

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE JACKSON-MILTON BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
AUGUST 12, 2026

JACKSON-MILTON LOCAL SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

August 12, 2026 – Middle School/High School Building – Board Meeting 6:02 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Vernon
- B. Moment of Silence - Mr. Campbell - Moment of Silence for former JM Board Member and Supervisor who passed away on July 21, 2026

C. Attendance

Roll Call

Mr. Campbell -	Present
Mr. Vernon -	Present
Mrs. Pittman -	Arrived @ 6:06 pm
Mrs. Truitt -	Present
Mr. Mascioli -	Arrived @ 6:22 pm

D. Minutes

Review and approval of the July 15, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education.

Motion by Mr. Campbell
Seconded by Mr. Vernon

Campbell Y Vernon Y Pittman N/A Truitt Y Mascioli N/A

Approved X Not Approved

E. Presentation/Recognition

a. Mr. David Vega

- Middle School PTA is providing supplies to the Middle School Students
- Getting students schedules ready. Students will get the schedules electronically on 08/31 or on paper at the Meet the Teacher Nights.
- Mr. Mascioli asked if the Elementary and Middle School PTA were the same.
- Mrs. Schultz talked about the MS PTA and they are separate entities.
- Mr. Vega said they started with the book fair last year, he needed help and they stepped up.

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- Mrs. Truitt had a question about the HS/MS Handbook – Is the drug testing the extra curricular or everyone. Mr. Vega said it is anyone who participates in an outside activity, such as sports, band, etc. It is an electronic process through On Demand. Mrs. Fishtorn, Mr. Vega, Officer Ruse and Mr. Penfound go over the list to make sure all students are included. Then On Demand randomly picks the students for testing. If they test positive they stay on the list. Mrs. Truitt asked if we provide counseling if they are positive? Yes we do with the help of On Demand.
- Mrs. Truitt asked about the required GPA for playing sports only being 1.0, this is disappointing. Mrs. Fishtorn said it is not really GPA, they have to have 5 passing classes. If you have 4 passing classes and fail 1 class you cannot play.

b. Dr. Holly Welch

- We have 30 soon to be kindergarteners in Success by Six
- August 21, 2026 at 11:30 in the Elementary United Way is having a luncheon for Success by Six and the Board is invited to come.
- Mr. Vega and I have started the Care Closet up again for this year.
- United Way help supply 15 book bags with supplies for 15 students.
- PTA made a \$1,000 donation to Ms. Ginnis
- We are partnering with Site for All United program this year, students will receive free screening and some students will qualify for free glasses
- Attended a bomb threat training
- Mentoring an Elementary Principal at Brookfield

c. Mrs. Abbey Fishtorn

- Brian Jackson is taking over as Assistant Athletic Director
- Premier Medical will provide the Athletic Trainer for all home football games for a per diem, they will use their own supplies
- Working on the Athletic Hall of Fame – Mr. Campbell asked if there is a way to find out if we missed anyone who should have been in but are not. Mrs. Fishtorn said that the inductees have to be nominated. It does not say they cannot nominate themselves.
- Season Passes are 25% off of regular price
- Jackson-Milton resident Senior Citizens can receive a free pass at the gate
- Staff + 1 guest get in free
- Official costs went up \$5 per official per sport
- Shot & disc area, Eric is getting quotes for pouring the concrete
- Struggling to get ticket takers
- Soccer's 1st home game is Friday

- d. IDEA Annual Hearing – To let families know that we have Special Education and all details are on the web site. If there are any questions or they would like their student tested, reach out to the Building Principal.

F. Administrative Report

1. Superintendent's Report

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- a. In-Service Days – Monday, August 31 and Tuesday, September 1
 - b. Professional Development Day – Tuesday, September 8
 - c. Students First Day of School – Wednesday, September 9th
 - d. Kindergarten's First Day – Monday, September 14th
 - e. Fall Sports
 - f. Staffing – We are good, had 2 resignations that were posted
 - g. Facilities
 - Classroom is done and equipment is arriving. Will be open 1st day of school
 - Roof at Elementary is wrapping up next week
 - Playground is done and open for play
 - Shared siding and stone for the Fieldhouse
 - The report card preliminary shows we will have a 4.5 Star rating
 - We have 67 Kindergartners this school year
 - There are approximately 61 Seniors this year.
 - h. Drop Off and Pick Up Lines
 - i. Spending
 - j. Nutrition Group
 - k. Kindergarten Open House
 - l. Open House
 - m. Canfield Fair Cheerleading Demo – Wednesday, September 2nd starting at 11:00 a.m. – 4th on the list to perform
 - n. Canfield Fair Band Presentation – Thursday, September 3rd starting at 11:00 am 13th on the list to perform
2. Treasurer's Report –
 - a. Read a Thank You card from Mrs. Pittman and family
 - b. Explained the difference between Insurance for the Treasurer compared to a bond
 3. Legislative Report – Mr. Vernon spoke about the property tax reform. Also noted that tax bills have not gone out yet.
 4. Board Topics - None
- G. Roundtable Discussion
- Mrs. Truitt – Thought the Maintenance appreciation lunch went well, her and Mrs. Pittman attended.
- Saw the Special Ed room in the Elementary and thought it looked great
- Started reading the Policies and had a few questions. Will email the Administration with any questions.
- Mr. Vernon – Asked if the School Fees on the Agenda had increased. They have not increased for several years.
- Mr. Mascioli – Acknowledged Dave Snowden and his dedication to the District.
- Asked if there were any impactful additions or deletions to the handbooks – Mr. Vega said no major changes, the new grading scale will be listed in the handbook. Dr. Welch – Firmed up daily procedures, with Dismissals and a firm attendance policy to match the State Law.

