

Johnstown Elementary PTA (JEPTA)

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 22, 2026

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Pleasant Avenue School

Attendees

Jamie Sedal-Ammann, Ashley Valik, Katie Warner, Rebecca Gray, Amanda Bishop, Victoria LoDestro, Jackie Strouse, Nancy Lisicki, Natasha Allan, Melissa Blanchard, Danielle Nguyen, Jessica Hayner, Julia Barringer, Jen Friers

Online Attendees:

Siobhan Wood, Amanda Bunker, Bridgette Rocco

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jamie Sedal-Ammann.

2. President's Welcome

The meeting opened with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Fall Newsletter

- JEPTA will begin sending a monthly newsletter through ParentSquare and sharing it at Board of Education meetings.
- The newsletter will highlight and celebrate the activities and accomplishments of JEPTA each month.
- Thank-you items highlighted included:
 - Lanyard Bar
 - Scholarship Winner
 - Driscoll family for providing snacks at Open House
- Extra lanyards will be distributed to teachers throughout the school year.
- **Nancy Lisicki** suggested presenting to the Board of Education once or twice each year to highlight JEPTA activities and accomplishments.
- Jamie has already obtained a date from Mrs. Cotter for a future presentation.

3. Secretary's Report

- Meeting minutes will be posted on the school district website shortly after each meeting.
- The group discussed the difficulty of locating the minutes on the website. JEPTA will look into making the meeting minutes easier to find.

4. Treasurer's Report

The proposed **2026–2027 JEPTA budget** was reviewed, including individual budget lines and the addition of a tax line.

Treasurer's Report:

[View JEPTA Treasurer's Report](#)

Budget Approval:

A motion was made to accept the proposed 2026–2027 budget. The motion was approved.

Additional Items Discussed:

- Potential partnership with the Credit Union
- Creation of a new Stripe account to allow for:
 - Electronic membership payments
 - QR codes
 - Portable payment options
 - Links for fundraising/giveback opportunities
 - Compliance with state requirements
- The Stripe account and related activities are covered under JEPTA's insurance.

5. Principals' Reports

JEPTA welcomed **Mrs. Michaels and Mrs. Polikoski**.

- No Report Given

6. Introduction of Officers and Committee Roles

Executive Board

- **President:** Jamie Sedal-Ammann
- **Secretary:** Katie Warner
- **Treasurer:** Ashley Valik
- **Pleasant Avenue Vice President:** Natasha Allen
- **Warren Street Vice President:** Bridget Rocco

Other Positions and Committee Roles

- **Pleasant Avenue Building Representative:** Jackie Strouse
- **Warren Street Representatives:** Sarah Murphy & Siobhan Wood
- **Membership:** Nancy Lisicki
- **Fundraising Chairs:** Jen Friers & Julia Barringer
- **Appreciation Chair:** Elise Rush & TBD

JEPTA encouraged members to volunteer for the Appreciation Committee or other open roles. Additional volunteers are welcome, as many hands make a difference!

7. Apparel Update

- Apparel order forms are due **September 25**.
- Members will check all mailboxes and cash boxes for completed forms and payments.
- This year, JEPTA has reduced the number of apparel options and is working with a local company in an effort to make the ordering process more organized and manageable.

8. Fundraisers and Events

September

Open House

- Pleasant Avenue: **September 23 at 5:30 p.m.**
- Warren Street: **September 24 at 5:30 p.m.**
- Pop Pop Ice Cream will be present.
- Natasha Allen and Ashley Savage will assist at the Warren Street Open House.
- **One additional volunteer is needed for the Pleasant Avenue Open House.**

School Pictures

- Warren Street: **September 22**
- Pleasant Avenue: **September 29**
- Volunteers have been secured.

October

JEPTA Trunk or Treat

- **October 29 at 4:00 p.m.**
- Location: Warren Street
- Volunteers are needed for the planning committee.

Book Fair

- Pleasant Avenue: **October 19–23**
- Warren Street: **November 9–13**

- Natasha Allen will assist with the Pleasant Avenue Book Fair.
- Literacy Night on **October 19** will coincide with the Pleasant Avenue Book Fair.

November

JEPTA Bowl-a-Thon

- **November 14**
- Volunteers are needed for the planning committee.
- Donation and sponsorship forms have already been distributed earlier than in previous years.
- JEPTA anticipates this being a significant fundraiser.
- The Bowl-a-Thon was a successful fundraiser last year and received positive feedback as a fun community event.
- Morning and afternoon shifts worked well last year.
- The Hayner family was recognized for being wonderful to work with.
- One piece of feedback from last year was that participants could not always see the ticket drawings.
- Basket donations were successful last year, and JEPTA would like to continue this effort.
- Mixed teams worked well last year, and JEPTA would like to encourage more staff teams.
- Teams will consist of **four participants**.
- Members are encouraged to consider sponsoring the event or donating a basket. Forms are available to take and distribute.

Fall Catalog Fundraiser

- Planned for November.

December

Holiday Wreath Fundraiser

- Planned for December.

Holiday Shop

- JEPTA will work with **C&H**, a local company.
- Dates and times are **TBD**.

9. Future Meeting Date

Next Meeting:

October 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Warren Street School, Art Room

The back door will hopefully be open.

Members will rotate responsibility for bringing a treat to meetings.

10. Comments and Questions

JEPTA thanked all of the new members and attendees who joined the meeting.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **3:50 p.m.**