



Jordan School District #717  
Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 14, 2026 at 5:30 PM  
Regular Meeting  
CERC Multi-purpose Room  
500 Sunset Drive; Suite 3  
Jordan, MN 55352

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Consideration of Agenda
5. Jordan Pride Awards
  1. MSBA Celebrates Board Recognition Month
6. Public Comments 3
7. Consent Agenda
  1. Minutes
  2. Monthly Finance Reports
  3. Donations
  4. Matters of Employment
8. Action / Discussion Items
  1. Closed Session Recap-Superintendent Evaluation
  2. Review and Act: New Student Representative Approve and Swear In
  3. Review and Act: Annual Levy Limitation and Certification
  4. Review and Act: Transportation Contract Renewal
  5. Constitutional Amendment Information
9. Board and Administrative Reports 5
  1. Superintendent's Report
  2. HS Principal's Report
  3. MS Principal's Report
  4. ES Principal's Report
  5. Director of Teaching and Learning's Report
  6. Community Ed & Operations Director's Report
  7. Communications Director's Report
  8. Nutritional Services Director's Report
  9. Special Services Director's Report

- 10. School Board Member Reports / Committee Reports
- 10. Adjourn Regular Meeting

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## **Request to Address the School Board**

According to School Board Policies 206 & 207, if a citizen wishes to speak to the School Board about an agenda item, the Superintendent's office must be notified.

Citizens must complete the 'Request to Address the School Board' form, which must be submitted in person or email to the School District Clerk, or other designee, by noon the day of the School Board meeting. The form may be dropped off at the District Office at 500 Sunset Drive, Jordan, MN 55352 or emailed to [jpspubliccomment@isd717.org](mailto:jpspubliccomment@isd717.org).

*During the public comment part of each regular board meeting, up to 30 minutes of time will be allowed for district constituents to address the board. Each person may have up to 3 minutes of time to speak. The board is here to listen only and will not take action or discuss topics brought forward during the open forum. It may, at its discretion, ask questions for clarification of issues. The board may, if it deems appropriate, bring said issues forward at a subsequent meeting.*

*The following conduct is prohibited during the public comment period:*

- *Speakers may not discuss or disclose any private educational data on any current or former student. As a result, speakers may not identify any current or former student during public comment. The only exception is that a parent who is speaking may choose to discuss private educational data on his or her own child.*
- *Speakers may not make allegations, charges or complaints against any student or employee. If a person wishes to make an allegation or to file a charge or complaint against a student or employee, the person should make the allegation, charge, or complaint to the Superintendent in writing or in a private meeting, or to the individual designated in District policy to receive the allegation, charge or complaint.*
- *Speakers may not make comments or gestures that are threatening, profane, lewd, vulgar, obscene, harassing, or abusive.*
- *Speakers may not make personal attacks against others, including, but not limited to, any student, parent, community member, employee, or School Board member.*
- *Speakers may not make comments that are defamatory or that would violate federal or state law, including laws protecting the privacy rights of an individual.*
- *Speakers may not make comments related to pending contract negotiations or to pending litigation to which the District is a party, including grievance proceedings.*
- *Speakers may not campaign for or against a political candidate during any part of a public School Board meeting.*
- *Speakers may not promote or advertise products that are for sale or purchase, unless the Board has invited the speaker to present the product as an agenda item.*



***The open forum is the only opportunity for members of the audience to speak out during the meeting. Please attach the form and follow the guidelines for presenting your topic.***

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*This will only be used for follow-up to your shared issue/concern.*

Please specify the agenda item you will be speaking to: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specifically state your purpose for addressing the School Board.

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**It is highly recommended to first speak to a district employee to discuss your issue/concern.**

Have you previously contacted a School Board member and/or school employee about this issue/concern?      YES      NO

If so, please state name of board member/school employee: \_\_\_\_\_

**If proper procedures have been followed and the School District Clerk, or other designee, has determined that proper communication channels have been followed, your request will be submitted to the Board Chair. The Board Chair will then call you by name, state the purpose of your address, and invite you to the podium during the scheduled time for open forum/public comments.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
School District Clerk

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Date/Time Received

### **September 14, 2026 Board Report**

- Thank you for your incredible support and partnership! Below you will find the Superintendent's Monthly Board Report.

### **Back to School!**

- A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Back to School process such a smooth and successful one! We had incredible attendance at our Open Houses, with some sites welcoming nearly 100% of our families. We've also heard that this was one of the busiest Open Houses we've had in years—and it was wonderful to see so many students, families, and staff together!
- Our students and staff are now settling into their school routines, and it has been so much fun to see our students learning, working hard in their classrooms, and getting involved in activities. There is already so much energy and excitement throughout our schools!
- We're keeping that momentum going this weekend as our staff will be walking together in the Heimatfest Parade, and we'll also be hosting our annual Run of the Mill race. September is already flying by, and we're excited for all that this month has in store!

