

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, January 20, 2025, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Jenison Center for the Arts Boardroom.

Call to Order:

Acting President of the Board of Education, Dr. Hartman, called the Jenison Public Schools Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present:

Eric Hartman, DC,
President

William Waalkes,
Vice President

Chris Reed, PhD,
Treasurer

Jen Postema,
Secretary

Jennifer Griffin, DPM
Trustee

Donna Mooney
Trustee

Shannon Hogan,
Trustee

Others Present:

Brandon Graham, PhD,
Superintendent

Christine Marcy,
Director of Finance and
Operations

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

Recognitions: Board of Education

Due to the weather conditions, the recognition of the Wilderness Academy and Pinewood Elementary will be held at the February meeting.

Board of Education:

The month of January is dedicated to recognizing school board members. JPS took time to recognize and celebrate each of the board members for leading and serving Jenison Public Schools and honored each of them with a small token of appreciation.

Public Comment

Mary Martin (7376 Pinegrove Dr, Jenison) - She shared how today is a wonderful day that President Trump is back in office.

Jason Lerg (3502 Tearose Dr, Hudsonville) - He shared that it is a happy day because there was no school and Tuesday will probably be a snow day.

Dr. Graham briefly spoke about the upcoming weather predictions and how the decision to close school is made.

Dr. Hartman thanked the public for their time and comments provided to the Board of Education.

Oath of Office: Shannon Hogan and William Waalkes

Though not necessary, Mrs. Postema motioned for the Oath of Office to be administered for Ms. Hogan and Mr. Waalkes. Donna Mooney seconded the motion. Ms. Hogan and Mr. Waalkes took the oath to be on the Jenison Public School Board of Education. The oath is as follows: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this State, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Member of the Board of Education of Jenison Public Schools, Ottawa County, Michigan according to the best of my ability."

Approval of Agenda:

Dr. Reed motioned to approve the agenda as prepared. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. The Board of Education voted to approve the agenda as presented with a vote of 7-0.

Action Items:

1. Election of Officers:

As outlined in Jenison Public Schools Board Policy 2405, Board Officers are elected at an annual organizational meeting. The Board shall elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. A candidate for a Board officer position must receive a majority vote to serve in the position. The elected officers will hold office for one year, and continue until their successors are chosen and take office. Board officers are eligible for reelection to their office. The duties and responsibilities of these positions are outlined in Board Bylaw 2406.

As presiding officer, Dr. Hartman conducted the election by seeking nominations and calling for a vote for each position in the following order: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Education nominated and voted on the following for each position.

President: Dr. Reed motioned to nominate Dr. Hartman as President. Mr. Waalkes seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion was carried 7-0. Dr. Hartman accepted the nomination and presided over the remaining of the meeting.

Vice-President: Dr. Reed motioned to nominate Mr. Waalkes as Vice-President. Mrs. Postema seconded the motion. Ms. Hogan motioned to nominate Mrs. Mooney as Vice-President. Dr. Griffin seconded the motion. Dr. Hartman asked each board member for their vote (Mr. Waalkes 4 votes, Mrs. Mooney 3 votes). Mr. Waalkes had the majority vote and accepted the nomination.

Secretary: Dr. Reed motioned to nominate Mrs. Postema as the Secretary. Mr. Waalkes seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion was carried 7-0. Mrs. Postema accepted the nomination.

Treasurer: Mrs. Mooney motioned to nominate Dr. Reed as Treasurer. Mr. Waalkes seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The motion was carried 7-0. Dr. Reed accepted the nomination.

The board officers are as follows:

President: Eric Hartman
Vice-President: William Waalkes
Secretary: Jen Postema
Treasurer: Chris Reed

2. Consent Agenda:

Dr. Griffin motioned to accept and approve the consent agenda including the minutes from December 9, 2024, the Board of Education Meeting and Closed Session, and the December Financial Report. Dr. Reed seconded the motion. The Board of Education voted to approve the consent agenda as presented with a vote of 7-0.

3. Athletic Campus Improvements Bid Approval:

Mrs. Postema motioned to discuss the Athletic Campus Improvements Bids as presented. Mr. Waalkes seconded the motion. Ms. Marcy shared with the Board of Education that overall, it was a very good turnout for this project. Many bidders submitted proposals for every bid category. Bids were received on January 16, 2025, and the post-bid interviews were held today, January 20, and tomorrow, January 21. So far, the post-bid interviews have shown more savings than the initial projections. They keep finding more savings as they go through the bids. The budget is based on the potential costs. The project includes 16 new post-tension tennis courts, a new concessions/storage building, and demolition of the existing maintenance facilities, old concession building, and old tennis courts. The project is not to exceed \$5,316,364. Ms. Marcy will give updates on the actual bid awards at a future date. The Board of Education voted to approve the athletic campus improvements as presented with a vote of 7-0. The project is scheduled to start in March.

