

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Education Jenison Public Schools

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Jenison Public Schools was held on Monday, February 19, 2024, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Jenison Center for the Arts Boardroom.

Call to Order:

President of the Board of Education, Mrs. Peterman, called the Jenison Public Schools Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present:

Amanda Peterman,
President

Eric Hartman, D.C.,
Vice President

Chris Reed, Ph.D.,
Treasurer

Jen Postema,
Secretary

Jennifer Griffin, DPM
Trustee

Donna Mooney
Trustee

William Waalkes,
Trustee

Others Present:

Brandon Graham, Ph.D.,
Superintendent

Leslie Philipps,
Assistant Superintendent /
Title IX Coordinator

Christine Marcy,
Director of Finance and
Operations

Brett Cataldo,
Jr High Principal

Katie Broaddus,
Thrun Law Firm

Katie Moy,
Executive Manager of
Superintendent, BOE, &
Communications

Recognitions:

Junior High: Mr. Brett Cataldo, Junior High Principal, introduced and shared about some individuals impacting Jenison Junior High and their dedication to the Junior High community.

Students:

K. Bier, M. Fitch, Q. Lewis, P. Pierce, and A. Smith are 7th-grade students who were in the Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) State Honors Choir that performed at the DeVos Performance Hall at the Michigan Music Conference on January 25, 2024.

C. Gembis (French horn) and J. Ryan (tenor saxophone) were in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) All-State Middle School Band that performed at the DeVos Performance Hall at the Michigan Music Conference on January 26, 2024.

It's an honor to be selected for the Honor's Choir and All-State Band. The selection process is very stringent. One wrong note and students are not admitted to the respective music all-state program. It takes lots of commitment from the students and families as well especially traveling around the state for rehearsals and concerts in any kind of weather which is a challenge in the winter months. These students are involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities as well, keeping them busy throughout the school year.

Staff:

Mrs. Carol Johnson, Orchestra Director, was the Assistant Director and Choreographer for the Jr. High Musical, Nemo Jr. And, on top of that, she was named Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA) Orchestra Teacher of the Year at the Michigan Music School on Saturday, January 26, 2024. She connects with the students and is passionate about them on and off the music podium. She has a heart and dedication and always exhibits the Wildcat Way in all she does.

Mr. Cataldo added that he appreciates the students and Mrs. Johnson for exhibiting the Wildcat Way in all they do representing Jenison Public Schools across the state of Michigan.

Recess:

Mrs. Peterman called a meeting recess at 6:36 pm to congratulate those who received recognition.

Reconvene:

The meeting reconvened at 6:41 pm.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Approval of Agenda:

Mrs. Postema motioned to approve the agenda as prepared with the correction of the Discussion Item of Introducing Board Policy to be 1000-2000. The policies being reviewed are 1000-2000, not 1000-3000. Mrs. Mooney seconded the motion. The Board of Education voted to approve the agenda as presented with the correction with a vote of 7-0.

Action Items:

1. Consent Agenda:

Dr. Reed motioned to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the February 12, 2024, Special Meeting and the January Financial Report. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. The Board of Education voted to approve the consent agenda as presented with a vote of 7-0.

2. Approval of Audio System for High School Gymnasiums

Dr. Hartman motioned to discuss the approval of the audio systems for the high school gymnasiums. Dr. Reed seconded the motion. Dr. Graham shared that due to the age of the current audio system for the high school gymnasiums, the sound quality and other system updates are needed for both gymnasiums. Ms. Marcy added that quotes were solicited to upgrade the audio system for the Kamstra and Pals gyms. Live Space was the low-qualified

bidder for \$43,226. No RFP was needed. Funds will be taken from the 2020 Capital Project through tech funds. The new systems will provide better sound quality and clarity. The Board of Education voted to approve the audio systems for the high school gymnasiums with a vote of 7-0.

