Big Jackson Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2026

7:00 P.M.

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.

Michelle Ruelle

Michelle Ruelle, President

Sami Jackson

Sami Jackson, Secretary

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