



**Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board  
Joseph City Unified School District  
District Office Board Room, 8176 N. Westover, Joseph City, AZ 86032  
Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

**Members present**

Eldon Larsen, President; Karsten Flake, Cat Hansen, Lexi Nelson

**Administrators present**

Bryan Fields, Superintendent; Steven Mills, Business Manager; Darrel Mosier, Elementary Principal

**Others present**

6 community members

**1. OPENING ITEMS**

**1.A. Call to Order**

Eldon Larsen called the meeting to order.

Time: 6:01 p.m.

**1.B. Roll Call**

**1.C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**1.D. Invocation**

**2. APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Eldon Larsen to approve the agenda as presented; second by Lexi Nelson.

Final Resolution: Motion passed.

Yes: Eldon Larsen, Karsten Flake, Cat Hansen, Lexi Nelson

**3. APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion by Karsten Flake to approve the February 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes; second by Lexi Nelson.

Final Resolution: Motion passed.

Yes: Eldon Larsen, Karsten Flake, Cat Hansen, Lexi Nelson

**4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**5. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO THE GOVERNING BOARD**

None.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Eldon Larsen to approve the Consent Agenda; second by Cat Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion passed.

Yes: Eldon Larsen, Karsten Flake, Cat Hansen, Lexi Nelson

**6.A. Approve Expense Vouchers**

Action to ratify district vouchers for the period 2/1/2026 through 2/28/2026.

**General and Special Funds:** #18 \$169,290.91; #19 \$168,649.96; #1027 \$41,015.91; #1028 \$84,238.48; #1029 \$103,112.73

**Auxiliary Operations Funds:** #1047 \$2,394.36; #1052 \$1,813.08; #1053 \$376.78

**Student Activities Fund: #1048 \$900.00**

**6.B. Student Activities Fund Report**

Revenues, expenditures and charges in the Student Activities Fund Report; period of 2/1/2026 through 2/28/2026.

**6.C. Accept the Arizona Division of School Facilities Building Renewal Grant Award**

Building Renewal Grant awarded to Joseph City Schools for Joseph City Elementary School Boiler Project

**6.D. Approve the 50 By Fall Project Intergovernmental Agreement between Joseph City Unified School District and the Arizona Board of Regents**

Partnership to increase FAFSA completion rates and create a college-going community at the high school level

**6.E. Gifts & Donations**

Donor	Item	School/Program	Purpose	Amount
Madison Education Foundation	Cash	HS Automotive (Tyson Smith)	Extraordinary license plate grant	\$1,296

**6.F. Student Fundraisers**

Organization	Description	Action
Drama Club	Monthly Fun Night Fairs	Ratify

**7. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

**8.A. Personnel Requests**

Name	Assignment	Action
See attached list	Certified Teachers	Renewal for 2026-27
Sander, Loralai	Event Worker	Appointment
Strong, Jason	JH Assistant Track Coach	Appointment

Motion by Eldon Larsen to approve the personnel requests as presented; second by Cat Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion passed.

Yes: Eldon Larsen, Karsten Flake, Cat Hansen, Lexi Nelson

**8.B. Approve the Formation of a New Student Club at Joseph City Jr/Sr High School**

Motion by Eldon Larsen to approve the formation of the Language Arts, Culture and Humanities Club (LACH) at Joseph City Jr/Sr High School; second by Cat Hansen.

Final Resolution: Motion passed.

Yes: Eldon Larsen, Karsten Flake, Cat Hansen, Lexi Nelson

**8.C. Discussion and Possible Approval of Changes to Governing Board Policies**

These policies and possible changes were presented for public and board review at the previous regular board meeting and on the District website. See the attached Policy Advisory for policy changes to be considered. See the Link section of this agenda item to view the current policy manual. Policies affected:

DIE; DIE-R - Audits/Financial Monitoring

Motion by Eldon Larsen to approve the Governing Board Policy changes as presented; second by Cat Hansen

Final Resolution: Motion passed.

Yes: Eldon Larsen, Karsten Flake, Cat Hansen, Lexi Nelson

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9.A. Requests for Future Agenda Items**

None.

**9.B. Upcoming Meetings and Events Calendar**

- **Superintendent Search Candidate Selection and Interview Preparation** - March 27, 2026; 10:00 a.m.
- **Work Session** - April 3, 2026; 9:00 a.m.
- **First Round Interviews** - April 8, 2026; (time to be announced)
- **Next Regular Board Meeting** - April 14, 2026; 6:00 p.m.
- **Final Round and Community Forum; Meet and Greet the Candidates** - April 17, 2026; 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (exact times to be announced later)

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Eldon Larsen to adjourn the meeting; second by Lexi Nelson.

Final Resolution: Motion passed.

Yes: Eldon Larsen, Karsten Flake, Cat Hansen, Lexi Nelson

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Board Clerk or President

# Teacher Contract Renewals

**\*includes Return-To-Work Retiree Rehires  
FY 2026-27**

Name	Position
BEATTY, KRISTEN	TEACHER
BIRK, KATE W	TEACHER
BOWLER, LAURIE A	TEACHER
BRAWLEY, MICAH M	TEACHER
BUSHMAN, JESSICA E	TEACHER
BUSHMAN, PETER J	TEACHER
CASTELLANO, KORITZA M	TEACHER
*DEWITT, DAROLYN	TEACHER
EDWARDS, JERI D	TEACHER
FISCHER, BRAD A	TEACHER
FISCHER, JENNIFER L	TEACHER
GAYER, MICHAEL R	TEACHER
HANCOCK, ROLAND K	TEACHER
HANSEN, MARIJOE	TEACHER
HANSEN, RUTH B	TITLE I LEAD TEACHER
HUNT, ERICKA	TEACHER
HUTCHENS, DANIEL L JR	TEACHER
ISAACSON, TAURA K	TEACHER
JOHNSTUN, AARON J	TEACHER
LARSEN, KAREN	TEACHER
METZGER, KELLY S	TEACHER
MILLER, KYLIE	TEACHER
MURPHY, TYLER J	TEACHER
NEAL, LILLIAN	TEACHER
PETERSON, AMY C	TEACHER
*RUSH, KAY	TEACHER
SANDER, AMANDA R	TEACHER
SMITH, DEIDRA N	TEACHER
SMITH, TYSON J	TEACHER