

MINUTES- JACKSON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION- April 30, 2026

- A. The Regular meeting of the Jackson Local School District Board of Education was held, Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 5:00 pm at Jackson High School. The following members were present: Gindlesberger, Goff, Jones, Winkhart, and Wright.
- B. President Lia Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. President 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.
- 26.57 Moved by Goff, seconded by Wright, to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2026 Regular meeting as presented.
- Goff, yes; Wright, yes; Gindlesberger, yes; Winkhart, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.
- 26.58 Moved by Gindlesberger, seconded by Goff to accept the March 2026 financial statements, account modifications and appropriation changes, as presented.

March 2026

	FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT
AMOUNT	BUDGET KEY	BUDGET KEY
\$ 1,238,713.63	5169026000000160-R4220	5169026000000160-R4229
\$ 532,516.18	5729026000000720-R4220	5729026000000720-R4229
\$ 212,070.50	5169025000000160-R4220	5169025000000160-R4229
\$ 112,809.99	5909026000000900-R4220	5909026000000900-R4229
\$ 97,101.53	5729025000000720-R4220	5729025000000720-R4229
\$ 41,668.46	5249000000000240-R4220	5249000000000240-R4229
\$ 38,306.11	5849526000000840-R4220	5849526000000840-R4229
\$ 32,320.45	5909025000000900-R4220	5909025000000900-R4229
\$ 30,432.10	5879026000000870-R4220	5879026000000870-R4229
\$ 1,972.88	5519000000000510-R4220	5519000000000510-R4229
ADVANCES		
BACK		
\$ 13,467.40	5240000000000240-R5210	0017410000000000-920
ADVANCES		
IN		
NONE		
INCREASE/DECREASE		BUDGET KEY-ACCOUNT

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AMOUNT		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
\$ 4,285.99		4999026000000990-R3219
\$ 4,285.99		4999026411800990-490
\$ (1,212.00)		5519000125100510-490
\$ (559.64)		5519000221300510-210
\$ 603.41		5519000221300510-119
\$ (6,352.50)		5729025127000720-111
\$ (5,340.73)		5729025127000720-210
\$ (432.87)		5729025127000720-213
\$ (9,681.11)		5729025127000720-241
\$ (54.69)		5729025127000720-242
\$ (1,637.39)		5729025326000720-411
\$ (23.80)		5729025221300720-431
\$ (5,361.69)		5729025219000720-432
\$ (1,500.00)		5729025289000720-480
\$ (20,631.34)		5729025127000720-511
\$ 2,561.10		5059026000000050-R4229
\$ 1,957.69		5059026221300050-119
\$ 559.64		5059026221300050-210
\$ 43.77		5059026221300050-213

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

D. Board members reviewed the list of expenditures paid in March 2026, which totaled \$7,907,339.45.

E. During the first hearing of visitors, no one wished to address the Board.

F. The following communications were presented to the Board:

- The following are Speech and Debate Volunteers for Summer 2026,
 - Brandon Edmonds – High School
- The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Advisory Council met on January 27, 2026, February 27, 2026, and March 24, 2026.
- Matt Ziders, Principal of Jackson High School, gave a presentation to the Board on the Jackson High School's Annual Report

26.59 Moved by Wright, seconded by Goff, to accept with appreciation all donations received for the third quarter of fiscal year 2026 (January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026), as presented.

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

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- 26.60 Moved by Gindlesberger, seconded by Winkhart, to approve the asphalt repair work with Vasco Asphalt Company for Amherst Elementary, Strausser Elementary, Jackson Memorial Middle School and Jackson High School during the 2026 summer recess, as presented.

The scope of the work includes milling, asphalt overlay spot patching, crack filling, sealcoating and striping. The total cost of the work is \$286,441 and will be paid from the Permanent Improvement (003) Fund.

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

- 26.61 Moved by Goff, seconded by Wright, to approve the roof replacement project to replace all flat roof sections (A-I) at Strausser Elementary, and install heat tape in the gutters and downspouts associated with the north-central metal roof sections, as presented.

