

JENISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET HEARING &
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 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
Kristy Rogalla, Director of Teaching & Learning
Alana Kooi, Director of Teaching & Learning
Julie Roby, Director of Student Services

CALL TO ORDER

The workshop meeting of the Jenison Public Schools Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2026, at the Jenison Center for the Arts by Board President, Dr. Hartman.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received from the following individuals

- Board of Education Candidates
 - Kristen Evans, candidate running for board of education seat
 - Diana Weyhmiller, candidate running for board of education seat
 - Joel Buck, candidate running for board of education seat
 - Steven Kooy, candidate running for a board of education seat
 - Dr. Chris Reed, incumbent candidate running for a board of education seat
 - Laurie Burks, candidate running for board of education seat
 - Dr. Eric Hartman, incumbent candidate running for a board of education seat
 - Lisa Wilson, did not attend
- Dan Scripsema, GAC member who spoke about the upcoming election
- Liz Sittee, frustration regarding EK student incident
- Megan Nollett, thank you for attending garden open house and upcoming merchandise sale
- Melissa Homewood, question regarding what teachers can post on social media

RECESS

The board took a brief recess at 6:35 p.m. and re-adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Craig Jenison, supported by Shannon Hogan, to approve the September 14, 2026, Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Safety Update

Jeff Steignega and Jon Mroz provided a safety update including:

- New hire Dave Veldkamp, primarily at the High School
- Mapping of school cameras
- Raptor Visitor Management
- E-Bikes
- Radio System

2. Climate Survey Data

Julie Roby, Kristy Rogalla and Alana Kooi presented climate survey data from the 2025-2026 school year which included:

- 6 groups surveyed
- Trends from 2024 to current
- Standouts include teaching and learning, school safety, physical environment, interpersonal relationships, parent involvement

3. Round Table

- Student situation at recent football game
- Election expectations for staff
- Future review of safety needs and cost

The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Griffin, Board Secretary