



Monday, September 28, 2026
September 28, 2026 Special Meeting - Jackson Township Board of Education

Official Board Meeting

6:00 PM

JTMS Fine Arts Auditorium

This meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, and has been duly advertised in the Asbury Park Press.

A. Opening of Meeting

Subject 1. Call to Order

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Category A. Opening of Meeting

Type Procedural

Subject 2. Salute to the Flag

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Category A. Opening of Meeting

Type Procedural

Subject 3. Certification of Meeting

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Category A. Opening of Meeting

Type Action, Procedural

Recommended
Action Roll Call

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Subject 4. Approval of Agenda

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Category	A. Opening of Meeting
Type	Action, Procedural
Recommended Action	Motion to approve the agenda as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools.

B. Superintendent's Report/Information Items

Subject 1. Remarks from Superintendent

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Type	Discussion, Information
Goals	

Presentation

- Dec. 8, 2026 Special Question - Superintendent Dan Baginski

C. Public Forum

Subject 1. Open Public Forum

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Category	C. Public Forum
Type	Action, Information
Recommended Action	Motion to Open Public Forum

Subject 2. Close Public Forum

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Recommended Action	Motion to Close Public Forum

D. Finance-Resolution for Action

Subject 1. Finance-Special Question Resolution

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Category	D. Finance-Resolution for Action
Type	Action

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON
IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BUDGETARY SPENDING PROPOSAL,
TOGETHER WITH AN INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT, TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS AT THE DECEMBER 8, 2026
SPECIAL ELECTION.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY The Board of Education of the Township of Jackson in the County of Ocean, New Jersey (the "Board") (not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board concurring) as follows:

1. The following Budgetary Spending Proposal Question (the "Proposal") together with an Interpretive Statement (the "Interpretive Statement"), shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District at a special School District election (the "Election") to be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2026 commencing at 6:00 a.m. for the purposes hereinafter provided. The polls shall remain open until 8:00 p.m. and as much longer as may be necessary to permit all the legal voters then present to vote and cast their ballot. The form of the Proposal, together with the Interpretive Statement, will read substantially as follows except as otherwise may be set forth herein:

BUDGETARY SPENDING PROPOSAL QUESTION

The Board of Education of the Township of Jackson in the County of Ocean, New Jersey shall raise an additional \$7,786,800 from taxes over the amount to be raised for the subsequent 2027-2028 annual school budget for general operating funds for the subsequent 2027-2028 school year. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the school district's base general fund tax levy. The taxes authorized herein will be used exclusively for purposes described herein, and to finance expenditures in addition to those necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Do you approve this Budgetary Spending Proposal Question?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

The Board of Education of the Township of Jackson in the County of Ocean, New Jersey has lost an aggregate of \$139,600,654 in Categorical State Aid since the 2018-2019 annual school budget. As a result, the Board has closed several school facilities, eliminated programs, and cut four hundred eleven (411) teaching and staff positions. To find some relief, the Board of Education has filed a lawsuit against the State of New Jersey seeking, in part, equitable distribution of Categorical State Aid. In addition to the loss of Categorical State Aid, many of the Board of Education's general fund expenses are increasing faster than the allowable increases permitted by the State's tax levy cap causing further pressure on the general fund operating budget.

The proposed increase in the general fund operating budget will be fully offset by the decrease in the debt service tax levy for the 2027-2028 annual school budget. If the Budgetary Spending Proposal Question is approved by the voters at this special election, the Board of Education will be authorized to raise an additional \$7,786,800 from taxes for the subsequent 2027-2028 annual school budget for general fund operating budget. As indicated, in that same 2027-2028 annual school budget, the Board of Education's debt service tax levy will decrease by the equivalent amount.

The funds will be used to provide for various purposes, including but not limited to maintaining teachers and staff, transportation, facilities maintenance, curricular programs, athletics and extracurricular activities.

Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the school district's base general fund tax levy.

2. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Proposal, together with the Interpretive Statement set forth above, and subject to the approval of the legal voters of the School District, hereby determines to carry out the same as described therein. The Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, consistent with any advice received from bond counsel, to revise the Proposal and/or the Interpretive Statement, if necessary, prior to the Election to conform to any applicable legal requirements.
3. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with Bond Counsel, to deliver a certified copy of this resolution and such other information as shall be necessary to the County Clerk, to request the County Clerk to submit the Proposal, together with the Interpretive Statement, to the voters at the Election and to seek the assistance of County officials and the municipal clerks in conducting the Election.

4. The School Administration and such other officers, professionals and agents of the Board as are necessary, including Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel, are each hereby authorized and directed to perform such acts, execute such documents and do such things as are necessary and proper for the submission of the Proposal to the voters of the School District at the Election.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

E. Board Comments

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Meeting is opened for Board comments.

F. Adjournment

Subject	1. Adjournment by Acclamation
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Category	F. Adjournment
Type	Action
Recommended Action	Motion to Close the Meeting