

JENISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUDGET HEARING &  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 14, 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  
Krista Osterberg, JIA Executive Director  
Dr. Rebekah Redmer, JIA Senior Advisor  
Kyle Cox, JIA Principal

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, September 14, 2026, at the Jenison Center for the Arts by Board President, Dr. Hartman.

RECOGNITION

Jenison Innovation Academy  
Knights of Columbus check presentation

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received from the following individuals

- Ashley Rottman - Wilderness Academy update including upcoming events, PTO meeting, garden STEM night, hallow clean up, and annual gear swap. Vandalism continues in hallow. Gear stipend for teachers and paras from the PTO. Transitions into traditional building going extremely well.
- John Wetzal - Republican Candidate

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Chris Reed, supported by Donna Mooney, 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 August 10, 2026, Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Approval of Financial Report

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

3. Approval of Out of State Trips

High School

Marching Band:

- Bands of America Regional Competition, October 3-4, University of Toledo, OH
- Bands of America Grand Nationals, November 13-15, Lucas Oil Stadium, IN

Winter Guard

- Regional, March 6-7, Avon Regional, Avon IN
- World Champions, April 8-10, Dayton, OH

Choir

- Choir Clinic at the University of Indiana, Performance at Dollywood, April 1-4, 2027, Gatlinburg, TN,

World Language

- Partnership with Hola, USA, May 30-June 6, Seville, Spain

DECA

- DECA Power Trip, November 19-22, 2026, Louisville, KY
- DECA International Career Development Conference, April 16-21, 2027, Anaheim, CA

French/Art

- Art Institute, French cafe, architecture tour, October 23, Chicago, IL

Junior High

- The East Coast Trip leaves on Friday, May 28, 2027, and returns on Thursday, June 3, 2027. The trip explores Connecticut, Boston, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Motion by Jennifer Griffin, supported by Bill Waalkes, to approve the out of state travel trips as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Approval of Redmer Evaluation Model for JIA

The Board considered approval of the Redmer Continuous Growth Model for Digital Teaching as JIA's teacher evaluation and professional growth framework beginning with the 2026–2027 school year.

Motion by Donna Mooney, supported by Chris Reed, to approve the Redmer Continuous Growth Model as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

5. Approval of GSRP Hollow Furnishings

The Board considered improvements to the GSRP outdoor learning hollow, including seating, tables and new outdoor play and learning features, funded through GSRP funds.

Motion by Jennifer Griffin, supported by Chris Reed, to approve GSRP Hollow Furnishings and improvements as presented at a cost not to exceed \$65,000. Motion carried 7-0.

6. Approval of JIA PA System

The Board considered an upgrade to the public address system at the JIA Connie Street location, funded through the 2020 Capital Projects Fund.

Motion by Donna Mooney, supported by Craig Jenison, to approve the JIA Connie Street location PA System as presented at a cost not to exceed \$41,000. Motion carried 7-0.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Brandon Graham provided update including:

- First Girls hockey team in West Michigan

- By the numbers!
  - 99.4% graduation rate
  - 478 students are taking a total of 971 AP classes (26-27 school year)
  - 80% (highest ever) FAFSA completion rate, 70% of those students were eligible for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship
  - 77 students are taking a total 89 college classes/dual enrollment (2026 semester 1)
  - 388 students are taking a total of 518 CTE classes at JHS (26-27)
  - 185 JHS students are enrolled at Careerline Tech Center (26-27)
  - 5 JHS students are enrolled at the West Michigan Construction Institute (26-27)
  - 14 JHS students are enrolled in work-based learning (2026 semester 1)
  - 759 student athletes fall 2026 (HS 464, JR 295)
  - 698 employees serving JPS students
- New literacy curriculum - working through a few challenges but will be good for all students
- El Puente upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month celebration; Principal Pewterbaugh doing a great job
- Foundation currently being poured for the 5/6 building
- BOE Elections Nov. 3rd 2026: We have 8 candidates for 3 positions.
- Hosting Band Invitational Saturday, September 19
- Tuesday, September 15 Robotics Culvers night fundraiser
- E-bikes/E-scooters use
- Women's Swim team success, including Sophia Umstead

The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Griffin, Board Secretary