As in previous years, we are utilizing the Stark County Council of Governments AEPA Line Item Pricing Contract IFB #025-D - Roofing Products and Services. The existing roof is delaminating in so many areas that restoration is not practical. The old roof membrane is to be removed, new 1-1/2-inch insulation board and a 60-mil single-ply roofing membrane installed. Tremco is providing a 30-year warranty for this system. This will be paid from the Permanent Improvement (003) fund at a total cost of \$387,143.

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

- 26.62 Moved by Wright, seconded by Gindlesberger, to approve the stage curtain and rigging replacement at Jackson High School, as presented.

The Jackson Center for the Performing Arts has had sound, lighting and technology upgrades over the years, but the stage curtains and much of the rigging are thought to be original dating back to construction in 1988. Based on recommendations from recent inspections, these items need to be replaced. Wenger-Beck is a vendor recommended by Bricker Graydon based on our ability to utilize the Omnia Partners cooperative pricing agreement (contract R240120). The total cost of this work is \$102,513 and will be paid out of the Permanent Improvement Fund (003).

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

- 26.63 Moved by Goff, seconded by Gindlesberger, to approve payment in lieu of transportation for one additional student, as presented.

LAST	FIRST	PARENT	STREET	CITY	ZIP	NEW	SCHOOL

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

- 26.64 Moved by Goff, seconded by Wright, to approve the Academic fees and revisions for JHS, JMMS, and the Elementaries for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

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

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- 26.65 Moved by Winkhart, seconded by Gindlesberger, to approve the Tentative Agreement with the Jackson Classified Personnel Association effective July 1, 2026-June 30, 2029, as presented.

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

- 26.66 Moved by Wright, seconded by Goff, to adopt the following revised/new Board Policies, as presented.

Policy 2431.06 - Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) in Athletics (NEW)
 Policy 3440/4440 - Job-Related Expenses (Revised)
 Policy 6423 - Use of District Credit Card (Revised)
 Policy 6424 - Procurement Cards (Revised)
 Policy 6460 - Vendor Relations (Revised)
 Policy 6465 - Affinity, Rewards, or Other Discount Programs (NEW)
 Policy 5112 - Entrance Requirements (Revised)
 Policy 5223 - Release Time for Religious Instruction (Revised)
 Policy 5421 - Grading (Revised)
 Policy 5430 - Class Rank (Revised)
 Policy 6220 - Budget Preparation (Revised)
 Policy 6320 - Purchasing and Bidding (Revised)
 Policy 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)
 Policy 6425 - Use of District Tax Exempt Certificate (NEW)
 Policy 7540.09 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) (Replacement)
 Policy 8500 - Food Services

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

- 26.67 Moved by Gindlesberger, seconded by Goff, to review the necessary policies to be in compliance with Federal Requirements, as presented.

Policy 2111 – Parent and Family Engagement
 Policy 2261.01 – Parent Participation in Title I Programs
 Policy 2261.02 – Title I – Parents’ Right to Know
 Policy 2623 – Student Assessment and Academic Intervention Services
 Policy 5111.01 – Homeless Students
 Policy 5111.03 – Children and Youth in Foster Care

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

- 26.68 Moved by Wright, seconded by Winkhart, to approve the changes to the Board of Education meeting calendar, as presented.

- Change the date of the May Board meeting from Tuesday, May 19, 2026, to Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

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

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- 26.69 Moved by Goff, seconded by Wright, to approve the following field trips per their tentative schedules, as presented.

The Jackson Boys Varsity Basketball team along with coaches Tim Debevec, Jonathan Perdue and Mike Waseity, will travel to The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio to attend Boys' Varsity Basketball Summer OSU Shootout from June 4-5, 2026. The trip is funded by the JYBA.

