

JENISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET HEARING &
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2026
Jenison Center for the Arts

Board Members Present:

Dr. Eric Hartman, D.C., Board President
William Waalkes, Board Vice President
Dr. Chris Reed, PhD., Board Treasurer
Dr. Jennifer Griffin, D.P.M., Board Secretary
Donna Mooney, Trustee
Craig Jenison, J.D., Trustee
Shannon Hogan, Trustee

Board Members Absent:

Administration Present:

Dr. Brandon Graham, Superintendent
Jon Mroz, Assistant Superintendent
Chris Marcy, Director of Finance & Operations
Katie Moy, Chief of Staff
Alana Kooi, Director of Teaching & Learning
Krista Osterberg, JIA Executive Director
Dr. Rebekah Redmer, JIA Senior Advisor

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Jenison Public Schools Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026, at the Jenison Center for the Arts by Board President, Dr. Hartman.

RECOGNITION

New staff introduced and welcomed to the district.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received from the following individuals

- Liz Sitte - Request for staff visible at the secondary level to assist with pickup and drop-off traffic concerns. She also shared disappointment regarding lack of pool party for band students following band camp due to scheduled pool maintenance.
- Jennifer Grey - Raised concerns regarding JBCO dissolution and lack of support for parent clubs as independent nonprofits.
- Ashley Rottman - Wilderness Academy update including vandalism in the hallows and welcoming new Kindergarten students.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Chris Reed, supported by Craig Jenison, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Donna Mooney supported by Shannon Hogan, to approve the July 13, 2026, Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Approval of Financial Report

Motion by Jennifer Griffin, supported by Chris Reed, to approve the financial report as presented.
Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. JIA Strategic Plan

Dr. Rebekah Redmer and Mrs. Osterberg gave a strategic vision update for JIA. Includes high-quality instructional design & flexibility, a culture of belonging & connection, and infrastructure & technology.

2. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Brandon Graham provided update including:

- 35M grant awarded
- EL student success
- Launch Day, August 18th at JCA
- Back to School excitement

3. E-Bikes

Growing concerns of student safety on campus with increase use of electric bikes and electric scooters. The district evaluating the use of them on campus and will update families with prohibited use of them on school grounds, students who utilize them to get to and from school will be asked to walk them to bike racks once they get on property.

4. Recording of Board of Education Meetings

Will begin recording and posting board meetings in September. Cost worth the transparency desired.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Griffin, Board Secretary