

JENISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET HEARING &
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 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
Kristy Rogalla, Director of Teaching & Learning
Alana Kooi, Director of Teaching & Learning
Julie Roby, Director of Student Support Services
Krista Osterberg, JIA Executive Director

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, July 13, 2026, at the Jenison Center for the Arts by Board President, Dr. Hartman.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received from the following individuals

- Megan Noellet - Wilderness Academy update including site work and projects completed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda

Motion by Bill Waalkes, supported by Shannon Hogan, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

a. Annual Organizational Meeting

i. Designation of Depositories

Approved the designation of Macatawa Bank (A Wintrust Community Bank) as the district's depository for check and deposit clearing, Huntington Bank for purchase card payments, and the Michigan Investment Liquid Asset Fund for investments for the 2026-2027 school year.

ii. Designation of Signatories

Approved the designated district signatories for the 2026-2027 school year.

iii. Designation of Meeting Dates

Approved the 2026-2027 Board of Education meeting and workshop schedule as presented.

- iv. Designation of Person Responsible for Posting Public Notices
Approved the Superintendent as the individual responsible for posting public notices in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.
- v. Designation of Person Responsible for Public Elections
Approved the Director of Finance and Operations as the district's designated election official for the 2026-2027 school year.
- vi. Authorization for Electronic Fund Transfers and Designation of Electronic Transfer Officers
Approved the Director of Finance and Operations and the Accounting Supervisor as Electronic Transfer Officers.
- vii. Acceptance of Law Firm Retainer
Approved the retainer agreement with Thrun Law Firm, P.C. to continue serving as legal counsel.
- viii. OASBA Board of Directors Representative
Appointed Chris Reed as the Ottawa Area School Boards Association representative and Jennifer Griffin as alternate representative for the 2026-2027 school year.
- ix. Board Member Compensation
Approved Board member compensation of \$25.00 per meeting, paid semiannually.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Craig Jenison supported by Donna Mooney, to approve the June 8, 2026, Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Approval of Financial Report

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

4. Approval of June 10 Thrun Policy Update

Motion by Jennifer Griffin, supported by Chris Reed to approve the annual policy updates as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

2202, 2406, 2501, 3102, 3108, 3115, 3115A, 3115B, 3115C, 3115D, 3115E, 3115H, 3301A, 3303, 3304, 3006, 3402, 3407, 4101, 4104, 4113, 4201, 4205 AG-1, 4209, 4210, 4216, 4508, 4602, 5209, 5507, 5710, 5714 Guidelines: 4508-AG, 5103-F2, 53009-F1, 5603-F16

5. Approval of Student Handbooks

Motion by Donna Mooney, supported by Shannon Hogan to approve the 2026-2027 JPS and JIA student handbook revisions as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

6. Approval of New Purchase Card Vendor

Motion by Chris Reed, supported by Jennifer Griffin to approve Huntington Bank as the district's purchase card provider and authorized the Director of Finance and Operations to execute the agreement. Motion carried 7-0.

7. West Michigan Health Insurance Pool (WMHIP) Trustee and Alternate Trustee Appointment

Motion by Craig Jenison, supported by Chris Reed to approve the resolution appointing Jon Mroz as Trustee and Chris Marcy as Alternate Trustee to the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool Board of Trustees.

Ayes: Mooney, Waalkes, Hartman, Reed, Griffin, Jenison, Hogan

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Sale of School Bus #05-20

The Board discussed the proposed sale of surplus School Bus #05-20 due to its age, condition, and lack of operational need.

2. Strategic Vision 2031 Presentation

The Board received a presentation outlining Strategic Vision 2031, the district's long-term roadmap for continuous improvement. The presentation reaffirmed the district's mission of Empowering Every Student to Succeed and vision of becoming the best school district in Michigan through four strategic goal areas:

Wildcat Learning – Literacy

Wildcat Learning – Math

Wildcat Life – Connections

Wildcat Life – Pathways

District leaders reviewed current student achievement and climate data, discussed the measurable outcomes that will be used to monitor progress, and introduced ambitious growth targets through 2031. The Board also received an overview of the district's framework for implementation, including shared research-based strategies, consistent districtwide practices, and building-level activities designed to support continuous improvement while maintaining each school's unique strengths. The presentation emphasized using data to drive decision-making, aligning instructional and student support systems, and fostering meaningful connections and future readiness for every student.

3. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Brandon Graham provided update including:

- The State Budget Passed
- Upper Elementary construction has started, foundations should be poured by the end of August. Unexpected power outage at the Junior High and High School as well as water. Lots of utility relocation happening
- MTC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is 7/14 at 6:30 pm
- 44 Junior High students traveled to Costa Rica and had a great experience
- 104 Junior High students went on the East Coast Trip
- Jenny Riha, High School Counselor, Michigan School Counselor Fellowship and presenting in California
- Estimated cost of recording board meetings and having available on website is \$11,000-\$15,000 and the board will further discuss

The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Griffin, Board Secretary