The Jackson Girls Varsity and JV basketball teams along with coaches Michael Coon, Jason Zupp, Ricky Delambo and Holly Tobin will travel to The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio to attend the Ohio State Team Camp from June 12-13, 2026. The trip is funded by JGBA.

The Jackson Girls Varsity basketball team along with coaches Michael Coon, Jason Zupp, Ricky Delambo and Holly Tobin will travel to Cedar Point Sports Center in Sandusky, Ohio to attend Midwest Live from June 19-20, 2026. The trip is funded by JGBA.

The Jackson Girls Volleyball team along with coaches Mary Kate Agona, Averie Elsass and Taliyah Johnson will travel to Owens Community in Perrysburg, Ohio to attend the Super Twenty Volleyball Tournament from July 16-18, 2026. This trip is funded by the Jackson Girls Volleyball Booster Club.

The Jackson Girls Volleyball team along with coaches Mary Kate Agona, Averie Elsass and Taliyah Johnson will travel to The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio to attend the Ohio State Team Camp from July 24-26, 2026. This trip is funded by the students and pays OSU directly. No funds are collected by a coach, school district, or booster club.

The JAGS Sophomore students along with Katy Morgan and other JAGS staff members will travel to Puerto Rico from January 13-18, 2027. The trip is funded by the students, parents and fundraising.

The JAGS Sophomore students (Class of 2030) along with Katy Morgan, Kathryn Stone and additional JAGS staff members will travel to Panama City and Portobelo, Panama from January 12-17, 2028. The trip is funded by the students, parents and fundraising.

The JAGS Senior students (Class of 2028) along with Joseph Knopick and JAGS staff members will travel to Greece from March 22-30, 2028. The trip is funded by the students, parents and fundraising.

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

- 26.70 Moved by Winkhart, seconded by Goff, to accept the following retirements and resignations, as presented.

Retirements:

Biros, Michael – JHS Teacher, effective end of the 2025-2026 contract year

Cameron, Jacquelyn – JMMS Teacher, effective September 30, 2026

DiLoreto, Christopher – Superintendent, effective end of the 2026-2027 contract year

DiMarzio, Kris – Bus Driver & Bus Monitor, effective May 29, 2026

Jansen, Michael – Bus Driver, end of the 2025-2026 contract year

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Kish, Jo Ellen – Sauder Elementary Teacher, effective end of the 2025-2026 contract year
 Smith, Clifford – Bus Monitor, May 31, 2026
 Winters, Kelly – Sauder Elementary Teacher, effective end of the 2025-2026 contract year

Resignations:

Baker, Erica – Head Cook-Sauder Elementary, effective end of the 2025-2026 contract year
 Brown, Edward – Bus Driver, effective end of the 2025-2026 contract year
 Sauder, Lexington – Intervention Specialist Teacher, effective end of the 2025-2026 contract year
 Quinn, Natalie – Lake Cable Elementary Teacher, effective end of the 2025-2026 contract year
 Zittel, Kimberly – Library Secretary-JMMS, effective the end of the 2025-2026 contract year
 Ziders, Matthew – JHS Principal, effective the end of the 2025-2026 contract year
 Voytek, Natalie – HS Intervention Specialist, effective the end of the 2025-2026 contract year

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

26.71 Moved by Wright, seconded by Goff, to adopt the following resolution, as presented.

**Employment Resolution for Supplemental Contracts
 (Non-Teaching Staff)**

WHEREAS, the Board has posted the position(s) listed below as being available to employees of the District who hold teaching licenses or certificates, and no such employee who is qualified to fill the position has applied for, been offered and accepted such position; and

WHEREAS, this Board then advertised the above position(s) as being available to any individual with such a license or certificate who is qualified to fill it and who is not employed by the Board and no such person who is qualified to fill the position has applied for, been offered and accepted such position: and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following non-licensed, non-certified person(s) be employed for a one-year personal service contract as indicated pending completion of all legal requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to non-renew the personal service contract(s) at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 or 2026-2027 contract year of the following personnel as recommended by the Superintendent and direct the Treasurer to advise them by letter of the Board's intention to non-renew the contracts at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 or 2026-2027 contract year.

