

Hearing Meeting

BOARD OF EDUCATION Jacksonville School District #117

AGENDA

Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Jacksonville Middle School Auditorium
664 Lincoln Avenue
Jacksonville, Illinois 62650
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Jacksonville School District 117 for 2025 will be held on December 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Jacksonville Middle School at 664 S. Lincoln Ave, Jacksonville, IL 62650. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Jenn Lacey, Board Secretary, 211 West State Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650, at (217) 243-9411 ext. 1135.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2024 were \$25,179,212.97.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2025 are \$27,697,134.00. This represents an 10.0 % increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2024 were \$0.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2025 are \$0. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2024 were \$25,179,212.97.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2025 are \$27,697,134.00. This represents an 10.0 % increase over the previous year.

II. REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report- Nov. 25
- Truth in Taxation Presentation 2025

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TREASURER'S REPORT
November 30, 2025

Monthly Business

FUND	Beginning Cash Balance	Receipts (including interest)	Disbursements		Misc. Transactions	Bank Balance
			Payroll	Accounts Payable		
10-Education	\$ 39,762,818.16	\$ 2,346,477.17	\$ (1,713,090.32)	\$ (3,083,888.20)	\$ 110,570.01	\$ 37,422,886.82
20-O & M	\$ 4,822,266.75	\$ 10,005.00	\$ (129,539.19)	\$ (263,094.70)	\$ 10,393.10	\$ 4,450,030.96
30-Debt Service	\$ 4,375,340.96	\$ 337,251.98		\$ (4,602,818.13)	\$ 202.80	\$ 109,977.61
40-Transportation	\$ 3,575,358.48	\$ 297.00	\$ (88,621.73)	\$ (98,583.84)	\$ 9,155.15	\$ 3,397,605.06
50-IMRF/SS	\$ 1,337,539.75			\$ (155,186.77)	\$ 1,679.18	\$ 1,184,032.16
60-Capital Projects	\$ 4,072,698.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (63,109.76)	\$ 12,886.70	\$ 4,022,475.27
70-Working Cash	\$ 3,311,419.15		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,831.35	\$ 3,321,250.50
80-Tort	\$ 627,595.47	\$ 165,090.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,110.70	\$ 793,796.17
90-Fire Prevention & Safety	\$ 42,402.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22.41	\$ 42,424.79
TOTAL	\$ 61,927,439.43	\$ 2,859,121.15	\$ (1,931,251.24)	\$ (8,266,681.40)	\$ 155,851.40	\$ 54,744,479.34

Cash and Investments

FUND	CASH			INVESTMENTS			TOTAL
	U.S. Bank - General Fund	U.S. Bank - Insurance Fund	Illinois Funds - General Fund	2025 Series BOND PROCEEDS	ISDLAF Investments	IIT Investments	
10 Education	\$ 4,928,704.45	\$ 852,675.22	\$ 22,326,675.15		\$ 1,757,048.53	\$ 7,557,783.47	\$ 37,422,886.82
20 Operations & Maintenance	\$ 1,587,949.94		\$ 2,862,080.88		\$ -	\$ 0.14	\$ 4,450,030.96
30 Bond & Interest	\$ 48,261.62	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 61,715.99	\$ -	\$ 109,977.62
40 Transportation	\$ 815,491.72	\$ -	\$ 2,090,045.54		\$ -	\$ 492,067.80	\$ 3,397,605.06
50 IMRF / Social Security	\$ 716,147.75		\$ 286,649.42		\$ 181,361.44	\$ (126.45)	\$ 1,184,032.16
60 Capital Projects	\$ 8,921.55		\$ 101,948.54	\$ 3,911,605.18	\$ 3,911,605.18	\$ -	\$ 4,022,475.27
70 Working Cash	\$ 405,291.03		\$ 947,517.98		\$ -	\$ 1,968,441.49	\$ 3,321,250.50
80 Tort	\$ 497,130.19	\$ -	\$ 296,541.29		\$ -	\$ 124.69	\$ 793,796.17
90 Fire Prevention & Safety	\$ 37,213.03	\$ -	\$ 5,210.34		\$ -	\$ 1.43	\$ 42,424.80
99 Activity					\$ 35,525.51	\$ 41,874.78	\$ 77,400.29
TOTAL				\$ 3,911,605.18			\$ 54,744,479.35
	\$ 9,045,111.27	\$ 852,675.22	\$ 28,916,669.14		\$ 5,947,256.66	\$ 10,060,167.35	\$ 54,821,879.64
						Minus Activity Funds	\$ 54,744,479.35

Operating Funds Fund Balances

Operating Funds	Current Year FY 2025	Last Year FY 2024	Difference FY 25 to FY 24
Fund 10 - Education	\$ 37,422,886.82	\$39,348,799.62	\$ (1,925,912.80)
Fund 20 - O & M	\$ 4,450,030.96	\$4,748,292.07	\$ (298,261.11)
Fund 40 -Transportation	\$ 3,397,605.06	\$3,456,432.21	\$ (58,827.15)
Fund 70 - Working Cash	\$ 3,321,250.50	\$3,115,020.25	\$ 206,230.25
Total	\$ 48,591,773.34	\$50,668,544.15	\$ (2,076,770.81)