Discussion Items:

1. Introducing Board Policy 1000-2000:

Mrs. Philipps reviewed the policy updates with the Board of Education. This review is not official or being approved at this point; this is just hearing and asking questions about the policies. Discussion of future board policy will be further reviewed with anticipated adoption in June. A few notes:

- The Thrun structure is a bit different from the current policy. The numbering system will not match the current policy. Sometimes, "forms" that can be helpful relative to a policy can be found embedded within that policy. In the current structure, anything that is in addition to policy is found in Administrative Regulations. Thrun will have more detail (length) in policy, but for the most part, their guidelines are all forms (much less volume than current).
- The "F" designation near the top of the page near the bylaw number indicates an item is a form.
 - The 1000s have no guidelines or forms.
 - The 2000 series has some forms embedded with the policies and some that follow at the end. Those that follow at the end of this batch are all "internal" forms. That is a difference as well, some forms are public-facing and some are for internal uses.
- Take notice of some blue highlights on some forms. These are things that are specific to the instance they are being used for and would need to be filled in each time they are used.
- "Left Intentionally Blank" or "Reserved." This is a Thrun nuance to keep placeholders for optional policies or leave room for future additions within a certain number of sequences.

The policies covered include

Series 1000: Policy Overview, Mission Statement, and Definitions

1100 Policy Overview

1101 General Policy Statement

1200 Mission Statement

1201 Mission Statement - *Empowering Every Student to Succeed*

1300 Creation, Amendment, and Posting of Policies

1301 Creation, Amendment, and Posting of Policies

1400 Definitions

1401 Definitions

Series 2000: Bylaws

2100 Official Description, Purpose, and Board Organization

2101 Roles of the Board and Board Members

2102 School District's Legal Name and Status

2103 School District Boundaries

2104 Intentionally Left Blank (future policy can be placed here)

2200 Board Powers

2201 Board Powers/General Powers

2202 Authority to Enter into Contracts

- 2203 Authority to Establish Curriculum
- 2300 Board Member Conduct
- 2301 Conflict of Interest
- 2302 Board Code of Ethics
- 2303 Violation of Board Code of Ethics
- 2305 Board Member Reimbursement and Travel Expenses
- 2306 Intentionally Left Blank (future policy can be placed here)
- 2400 Board Membership and Duties
- 2401 Board Member Elections
- 2402 Acceptance of Office and Oath of Office
- 2403 Board Member Terms of Office
- 2404 Board Member Vacancies and Appointments
- 2405 Board Officers
- 2406 Board Officers' Duties
- 2500 Board Meetings and Open Meetings Act Compliance
- 2501 Meetings
 - 2501A Electronic Board of Education Meetings
 - 2501A-F-1 Electronic Board Meeting Checklist
 - 2501A-F-2 Advance Notice of Remote Participation
 - 2501A-F-3 Electronic Board Meeting Notice (blue highlight to fill in)
 - 2501A-F-4 Affidavit of Website Posting of Public Notice of Electronic Board Meeting (blue highlight to fill in)
- 2502 Board Meeting Agenda
- 2503 Voting Requirements
- 2504 Public Participation at Board Meetings
- 2505 Board Committees
- 2506 Organizational Meetings
- 2202-F Authority to Enter into Contracts Checklist
- 2301-F Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form
- 2304-F Gift Disclosure Form
- 2305-F Board Member Reimbursement and Travel Expense Form
- 2506-F Organizational Meeting Checklist

2. Superintendent Update:

Dr. Graham briefly shared a few district events, happenings, and updates with the Board of Education.

- State Teacher of the Year: Congrats to Carol Johnson, Orchestra Director, for being named the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association Orchestra Teacher of the Year for 2023-2024! She received this award at the Michigan Music Conference in January.
- Bond Campaign: The District has officially launched the bond campaign and sent information to staff and families. There will be a detailed webpage to answer questions and be transparent to the community. Dr. Graham has been meeting with parent groups throughout the district. He provided two documents to the Board of Education. One document reviews the bond information to be shared with the community and the second gives the timeline of the bond.
- Robotics: A huge turnout for the Robotics competition in Grandville. Jennifer Newberry and Tim Hoyt helped coordinate the event. Three JPS teams will be heading to Worlds in Texas.

