Big Jackson Public Schools

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Members present: Michelle Ruelle, Sami Jackson, Andy Cook, Ross Fulton (late)
Visitors present: Ron Veldman, Jennifer Farmer, Brenda Hall, Jeanne Cook, MaryEllen Fulton

I. **CALL TO ORDER** by President Ruelle at 7:00 p.m.

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.**

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion by Jackson, supported by Cook to approve the agenda.
3 Yes
0 No
Motion carried.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Motion by Cook, supported by Jackson to approve March 10, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented.
3 Yes
0 No
Motion carried.

V. **LEADERSHIP REPORT & PRINCIPAL UPDATES**
Ron Veldman:
a. 105c Out of District information
b. Election Information
c. Banking Information
Jennifer Farmer: Day to day operations updates.

VI. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

VII. **BOARD COMMUNICATION**
President Ruelle: nature trail clean up potential service project for Trail Life Troop.

VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
Motion by Cook, supported by Fulton to approve the payment of checks and payroll
4 Yes
0 No
Motion carried.

IX. **ACTION ITEMS**
Motion by Fulton, supported by Cook approve the Resolution for the August 4, 2026 election as presented by Ron Veldman
4 Yes
0 No
Motion carried.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**
Motion made by Fulton , supported by Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.
4 Yes
0 No
Motion carried.

Michelle Ruelle

Michelle Ruelle, President

Samantha Jackson.

Sami Jackson, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled MONDAY May 11, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Big Jackson Public Schools, Newaygo County, Michigan (the "District")

A regular meeting of the board of education of the District (the "Board") was held in the Big Jackson Public Schools, within the boundaries of the District, on the 14th day of April, 2026, at 7 o'clock in the p.m. (the "Meeting").

The Meeting was called to order by Michelle Ruelle, President.

Present: Members Michelle Ruelle, Sami Jackson, Andy Cook Ross Fulton

Absent: Members Laura Johnson

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Fulton and supported by Member Cook:

WHEREAS:

1. This Board intends to submit a proposition at a special election to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

2. On or before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, the Board shall certify any ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters at such election to the election coordinator or coordinators designated to conduct elections within the District (the "Election Coordinator").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A special election of the school electors of the District be called and held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

2. The proposition to be voted on at the special election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit A with the Superintendent of Schools authorized to adjust the language of Exhibits A and B, upon consultation with election counsel, to the extent necessary to (1) seek the restoration of millage lost in 2026 as a result of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, in order to achieve the total millage stated in Exhibits A and B, if permitted by law, or (2) seek the renewal of the District's millage at the 2026 millage rate as reduced by the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

3. The Election Coordinator is requested to:

a. Utilize Times Indicator, a newspaper published or of general circulation within the District, for publication of notices in accordance with the election law requirements.

b. Utilize ballot proposition summary information, as prepared by legal counsel, in the forms of the notices of last day of registration and election in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto.

c. Provide a proof copy of the ballot to the District and its legal counsel in sufficient time to allow the ballot to be proofread prior to printing.

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4. The Secretary of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Election Coordinator and with any Election Clerk or clerks designated to conduct elections within the District by 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members

Nays: Members

Resolution declared adopted.

Samantha Jackson
Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Big Jackson Public Schools, Newaygo County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at the Meeting, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the Meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).

Samantha Jackson
Secretary, Board of Education

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