




# JEPTA Board Meeting Minutes

## Johnstown Elementary PTA

 April 15, 2026

 Pleasant Avenue |  3:00 PM

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## Attendance

### In Person:

Jamie Sedal-Ammann, Ashley Valik, Melissa Blanchard, Katie Warner, Natasha Allen, Amanda Bunker, Kristin Michaels, Bridgett Rocco, Nancy Lisicki, Elise Rush

### Via Zoom:

Jill Bulger, Samantha Gugenburger

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## Call to Order

Meeting called to order at **3:05 PM** by the President  
Pledge of Allegiance followed

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## Secretary's Report

- Survey received **17 responses**
  - 8 respondents are not current JEPTA members
  - Main barriers:
    - Work schedule conflicts
    - Childcare challenges
  - Feedback highlights:
    - Virtual meeting option is appreciated
    - 3:00 PM meeting time is difficult for many
    - One concern about meeting minutes not being accessible
      - Reminder: Minutes are posted on the **school district website**
- **March minutes** have been posted
- **April minutes** will be posted following this meeting

### Motion to approve:

- Ashley Valik
- Melissa Blanchard

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## Treasurer's Report

- **Budget Amendment:**
  - Slight increase in insurance costs (now covering 2 schools)
- **Vote:**
  - Increase budget by **\$10**
  - Use Miscellaneous funds for Warren Street Glow Dance (to be reimbursed by event fees)

### Motion:

- Amanda Bunker
  - Natasha Allen
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## Principal's Report

- Official welcome to **Mrs. Michaels**
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## Fundraising & Events Update

### Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser

- Profit: **\$8,233** (not including online sales)
- Exceeded expectations
- Success attributed to:
  - Easy process
  - Timing before Easter
  - Positive experience with company

### Star Banking Partnership






- Donation: **\$160**
- 16 student participants
- Positive feedback; partnership appreciated

### High Rollers Event


- Attendance: 63 spectators (cost: \$189)
- Profit: **\$99**
- \$42 raised from basket tickets
- Notes:

- Historically not profitable—this year was an improvement
  - Low volunteer requirement
  - Consider making it a fundraiser next year
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## Upcoming Events

- **Pleasant Ave. Art Show, Book Fair & Family Fun Night**  
 April 28 |  4:30–6:30 PM  
→ Volunteers needed for Book Fair
  - **Warren Street Art Show, Book Fair & Family Fun Night (Date Change)**  
 May 20 |  4:30–6:30 PM  
→ Volunteers needed for Book Fair
  - **Class Auto Wash Fundraiser**  
 Month of April  
→ Share codes to participate
  - Discussion: Possible **earlier Book Fair hours (7:30 AM)**
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## Staff Appreciation Week

 May 4–May 8

- Spirit Week planned across all schools
  - **Tuesday:** “All That and a Bag of Chips” lunch
    - Jamie: banner
    - Jacky: sub order
    - Volunteers needed for delivery
  - **Friday:** Coffee & donuts (from Stewart’s)
  - Volunteers needed for pickup/delivery (possible: Bridgett R., Elise R.)
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## Additional Items

### Retirements

- Need list of retirees for recognition

### Founders Day Event

- Will not be held this year
- Goal: move to **every other year**

- Future improvements:
    - Simplify nomination process
    - Make event more casual
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## Upcoming Meetings & Conferences

- **NE Region Meeting:** May 7, 2026 (Jamie attending)
  - **NYS PTA Summer Leadership Conference:**
    - 📅 July 18–19, 2026
    - 📍 Crowne Plaza Albany – The Desmond Hotel  
(Jamie & Ashley attending; registration TBD)
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## Future Book Fair Dates

### Pleasant Avenue

- Fall: Oct 16–23
- Spring: Apr 23–30

### Warren Street

- Fall: Nov 9–13
  - Spring: May 17–21
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## Future Meeting Dates

- **May meeting:** Rescheduled for May 11th @3pm Pleasant Avenue
  - **June 3:** 3:00 PM @ WS Library
  - **July:** Officers/Admin only (date TBD)
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## Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **3:52 PM**