- Wrestling: Five Wrestlers will compete in the MHSAA Regional competition. STATE BOUND Congratulations to I. Barynas and T. Mendez on earning a trip to the State Finals for Wrestling
- Competitive Cheer Team: Congratulations to the Jenison Competitive Cheer team for securing 3rd place at the MHSAA District competition to earn a spot in the Regional competition next Saturday at Hartland.
- Bowling: For the third consecutive season, Boys Bowling has won a regional championship. Boys Bowling won the OK Red Conference Tournament en route to a 1st place finish overall in the OK Red Standings. B. Slagter earned all-tournament team top honors with a 738, 3-game series. B. Pettenger and J. Slagter also made the top 5 all-tournament team. Congratulations to three bowlers who qualified for Individual States: J. Slagter, K. Kroon, and B. Pettenger.
- DECA: The Cat's Corner and Green Bean, two school-based enterprises at Jenison Senior High, will be recognized during DECA's International Career Development Conference this April in Anaheim, California! The businesses achieved gold-level certification from DECA for the 2023-2024 school year. The Jenison DECA members who contributed to the certification were J. Ngo, M. Sanders, L. Tower, and I. Ward with the assistance of their DECA chapter advisor, Jordan Whittecar. The Cats Corner at Jenison has operated for more than 30 years and the Green Bean has operated for more than 12 years. Congratulations Jenison DECA!
- Orchestra: Jenison Orchestras traveled to Minneapolis to meet with Mark Russell Smith, an internationally-known conductor who works for the University of Minnesota! The high school orchestras enjoyed a special set of clinics with Smith during their visit. It was a great trip and students were able to get in front of the best musicians to help them become more well-rounded musicians.

Move Into Closed Session:

The President of the Board of Education, Mrs. Peterman, paused the Board of Education meeting to confer with the board to go into a closed session.

Purpose Closed Session: Matter of Negotiations

Mrs. Postema motioned to go into a closed session for a Matter of Negotiations. Mr. Waalkes seconded the motion. President Peterman called a closed session for the Board of Education at 7:21 pm.

A roll call vote was taken:

YEAS: Griffin, Hartman, Mooney, Peterman, Postema, Reed, and Waalkes

NAYS: none

Abstentions: none

The Board of Education has voted to end the regular session and to go into closed session for a matter of negotiations by a roll call vote of 7-0 at 7:21 pm.

The public was dismissed, and the Board of Education moved the closed session to the boardroom.

Recess:

The President of the Board of Education, Mrs. Peterman called a recess of the meeting at 7:21 pm to allow for a quick break.

Reconvene:

The meeting reconvened at 7:24 pm

Closed Session: Matter of Negotiations

During the Closed Session, the Board and Administration met to discuss the matter of negotiations.

Motion to come out of Closed Session and Return to Open Session:

Dr. Hartman motioned to go out of the closed session. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was not needed to end the closed session. The closed session ended with a vote of 7-0 at 8:07 pm.

President Peterman declared the Board of Education Closed Session to be ended and the meeting reconvened in open session at 8:07 pm.

Adjournment:

The President of the Board of Education, Mrs. Peterman, adjourned the Jenison Public Schools Board of Education meeting at 8:07 pm with acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Postema, Secretary
Jenison Public Schools Board of Education

Future Meetings:

Month:	Regular Meeting (held at 6:30 pm):	Workshop (held at 6:00 pm)
March 2024	Mon, Mar 11	Mon, Mar 25
April 2024	Mon, Apr 15 - JCA Black Box	Mon, Apr 29
May 2024	Mon, May 13 - JCA Auditorium	
June 2024	Mon, Jun 10 - JCA Auditorium	
July 2024	Mon, Jul 15 - JCA Black Box	

Note: meetings are located in the JCA Boardroom unless listed.