

JENISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET HEARING &
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 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
Leslie Philipps, Assistant Superintendent
Chris Marcy, Director of Finance & Operations
Katie Moy, Chief of Staff

BUDGET HEARING

A budget hearing of the Board of Education of Jenison Public Schools was held on Monday, June 8, 2026, and was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Under Michigan law, school districts are required to adopt their annual budget before June 30 each fiscal year. Chris Marcy presented the following budget:

General Fund

The 2026-2027 general fund budget includes the following assumptions:

Revenue: (\$86,153,612)

- 18.0000 mills tax levy
- \$10,250 Foundation Allowance (\$250/pupil increase)
- Pupil Count – no change
- Changes in State and Federal grants
 - Loss of one time funding and other adjustments
- Increase to Interdistrict Sources (ISD) at rate of property tax increase

Expense: (\$88,012,907)

- Salary Increase - as negotiated
- Increase in health insurance hard cap (3%)
- Various Staff adjustments and budget reductions
- Elimination of one-time purchases from 2025/26 with grant funding

Debt Retirement

Included is a document from PFM (financial consultant). This schedule has been updated with the most recent taxable values from the county, and adjustments to the millage rates for each of our debt funds have also been made. It provides details of the current millage levy and principal/interest payments for the various Debt Funds. The resolution for your approval lists each of the debt funds individually at 2017 - 1.08 mills, 2020 Building and Site - 3.13 mills, 2024 Building and Site - .59 mills, 2026 Refunding Bonds - 1.19 mills, 2026 Building and Site - 2.510 mills for a total amount of 8.5 mills to be levied for 2026-2027.

School Food Service Budget

The resolution that you will be considering at this meeting will also be for the approval of the 2026-2027 school service budget.

The next item in your board packet is the Jenison-Hudsonville Food Service Budget for the 2026-2027 school year. This preliminary budget reflects free meals for all students, a pay increase for staff, and capital expenses to spend down the excess Fund Balance.

School Activity Service Fund

GASB decided that government agencies must report these funds in a School Service Fund with a balance sheet, revenues and expenditures. The Board must approve a budget for this new fund. Anticipated Revenues and Expenses for 2026-2027 are \$1.5 million. Fund Balance was \$967,653 at 6/30/2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT OF BUDGET HEARING 6:13 pm

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, June 8, 2026, at the Jenison Center for the Arts by Board President, Dr. Hartman.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received from the following individuals

- Ashley Rottman, regarding Wilderness Academy 3rd grade expansion for the 27-28 school, she expressed her thankfulness for the support of the program
- Quincy Williams, regarding his daughter's softball experience and concerns, handling of the investigation, and displeasure of districts response
- Ellen Rosevear, regarding the superintendent evaluation tool and its availability on the website
- Diana Waymiller, regarding daughters previous soccer experience and concerns

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion by William Waalkes supported by Chris Reed, to approve the May 11, 2026, Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Approval of Financial Report

Motion by Donna Mooney, supported by Shannon Hogan to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Approval of Amended Budget for the General Fund and Food Service Fund Resolution for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

Chris Marcy presented the Amended Budget for the General Fund and Food Service Fund Resolution materials for the 2025-2026 school year during the annual budget meeting.

Motion by Chris Reed, supported by Craig Jenison, to approve the Amended Budget for the General Fund and Food Service Fund Resolution for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0.

4. Approval of Resolution Adopting General Fund, Debt Retirement, & School Service Budgets for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year

Chris Marcy presented the Resolution Adopting General Fund, Debt Retirement, & School Service Budgets for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year during the annual budget meeting.

Motion by Chris Reed supported by William Waalkes, to approve the General Fund, Debt Retirement, & School Service Budgets for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0.

5. Approval of MHSAA Membership Resolution
Administration presented the MHSAA Membership Resolution

Motion by Jennifer Griffin, supported by Donna Mooney, to approve the MHSAA Membership Resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0.

6. Approval of NWEA Contract Renewal

Administration presented a contract renewal for NWEA licensing and access to reporting tools for the 2026-2027 school year at \$48,760, based on a rate of \$14.50 per student.

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

7. Approval of Transfer of Debt Funds Resolution 2011

The 2011 School Building and Site Bonds, Series A was retired and paid in full on May 1, 2026. There is approximately \$632,614 remaining in the debt retirement fund for the 2011A Bonds. Motion by Craig Jenison, supported by Jennifer Griffin, to approve the resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0.

8. Approval of Transfer of Debt Funds Resolution 2016

The 2016 bond issue has been economically defeased, and will be refunded, retired, and paid in full on or about June 17, 2026. There are remaining funds in the approximate amount of \$413,000.

Motion by Donna Mooney, supported by Chris Reed, to approve the resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0.

9. JIA Technology Approval

Jenison Innovation Academy presented quote to purchase 180 Chromebook devices, totaling an estimated \$73,053, to support students in grades 8–12.

Motion by Chris Reed, supported by Craig Jenison, to approve the salary scales as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

10. Approval of Non-Cat VII Handbook Changes

- a. 4 Day teachers will work 166 days instead of 170 (but they will have 2 more student days than they do now)
- b. Outdoor teachers will start at 7:50 instead of 8:00
- c. Parent information night will be changed to "parent information/engagement nights"
- d. The stipend for BLT will be removed as preschool will not have a BLT

Motion by William Waalkes, supported by Jennifer Griffin to approve the salary scales as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

11. Approval of Bus Purchase

Administration presented request to purchase one bus from Midwest Transit in the amount of \$149,956. Pricing is part of the MSBO bus purchase program and meets State of Michigan bidding requirements. The bus is currently in stock and will be paid from the 25/26 General Fund budget.

Motion by Jennifer Griffin, supported by Shannon Hogan, to approve the salary scales as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

12. Approval of Poured-in-Place Surfacing at ECC Playground

Administration presented proposal from GameTime in the amount of \$36,568, to be funded through the 2020 Capital Projects Fund.

Motion by Chris Reed, supported by Craig Jenison, to approve the salary scales as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

13. Approval of Bid Package for Precast Concrete

Administration presented bid package for precast concrete for the new Upper Elementary Building in amount of \$861,960.

Motion by Jennifer Griffin, supported by Chris Reed, to approve the salary scales as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. SEAB 2 Year Report

Maddie Lambert and Alana Kooi presented the SEAB Committee approved SEAB Report and discussed it with the Board.

2. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Graham provided updates regarding:

- Commencement success for 365 graduates
- Year-end fun, Bursley kickball highlight
- Literacy curriculum implementation and training
- Dave Zamborsky, regional teacher of the year
- 5 & 6 building update with grade-level teachers
- Women's Water Polo State Championship Title
- Athletics by the numbers:
 - 749 HS student athletes
 - 582 JR student athletes
 - 104 all-conference athletes
 - 33 varsity sport teams
 - 9 conference championships
 - 1 district championship
 - 4 regional championships
 - 2 state runner-up teams
 - 1 state championship team
 - 34 college bound student athletes
- 130 Thespains campers
- 34 students/alumni counselors at Camp Sunshine
- Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 pm
- Band pre camp started
- Brain Bennink's last shadblow show

RECESS

The Board recessed at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board and Administration met in a closed session to discuss matters protected by Attorney-Client Privilege.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Chris Reed supported by Craig Jenison, to adjourn to closed session for attorney-client privilege communication pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

Donna, Chris

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 7-0.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Griffin, Board Secretary