

JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2026

The Board of Education of the Jackson Public Schools held its Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at Jackson High School, 544 Wildwood Ave., pursuant to notice duly given.

Present: Marilyn Acton, Derek Dobies, Kesha Hamilton, Subba Redday, Cheryl Simonetti, Tabitha Williams, Alaina Sharp

Approval of Agenda

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

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Patterson congratulated Mr. Zessin, JHS swim coach, on being named Coach of the Year for the SEC White Division. He also recognized Mr. Thompson for earning MHSAA SEC Basketball Coach of the Year honors, and Mr. Martin for his 1st place finish in the Los Angeles Marathon. Additionally, congratulations were extended to our DECA students and our CEO Challenge students.

In celebration of March is Reading Month, Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist visited both Montessori and Cascades.

Mr. Patterson also provided an update on the bond process.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- 25-26-63 Minutes
- 25-26-64 Human Resources
- 25-26-65 Monthly Financial Report, February
- 25-26-66 Summer Tax Collection Agreements

Motion by D. Dobies, supported by T. Williams, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Requesting to Address the Board

1. Natalie Schroeder
2. Carl Strubal
3. Jennifer Gallagher

Discussion Items

25-26-67 Taher Annual Contract Renewal

Mr. Leon discussed the Taher annual contract at the finance/facilities committee meeting this month. No action required, will be brought back for an action item in April.

25-26-68 Non Unit Salary Schedule

Mr. Leon presented the non-unit salary schedule. Non-unit's are not covered by a bargaining unit this could impact their pensions from the Office of Retirement Services (ORS). Mr. Leon also presented a proposed three-year salary schedule for non-unit employees. Will be brought back for an action item in April.

25-26-69 Committee of the Whole

M. Acton revisited the topic during the Committee of the Whole for further discussion. Board members were given the opportunity to share their perspectives.

25-26-70 Technology Device Purchase

Mr. Leon presented the chromebook purchases. JPS was recently notified of Chromebook increases starting April 1st, 2026. Right now we can purchase Chromebooks for around \$241, after April first they are increasing to \$399.

Motion by S. Reddy to move 25-26-70 to action item, supported by D. Dobies. Motion carries

Action Items

25-26-71 Bond Change Order Approval

Motion by D. Dobies, supported by T. Williams, to approve the Bond Change Order. Motion carried unanimously

25-26-72 2025/26 - 2nd Budget Amendment

Motion by D. Dobies, supported by S. Reddy, to approve the 2nd Budget Amendment as presented. Motion carried unanimously

25-26-73 Gun Safety and Safe Gun Storage

Motion by S. Reddy, supported by D. Dobies, to approve the Gun Safety and Safe Gun Storage as presented. Motion carried 4-3 (No - K. Hamilton, C. Simonetti, M. Acton)

25-26-74 Elementary Technology Purchase

Motion by D. Dobies, supported by S. Reddy, to approve the Elementary Technology Purchase as presented. Motion carried unanimously

25-26-75 Superintendent Evaluation Goals

Motion by S. Reddy, supported by A. Sharp, to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Goals as presented. Motion carried unanimously

25-26-76 Technology Device Purchase

Motion by S. Reddy, supported by D. Dobies, to approve the Technology Device Purchase as presented. Motion carried unanimously

Board Comments

The Board members were given an opportunity to provide comments.

Calendar

- March 20, 2026 - JHS Ambassador Auction, , JHS Fieldhouse, 5:00 pm
- March 27, 2026 - Spring Break
- April 28, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting, JHS Media Center, 6:00 pm

Kriss noted that the district's Strategic Planning Day is scheduled for April 18. She also shared that Kindergarten Round-Up will take place from April 13–23.

Adjournment

Motion by D.Dobies, supported by S.Reddy, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Alaina Sharp, Board Secretary