Pupil Activity Program Contracts – 2025-2026 & 2026-2027

Last Name	First Name	Supplemental	Index
2025-2026			
Gmerek	Maxxim	Tennis – Boys JV Assistant Coach	.115
2026-2027			
Zilla	Brian	Soccer – Boys Head Coach	.20

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

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- 26.72 Moved by Gindlesberger, seconded by Goff, to employ the following certified and classified personnel for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 contract years as recommended by the Local Superintendent; and to direct the Treasurer to send salary notices to these persons with salaries according to the adopted salary schedule or stipends and pending completion and return of all necessary documents including an acceptable B.C.I. record, where applicable:

Administrator Contracts 2026-2027

Ziders, Matthew – To hire as Associate Superintendent and to approve the job description of Associate Superintendent for the 2026-2027 school year and Superintendent for the 2027-2028, 2028-2029, and 2029-2030 school years with salary based on his employment contract.

Reindel, John - To approve the job description of Chief Academic Officer and amend the current contract for John Reindel from Building Principal at Sauder to Chief Academic Officer effective August 1, 2026. This position will be placed on the administrative salary schedule at the Sauder Principal salary for 2026-2027 school year.

Knopick, Joseph – To hire as the High School Principal and to issue him a contract per the administrative salary schedule for the school years 2026-2027, 2027-2028 and 2028-2029.

Parks, Jordan – To hire as Sauder Elementary Principal and to issue him a contract per administrative salary schedule for the 2026-2027 school year.

Certified Employment – 2026-2027

Lesco, Elizabeth – Amherst – Intervention Specialist
Washburne, Alexsandra – JMMS – Grade 7 ELA

Classified Employment – 2025-2026
Contracted

Rodriguez, Ramon – Bus Driver – 6:25 am – 9:00am; 2:30pm – 4:33pm (4.5 hrs)

Substitutes – 2025-2026

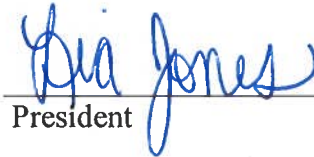
Ash, Samuel – Custodian
Brown, Rebecca – Transportation Monitor
Heckman, Paula – Bus Driver
Kemp, Victoria – Bus Driver
Myers, Mark – Custodian
Walters, James – Custodian
King, Roxanne – High School Summer Office Help

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

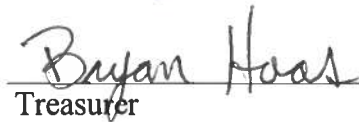
- G. The next board of education meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 5:00 pm at Jackson High School.

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- H. Mrs. Jones expressed appreciation to Mr. DiLoreto for his service, leadership, and lasting impact on Jackson Local School District. The Board emphasized that Mr. DiLoreto will remain superintendent through the 2026–2027 school year while the district continues its thoughtful succession planning process. The Board also expressed confidence in Mr. Ziders and Mr. Reindel as they prepare for future leadership, noting the district’s commitment to continued excellence.
- I. During the second hearing of visitors, no one wished to address the board.
- 26.73 Moved by Goff, seconded by Wright to adjourn into executive session at 5:55 pm with session starting at 6:02 pm to consider the employment of a public employee and the compensation of a public employee.
- Goff, yes; Wright, yes; Gindlesberger, yes; Winkhart, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.
- J. President Jones brought the meeting back into session at 6:17 pm.
- 26.74 Moved by Goff, seconded by Wright to approve the amendment to Superintendent DiLoreto’s contract, as presented.
- Goff, yes; Wright, yes; Gindlesberger, yes; Winkhart, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.
- 26.75 Moved by Wright, seconded by Gindlesberger to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm.
- Wright, yes; Gindlesberger, yes; Goff, yes; Winkhart, yes; Jones, yes. Motion carried.



President



Treasurer