Anticipated Property Taxes, EBF, and PPRT

REVENUE	ANTICIPATED (ALL FUNDS)	RECEIVED (ALL FUNDS)
Property Taxes	\$ 24,421,682.11	\$ 21,210,810.20
EBF	\$ 12,106,602.74	\$ 4,402,400.00
PPRT	\$ 2,810,728.00	\$ 970,421.72
	\$ 39,339,012.85	\$ 26,583,631.92

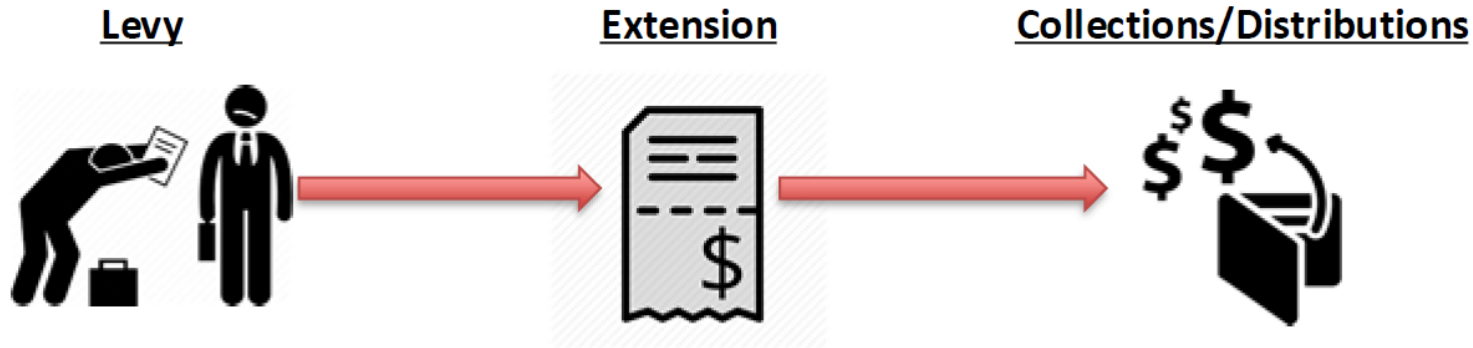
Key Terms

LEVY is the local government taxing district's request to the county for property taxes.
LEVY = ASK

VS

Extension is the total amount of property taxes billed on the behalf of local government taxing districts.
EXTENSION = GIVE

Your tax extension will come in equal or lower than your levy.



A district in a PTELL county cannot get more than the lessor of CPI or 5% for existing property.

If we levy 10% we are guaranteed to capture all CPI plus any new construction which is unknown at this time.

2025 Tax Levy

Original:
 Amended:

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
 School Business and Support Services Division
 (217) 785-8779

CERTIFICATE OF TAX LEVY

A copy of this Certificate of Tax Levy shall be filed with the County Clerk of each county in which the school district is located on or before the last Tuesday of December.

District Name	District Number	County
Jacksonville School District	117	Morgan and Greene

Amount of Levy

Educational	\$ 18,749,392	Fire Prevention & Safety *	\$ 0
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 3,704,048	Tort Immunity	\$ 1,000,000
Transportation	\$ 1,700,000	Special Education	\$ 200,000
Working Cash	\$ 143,694	Leasing	\$ 0
Municipal Retirement	\$ 900,000		\$ 0
Social Security	\$ 1,300,000	Other	\$ 0
		Total Levy	\$ 27,697,134

Good evening,

My name is Jason Haynes and I have been a resident of Jacksonville since I came as a student to Illinois College in 2005 (save for a few years while I was away getting my master's degree).

I'd like to begin by saying that I appreciate the transparency that has been shown by Superintendent Ptacek regarding the processes behind the tax levies. That being said, while I can appreciate the that the proposed 10% increase in the district's levy will not increase individual property owner's taxes by 10%, what I have yet to see is a reason why the levy must increase by 10%. The superintendent has explained that the board must vote in such a way to capture as much revenue as possible from new properties, but that does not adequately explain the why. Why does the district need to extend the maximum tax levy that is allowable under the law? Will teachers be receiving pay increases? Will more paraprofessionals be hired? Are there investments being made to enhance curriculums? The only legitimate reason I have heard is that there will be an increased need for special education in the district in the coming years, but in an environment where population is declining in a district that has also closed multiple schools in the past 25 years, it seems to be that more time should be spent finding efficiencies, rather than continually increasing the tax burden on a shrinking community.

At a time when at both the state and federal levels, the answer has been consistently to just collect more taxes, rather than fulfilling the fiduciary responsibilities of public servants, I would encourage the superintendent and the board to engage in the admittedly difficult process of determining what is budgetarily necessary, rather than what is permissible under the law.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Haynes

IV. ADJOURNMENT