetto seconded the approval of the following resolution:

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, in accordance with Policy 0147, Compensation, the compensation and expense reimbursements as follows."

<u>Name</u>	<u>Training</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Bembry, Bonita	OSBA Board	01/31/2026	\$125	\$ 66.27
Bembry, Bonita	OSBA Board	02/01/2026	\$125	\$ 66.27

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Bembry, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

TREASURER/CFO REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Treasurer/CFO Jones provided an overview of the 2026-2029 Four-Year Forecast executive summary, revenues, expenditures, cash balance June 30 and key performance indicators. Deficit spending of current year expenditures over current year revenue are present all seven years of the forecast. In addition, Cash Balance June 30 is projected to be negative in fiscal year 2029.

(Resolution #26.024) TREASURER/CFO REPORT

The approval of the following Treasurer/CFO recommendations was moved by Ms. Babetto and seconded by Ms. McDaniel:

- APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the January 2026 Financial Reports."

- 2025-2026 CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the 2025-2026 Certificated of Estimated Resources."

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Jefferson Township Local School District
FY2026 Total Estimated Resources

		Amended Total 2/9/2026
001	General Fund	\$10,006,151.47
018	Public School Support	\$2,717.62
031	Underground Storage Tank	\$11,000.00
300	District Managed Activity	\$21,528.74
451	Public School Connectivity	\$0.00
507	ESSER	\$10,654.91
516	IDEA - Part B Special Education	\$100,080.95
536	Title I-School Improvement Supp	\$259,434.21
572	Title I-A: Disadvantaged Children	\$487,962.21
584	Title IV-A: Student Support and Acader	\$32,578.61
587	IDEA Early Childhood Special Educatio	\$859.90
590	Title II-A: Improving Teacher Quality	\$38,218.67
599	Miscellaneous Federal Funds	\$8,873.13
		\$973,908.95
003	Permanent Improvement	\$164,181.72
006	Food Service	\$293,553.62
007	Trust	\$3,052.86
200	Student Managed Activity	\$2,316.37
		\$5,369.23
Total All Funds		\$11,443,164.99

➤ 2025-2026 APPROPRIATIONS

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the 2025-2026 Appropriations."

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FY2026 Appropriations

		Amended Total 2/9/2026
001	General Fund	\$8,340,456.00
031	Underground Storage Tank	\$11,000.00
300	District Managed Activity	\$15,175.00
451	Public School Connectivity	\$0.00
507	ESEER	\$10,654.91
516	IDEA-B Special Education	\$100,080.95
536	Title I-School Improvement Supp	\$259,434.21
572	Title I-Disadvantaged Children	\$487,962.21
584	Title IV-A - Student Support and Acader	\$32,578.61
587	IDEA Early Childhood Special Educatio	\$859.90
590	Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality	\$38,218.67
599	Title V-B Rural and Low-Income	\$8,873.13
		\$964,837.59
003	Permanent Improvement	\$119,124.80
006	Food Service	\$290,526.44
200	Student Managed Activity	\$1,552.00
		\$1,552.00
Total All Funds		\$9,716,496.83

➤ 2026-2029 FOUR-YEAR FINANICAL FORECAST

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the 2026-2029 Four-Year Financial Forecast and accompanying assumptions, as presented."

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➤ APPROVE THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATIONS

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the following Then and Now Certifications:"

Vendor	PO No	PO Date	Invoice Amount
Trumpet Behavioral Health, Inc.	2600108	09/01/2025	\$ 6,535.83
MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY	2600185	12/01/2025	\$ 22,387.59
Jefferson County Educational Service Center	2600195	01/01/2026	\$ 5,950.00

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Bembry, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

(Resolution #26.025) APPROVE EMPLOYMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR*

Ms. McDaniel moved and Ms. Babetto seconded the approval of the following employment:

➤ APPROVE ADMINISTRATORS, ONE YEAR CONTRACT, FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Step</u>
Potter, Gilford	Interim Jr./Sr. High & Elementary Principal	01/22/2026- 02/06/2026	3

