

JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
September 15, 2026

The Board of Education of the Jackson Public Schools held its Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at Jackson High School, 544 Wildwood Ave., pursuant to notice duly given.

Present: Marilyn Acton, Derek Dobies, Tabitha Williams, Alaina Sharp, Subba Reddy, Tyshon Gray, Kesha Hamilton

Approval of Agenda

Motion by D. Dobies, supported by A. Sharp, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried 7-0

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Patterson highlighted the great things happening throughout Jackson Public Schools. He recognized the first responders who were honored during the September 11 football game.

Mr. Patterson also provided an update on the District's cell phone policy, noting that overall feedback from both the elementary and secondary schools has been positive.

Ms. Giannetti provided an update on the JHS 100-Year Celebration and congratulated Amelia Lietart, a 2012 JHS graduate, for winning the logo contest.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- 26-27-16 Minutes
- 26-27-17 Human Resources
- 26-27-18 Bond Financial Report

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

Citizens Requesting to Address the Board

Discussion Items

26-27-19 Facility Truck Replacement

Mr. Leon provided an update regarding the replacement of two facility trucks used for snow removal, hauling, and building maintenance repairs.

The first truck, a 2005 model, is no longer usable due to unsafe conditions. The second truck, a 2008 model, is still operable but needs, at a minimum, a replacement truck bed.

JPS plans to issue an RFP for the replacement of both trucks. Additionally, Marcus will review the state cooperative purchasing program, MiDEAL, which provides statewide pricing for vehicles that have already been competitively bid and approved. If vehicles that meet JPS's needs are available through MiDEAL, the District would not need to issue a separate RFP.

No action was taken, and will be brought back to the October board meeting for an action item.

26-27-20 Facility Boom Lift Replacement

Mr. Leon provided an update regarding the replacement of the District's boom lift. This piece of equipment allows the Facilities Department to access tight and narrow spaces for building repairs and maintenance, helping the District reduce the need to hire outside contractors.

The current boom lift was purchased in 1997 and has been unusable for approximately a year and a half due to a motor issue. Because of the age of the equipment, a replacement motor could not be located.

JPS plans to issue an RFP for a replacement boom lift.

No action was taken, and will be brought back to the October board meeting for an action item.

Action Items

26-27-21 EV white fleet

A Motion by D. Dobies supported S. Reddy, to approve the purchase of the EV white fleet. Motion carried 7-0

26-27-22 EV bus carport

A motion by S. Reddy supported D. Dobies, to approve the purchase of the EV bus carport. Motion carried 7-0

26-27-22 Charging carts 7th/th grade

A motion by S. Reddy supported T. Williams, to approve the purchase of the charging carts. Motion carried 7-0

Board Comments

The Board members were given an opportunity to provide comments.

Calendar

- October 7, 2026 Student Count Day
- October 9, 2026 JPS Homecoming
- October 20, 2026 Regular Meeting, JHS Media Center, 6:00 pm

Adjournment

Motion by D. Dobies, supported by S. Reddy, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Alaina Sharp, Board Secretary