### **Reminder: Minnesota's Permanent School Fund will be on the November ballot**

- The Minnesota Permanent School Fund (PSF) has supported public education since 1858. When Minnesota became a state, millions of acres of public land were placed into a permanent trust to help fund public schools.
- Today, the trust includes more than 2.5 million acres of land and 1 million acres of mineral rights. Most of these lands are in northern Minnesota. The fund earns money from activities like timber harvesting, mining, land leases, and other natural resource uses. That money is invested by the State Board of Investment so it can continue supporting students for generations to come.
- Over time, many of the original trust lands in southern Minnesota were sold for farming and development. Today, the remaining lands include forests, grasslands, farmland, mineral resources, and wetlands.

### **Proposed 2026 Constitutional Amendment**

- In 2026, the Minnesota Legislature passed a bipartisan proposal to update how money from the Permanent School Fund is distributed. Voters will decide on the amendment in November 2026.
- If approved, the amendment would:
  - Increase the annual distribution from about 2–2.5% of the fund to 4.5%.
  - Increase funding to an estimated \$33 per student each year.
  - Provide more stable and predictable funding for schools.
  - Not raise taxes—it only changes how the existing fund is distributed.

### Who Benefits?

- Every public school student in Minnesota would benefit, including those in:
  - Traditional public schools
  - Charter schools
  - Tribal schools
- Funding would go directly to school districts and schools with **no strings attached**, benefiting communities across urban, suburban, and rural Minnesota. The proposal is based on recommendations from a multi-year review of the fund and is designed to update it using modern financial best practices.

\*\*\*Information source- MSBA

In the upcoming months, we will share more information regarding this topic as it is our goal to make sure everyone is well informed!

### Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- Monday, September 14 - Regular Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- Wednesday, September 16 - JMS Curriculum Night
- Thursday, September 24 - Preschool Picture Day
- Friday, September 25 - JES Kindergarten Picture Day & JES Retake Day, Preschool Picture Day
- Monday, September 28 - Workshop Meeting, 5:30pm
- Monday, September 28 - Friday, October 2 - Homecoming Week
- Friday, October 2 - JHS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 5:00pm, JHS Auditorium
- Saturday, October 3 - JHS Homecoming Dance, 8:00pm
- Tuesday, October 6 - Friday, October 9 - FMSC at the CERC
- Wednesday, October 7 - Walk/Bike/Roll to School Day!
- Monday, October 12 - Regular Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- Monday, October 12 - JHS Choir Concert, 7:30pm
- Thursday and Friday, October 15-16 - No School: MEA
- Friday, October 23 - JHS Band Concert - 7:30pm, JHS Gym
- Monday, October 26 - Board Workshop Meeting, 5:30pm
- Thursday, October 29 - JMS & JHS Invitation Conferences, 3:30-7:30pm
- Friday, October 30 - JMS Invitation Conferences / Digital Learning Day Grades 5-8 and JES Professional Development (No School JES)

### Enrollment Update

- As of September 1, 2026: 1820 students - EC through grade 12.

## 2026 Board Committee & Liaison Assignments

### Standing Committee Assignments

| <b>Committee Name</b>                                  | <b>School Board Member</b>                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Budget/Finance                                         | Deb Pauly, Lauren Pedersen, Molly Monyok, Corinne Hennen, Jenny Kusske, Chrissy Olson, Matt Bertrang |
| Calendar                                               | Chrissy Olson                                                                                        |
| City/School                                            | Deb Pauly, Lauren Pedersen, Matt Bertrang                                                            |
| Community Education/Recreation                         | Corinne Hennen, (Alternate- Lauren Pedersen)                                                         |
| District Advisory Committee                            | Deb Pauly, Jenny Kusske, Student Board Representative                                                |
| Facilities                                             | Deb Pauly, Molly Monyok                                                                              |
| Meet and Confer/Continuing Education/Staff Development | Deb Pauly, Molly Monyok                                                                              |
| Negotiations                                           | Deb Pauly, Lauren Pedersen, (Alternate- Matt Bertrang)                                               |
| Policy                                                 | Deb Pauly, Corinne Hennen, Chrissy Olson                                                             |

### Liaison/Points of Contact and Ad-Hoc Assignments

| <b>Committee Name</b>                           | <b>School Board Member</b>             |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| American Indian Parent Advisory Council (AIPAC) | Deb Pauly                              |
| Booster Club                                    | Lauren Pedersen, Matt Bertrang         |
| Education Foundation                            | Molly Monyok, Jenny Kusske             |
| Legislative                                     | Deb Pauly                              |
| MSHSL                                           | Deb Pauly                              |
| SCALE                                           | Lauren Pedersen                        |
| Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)       | Molly Monyok                           |
| SW Metro Intermediate District                  | Deb Pauly (alternate - Corinne Hennen) |

The Jordan Board of Education is comprised of seven elected members who govern the Jordan School District #717. The board hires the superintendent, sets policy, collaboratively sets the strategic plan for the district, approves staff hirings, resignations, terminations and leaves of absence, sets the annual local school levy, approves expenditures, oversees the district's budget and district facilities and equipment. **Learn more about each member by clicking on their Board Member Profile page.**

School Board Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month unless posted differently. The meeting on the second Monday is a regular business meeting. The fourth Monday meeting is a workshop meeting.