➤ APPROVE CERTIFIED STAFF SUBSTITUTE FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Step</u>
Drysdale, Rachel	Substitute Teacher	01/22/2026	\$150/day

➤ APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>
Mitchell, William	Varsity Boys Track	4
Potter, Robert	Varsity Girls Track	3

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Bembry, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

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(Resolution #26.026) APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS*

Ms. McDaniel moved and Ms. Gillespie seconded the approval of the following Superintendent recommendations:

- APPROVE THE 2026-2027 OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (OHSSA) RESOLUTION

"BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, that the schools under this Board's jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletics programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations, Business Rules, interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director's office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board's jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, By-laws, General/Sport-specific Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executive Director's office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11."

- APPROVE 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

"Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the 2026-2027 School Calendar, as presented."

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Bembry, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

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(Resolution #26.027) SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The approval of the following Superintendent recommendations was moved by Ms. McDaniel and seconded by Ms. Babetto:

➤ APPROVE 2026-2027 RESOLUTION FOR TESTING

"BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, that the Grade 3 OST (Ohio State Test) and the AASCD (Alternate Assessment for Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities) language arts and mathematics assessments be administered in a paper format for the 2026-2027 school year."

➤ APPROVE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TRANSPORTING PUPILS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>Parent Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u># of Children</u>
Brown, LaSonya	The Miami Valley School	1

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Bembry, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

(Resolution #26.028) BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

The approval of the following Board recommendation was moved by Ms. Gillespie and seconded by Ms. Babetto:

➤ APPROVE ADDENDUM ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

Approve addendum items added to the agenda in accordance with board policy 0165.1 Regular Meetings.

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Bembry, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

(Resolution #26.029) EXECUTIVE SESSION ORC 121.22(G)(1)

At 7:01 pm, Ms. Gillespie moved and Ms. Babetto seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session, in accordance with ORC section 121.22(G)(1), to discuss the appointment of a public official.

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Bembry, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

At 7:25 pm the board reconvened the regular session.

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(Resolution #26.030) APPROVE LIMITED CONTRACT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The approval of the following Board recommendation was moved by Ms. Babetto and seconded by Ms. Gillespie:

"Be it resolved, by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the appointment of Ronda Welch as Interim Superintendent, during the period of March 9, 2026 through July 31, 2026, and adopts the contract attached to the meeting agenda as Exhibit A3 setting forth the terms and conditions of such appointment."

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Bembry, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

(Resolution #26.031) APPROVE CONTRACT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The approval of the following Board recommendation was moved by Ms. McDaniel and seconded by Ms. Babetto:

"Be it resolved, by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the appointment of Ronda Welch as Superintendent for a term commencing August 1, 2026 and continuing through July 31, 2029, and adopts the contract attached to the meeting agenda as Exhibit A4 setting forth the terms and conditions of such appointment."

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Bembry, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye; Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

(Resolution #26.032) APPROVE RESIGNATION OF SUPERINTENDENT

The approval of the following Board recommendation was moved by Ms. Gillespie and seconded by Ms. Babetto:

"WHEREAS, in accordance with the Contract for Interim Superintendent, the Termination section provides that the contract may be terminated prior to Superintendent's resignation at the close of business on July 31, 2026 by mutual agreement of the parties.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Jefferson Township Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approves, the acceptance of the resignation of Interim Superintendent Dr. Rusty Clifford effective April 30, 2026."

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Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Bembry, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye;
Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

May 5, 2026 Levy Update:

- Superintendent Clifford discussed the next steps of identifying students who will not be transported next year and the timing of communicating to their parents.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:


William Keeton inquired about diesel fuel pricing.

(Resolution #26.033) ADJOURNMENT


It was moved by Ms. Babetto and seconded by Ms. Gillespie that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll call: Ms. Babetto, aye; Ms. Bembry, aye; Ms. Cooper, aye;
Ms. Gillespie, aye; Ms. McDaniel, aye. Motion carried.

The Treasurer/CFO declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



President



Treasurer/CFO