

JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 26, 2026

The Board of Education of the Jackson Public Schools held its Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at Jackson High School, 544 Wildwood Ave., pursuant to notice duly given.

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by D. Dobies, supported by C. Simonetti, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried 5-0

Superintendent's Report

Michigan Association of School Boards representative Kimberly May presented on the JPS strategic planning process. Kimberly shared the district's Mission, Vision, and Belief statements, along with the new goals established for the district.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- 25-26-87 Minutes
- 25-26-88 Human Resources
- 25-26-89 Monthly Financial Report, April
- 25-26-90 Certification of Tax Levy
- 25-26-91 Resolution in Approval of 2026/27 JCISD Proposed Budget

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

Citizens Requesting to Address the Board

1. Jason Hill
2. William Hastings

Discussion Items

25-26-92 NEOLA Update, 1st Reading

Mr. Patterson reported that the policy committee meets twice a year for policy updates, and the policies presented today are being brought forward for a first reading. Marilyn Acton commented regarding Policy 2418 on gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, stating that she would like only medically accurate information presented. Cheryl stated that JPS should remain transparent with the

public, noting that these policies do not change the curriculum being taught and that an opt-out form is available for anyone who does not want their child to participate in sex education instruction.

25-26-93 SIS Change

Mr. Leon presented that JPS currently utilizes PowerSchool for all student data management. The district is exploring a transition to MiStar for the 2027–2028 school year, as the cost of PowerSchool has continued to increase without additional benefits. Mr. Leon shared that he has another district visit scheduled to review MiStar before making a final decision.

25-26-94 Bus Purchase

Mr. Leon discussed the district's bus replacement plan, noting that JPS currently has 11 older propane-powered buses that require significant repairs. He stated that the district is considering replacing one to two buses each year and is currently exploring the purchase of a 2024 bus model.

25-26-95 Stormwater Mgt Resolution

Mr. Leon discussed that the storm water resolution is not new to the district. Previously, the superintendent signed off on the resolution, but it is now being brought before the Board of Education for approval. The resolution confirms that the district will remain in compliance with State and Federal regulations regarding storm water runoff.

Action Items

25-26-96 Approval of Strategic Plan

Cheryl Simonetti stated that she would like the district's strategic plan posted on the JPS website to ensure transparency with the public.

Motion by C. Simonetti supported by A. Sharp, to approve the Strategic Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously

25-26-97 Resolution Calling Public Hearing on Proposed 2026/27 Budget

Motion by D. Dobies, supported by T. Williams, to approve the resolution calling for a public hearing on the proposed 26/27 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously

25-26-98 Roof Bids

Motion by C. Simonetti supported by A. Sharp, to approve the roof bids as presented. Motion carried unanimously

25-26-99 Lenco Painting

Motion by D. Dobies, supported by C. Simonetti, to approve the Lenco painting as presented. Motion carried unanimously

25-26-100 Banking Services RFP

Motion by D. Dobies supported by A. Sharp, to approve the Banking Services RFP as presented. Motion carried (4-1, no- Cheryl Simonetti)

25-26-101 TMP Contract

Motion by C. Simonetti, supported by D. Dobies, to approve the TMP contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously

25-26-102 Triangle Contract

Motion by C. Simonetti, supported by T. Williams, to approve the Triangle contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously

Board Comments

The Board members were given an opportunity to provide comments.

Calendar

- June 5, 2026 - Last day for students; half day
- June 16, 2026 - 100 Year Kick-off Meeting, JHS Media Center, 5:30 pm
- June 23, 2026 - Public Hearing on 2026/27 Proposed Budget; 5:45pm
- June 23, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting, JHS Media Center, 6:00 pm or immediately following Public Hearing

Adjournment

Motion by D.Dobies, supported by T. Williams, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. Motion carried unanimously.


Alaina Sharp, Board Secretary