4. Approval Request for Instrument Purchases:

Mr. Waalkes motioned to discuss the instrument purchases as presented. Dr. Reed seconded the motion. The Band program does a good maintaining its instruments and when to update them. The band directors try to keep their instruments on a system of rotation to keep up with new instruments. The program is seeking approval to purchase Adams sousaphones at \$9,450 each and four Yamaha concert tubas at \$8,248 each to accommodate the growth in our high school band's tuba section. The total cost for these purchases is \$89,692. Ordering the sousaphones on time will help decrease the delays in getting to the students on time and before the marching band season begins. The Board of Education voted to approve the instrument purchase as presented with a vote of 7-0.

Discussion Items:

1. Pool Renovation Update:

Ms. Marcy provided the Board of Education with an update on the pool renovations. JPS has been working with Triangle to review the pool renovations. In October, JPS received approval for equipment purchases but looking over the proposals and timeline they needed to go back to the drawing board to figure out more solutions. The project will cost approximately \$2.2 million for the equipment to finish but will need to figure out what equipment is right, and won't install anything until all the equipment is ready. The timeframe is being coordinated with Jen Coffey and maintenance to ensure the timing is best for all involved. A lengthy closure of the pool is not ideal, and will need to coordinate what time is best. Ms. Marcy is making sure she checks things thoroughly and wants to ensure everything is done correctly before the process begins.

2. Superintendent Update:

Dr. Graham briefly updated the Board of Education on a district-wide report of happenings and more.

- Professional Development: Today was a Professional Development (PD) Day. Staff across the district reviewed the climate and culture of the district. Getting to know the students and figuring out what the best practices are to do so. A video was shared. The goal is to make sure every student feels like they are loved. How does each staff member know each student in their classes? The focus is on building relationships with each student, strengthening the Wildcat Way, while also helping figure out a better positive behavior support system (PBIS).

- Kindergarten Parent Meeting is being moved to Monday, January 27 due to the weather. It will share all the programming offered at JPS. Kindergarten screening starts in February.
- Jr. High Musical: Frozen Jr. opens this week, January 23-26. The junior high students have been working hard on the show. It's predominately student-run performances (crews and actors). It will be a fun show to see.
- Partnering with Parents: JPS will be partnering with Chapel Pointe Church to bring the program Protect Young Eyes: Creating Safer Digital Spaces. A presentation will be shared on Monday, February 17 at 6:00 pm at the JCA. It's a program applicable for students of all ages. Chapel Pointe will also do a follow-up with students during their youth group.
- February 17 Board of Education Meeting: Moving the time to 7:00 pm to accommodate the presentation earlier that evening.
- Pink Out: The Pink Out Committee started over 11 years ago. The hope is to continue the support for the community through this committee however the National Honors Society students are jumping in to help run the the Pink Out event. It's getting the students more involved with helping out in the community.
- Snow Days: Making decisions on having snow days or canceling school can be tough. Dr. Graham tries to make the decision to give families enough time to plan especially for childcare and for students who may be traveling to school, especially for those who drive to the tech center.
- Incentives for Students: Dr. Graham is to see what incentives do students receive for positive behavior. It is encouraged to not always give candy.

Move Into Closed Session:

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

Purpose Closed Session: Negotiations

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

A roll call vote was taken:

YEAS: Griffin, Hartman, Hogan, Mooney, 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 the Board and Administration to meet in a closed session to discuss Negotiations by a roll call vote of 7-0 at 7:21 pm.

The public was dismissed.

Recess:

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

Reconvene:

The meeting reconvened at 7:28 pm.

Closed Session: Negotiations

During the Closed Session, The Board and Administration met in a closed session to discuss Negotiations.

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

Mrs. Postema motioned to go out of the closed session. Mr. Waalkes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was not necessary to end the closed session. The closed session ended with a vote of 7-0 at 8:05 pm.

Dr. Hartman declared the Board of Education Closed Session to be ended and the meeting reconvened in open session at 8:05 pm.

Open Session:

There was no further action or discussion needed. There was no discussion after reopening. No public was present when reopening.

Adjournment:

The President of the Board of Education, Dr. Hartman, adjourned the Jenison Public Schools Board of Education meeting at 8:05 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)
January 2025	Mon, Jan 20	Mon, Jan 27 CANCELED
February 2025	Mon, Feb 17	
March 2025	Mon, Mar 10	Mon, Mar 24
April 2025	Mon, Apr 21	
May 2025	Mon, May 12	
June 2025	Mon, Jun 9	
July 2025	Mon, Jul 14	