



# Big Jackson Public Schools

## BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2026

7:00 P.M.

**UNOFFICIAL**

**Members present: Michelle Ruelle, Andy Cook, Laura Johnson, Ross Fulton, Sami Jackson (late)**  
**Visitors present: Jennifer Farmer**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** by Superintendent Ron Veldman at 7:03 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.
- III. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**
  - a. President - Michelle Ruelle nominated by Johnson second by Cook  
3 Yes 0 No  
Motion carried.
  - b. Motion by Fulton to keep positions the same as previous year, second by Cook.  
Vice President/Treasurer Andy Cook  
Secretary- Sami Jackson  
4 Yes 0 No  
Motion carried.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Johnson, supported by Fulton to approve the agenda.  
4 Yes  
0 No  
Motion Carried
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Fulton, supported by Cook to approve, December 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes as presented.  
4 Yes  
0 No  
Motion carried.
- VI. **BUDGET AMENDMENT PRESENTATION - Cindy Scott**

Information shared about monthly register and software transition.
- VII. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- VIII. **LEADERSHIP REPORT**
  - a. Presentation
  - b. Board appreciation month- certificate from State of Michigan shared
- IX. **BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Board terms expiring - President Ruelle shared that Ross Fulton and Michelle Ruelle's terms expire in December 2026.
- X. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
  - a. Motion by Jackson, supported by Fulton to approve payment of checks and payroll.  
5 Yes  
0 No  
Motion carried.
- XI. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - a. Motion by Fulton, supported by Johnson to approve the budget Amendment to the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget as presented by Cindy Scott.

5 Yes

0 No

Motion carried.

- b. Motion by Jackson, supported by Johnson to approve appointments on the following:

Legal Counsel - Scholtan Fant, Thrun, Clark Hill PLC

Publication of Record - Times Indicator, Pioneer

5 Yes

0 No

Motion carried.

- c. Motion by Fulton, supported by Jackson to approve Banking Facilities and Signatories:

ChoiceOne Bank -Board President, Superintendent

Horizon Bank - Board President, Superintendent

Michigan Liquid Asset Fund - Board President, Superintendent

5 Yes

0 No

Motion carried.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Fulton, supported by Cook to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.

5 Yes

0 No

Motion carried.

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Michelle Ruelle, President

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Sami Jackson, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled **TUESDAY** February 10, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.