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Updated parent notification process. Added the length of shorts and no winter coats worn all day. Also has the Morning Care rules.

Mr. Mascioli asked about not having nicotine in the drug testing; Mr. Vega said it has been in there and will remain as nicotine for anyone under 21 is illegal to purchase.

The next meeting will be at the Nest in the Elementary building.

Mrs. Pittman – Loved the handicapped compliant playground. Also, received a letter from Dr. Welch about back to school and it was great.

Mr. Campbell – Board is divided. There is a diversity of ideas and thoughts which has led to debates and heated discussions. We need to determine how we can be unified and professional. While appreciating our diversity.

Mrs. Truitt agreed and said they should all work together, be a team and just be kind to one another.

H. Public Presentation - None

The Board Meeting will now be open for Public Discussion under the direction of the Board President, Mr. Mascioli.

I. New Business - None

Remove (*) 1. Treasurer's Business

- _____ a. Review and approval of the monthly Reconciliation Report, Disbursement Detail and Cash Summary Reports for the month of July, 2026.
- _____ b. Review of bills for the month of July, 2026.
- _____ c. Treasurer recommends that the Board approve the transfer of the remaining funds from Class of 2026 account to the Class of 2027 and Class of 2028 account, 50% to each account. As requested by the Class of 2026.
- _____ d. Treasurer recommends that the Board approve the following school fees for the 2026 – 2027 school year:
 - Elementary - \$25.00
 - Middle School/High School - \$25.00
 - Food and Fitness - \$20.00
 - Cooking Basics - \$20.00
 - Food for Life - \$20.00
 - American Regional Foods - \$20.00
 - Globe Foods - \$20.00
 - Baking and Pastry Art - \$20.00
 - Skills for Success - \$15.00

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- a. Recommend that the Board approve the following request for building/ground use as indicated:
1. JMES PTA to use the community football field and concession stand from August 6 – 8, 2026 from 7: 00 am – 6:00 pm for the Community Yard Sale.
No rental fee to be charged.
 2. JMES PTA to use the elementary school for their Annual Fall Fest on October 16, 2026 from 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm and on October 17, 2026 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm.
No rental fee to be charged.
 3. JM Grid Iron/JM Little Blue Jays to use the community football field for a Family Flock Day and Youth Field Day on Sunday, August 16, 2026 from 8:00 am – 7:00 pm.
No rental fee to be charged.
 4. Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio to use the JMHS/MS cafeteria for a Girl Scout

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Informational Meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.
No rental fee to be charged.

- _____ b. Recommend that the Board approve the written resignation of Trey Fen, Maintenance, effective August 27, 2026.
- _____ c. Recommend that the Board approve the written resignation of Maureen Miller as a member of the classified staff effective August 28, 2026.
- _____ d. Recommend that the Board approve the written resignation of Tara Fanton as a member of the classified staff effective August 28, 2026.
- _____ e. Recommend that the Board approve the hiring and one year contract to Julie Lang as Bus Driver, Step 1, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
- _____ f. Recommend that the Board approve the following personnel to extra-curricular contract for the 2026-2027 school year pending valid CPR, Pupil Activity Certification, National Federation Coaching Course, and any other federal/state mandated courses as well as clear BCI/FBI background checks:

High School

Assistant Athletic Director – Brian Jackson

- _____ g. Recommend that the Board approve the 2026-2027 school district bus drivers as having met all the state criteria:

Christy Allen, Amber Boyer, Michael DiRando, Abbey Fishtorn, Julie Lang, Patti Lloyd, Jaymie Meade, Darlene Pellin, Tina Ray, Elena Sphar, Kevin Williams,
- _____ h. Recommend that the Board approve the JM High School/Middle School 2026-2027 Student Handbook as prepared by Mr. David Vega, High School/Middle School.
- _____ i. Recommend that the Board approve the JM High School/Middle School 2026-2027 Faculty Handbook as prepared by Mr. David Vega, High School/Middle School.
- _____ j. Recommend that the Board approve the JMES 2026-2027 Student Handbook as prepared by Dr. Holly Welch, Elementary Principal.
- _____ k. Recommend that the Board approve the JMES 2026-2027 Faculty Handbook as prepared by Dr. Holly Welch, Elementary Principal.

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- _____ l. Recommend that the Board approve the Ohio Department of Education Special Education Model Policies and Procedures for the 2026-2027 school year.
- _____ m. Recommend that the Board approve the Jackson-Milton Transportation School Bus Staff Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year as prepared by Mrs. Darlene Pellin, Transportation Supervisor.
- _____ n. Recommend that the Board approve the emergency electrical work to be completed at the new parking lot behind the house.
- _____ o. Recommend that the Board approve Premier Sports Medicine to manage the duties of Athletic Trainer for all home football games and possibly for home wrestling meets at a cost of \$65.25 per hour.
- _____ p. Recommend that the Board approve Brycen McCabe as a volunteer trainer when he is available, pending clear background check. His serves are at no cost to the District.

J. Vote

Motion to approve items as listed in the Superintendent's agenda for approval.

Motion by Mrs. Pittman

Seconded by Mrs. Truitt

Campbell Y Vernon Y Pittman Y Truitt Y Mascioli Y

Approved X Not Approved _____

K. Board Action on Additional Items

I. Old Business - None

L. Board Action if Warranted - None

1. Superintendent's Business

2. Treasurer's Business

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M. Motion to Adjourn - 8:31 PM

Motion by Mrs. Pittman
Seconded by Mr. Campbell

Campbell Y Vernon Y Pittman Y Truitt Y Mascioli Y

Approve Y _____ Not Approved _____

The Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



Board President



Treasurer