JEPTA: Johnstown Elementary PTA

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 14, 2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Ashley Valik, Katie Warner, Jamie Ammann, Ashley Savage, Siobhan Wood, J R, Rebecca Gray, Victoria DeGiulio, Jessica Hayner, and Kristin Michaels

I. Call to Order

President Jamie Ammann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. President's Welcome

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acknowledgments and Thank-Yous: The secretary will now be responsible for coordinating thank-you acknowledgments.

- Bridget Rocco, Ashley Savage, and Amanda Bunker were thanked for their assistance with school photos.
- Natasha Allen was thanked for coordinating the supply drop-off.

Board of Education (BOE) Presentation and Thank-You: A presentation was shared, followed by acknowledgments and thanks.

III. Secretary's Report

The September meeting minutes have been posted on the school website. The October minutes will be posted shortly after the meeting.

IV. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

Motion: Natasha Allen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, with Siobhan Wood providing the second.

Report: Treasurer's Report

V. Principals' Reports

The Principals' Reports were shared for review.

Title I / Title IV Presentation: Information was distributed digitally. The discussion included Title I funding, which supports schools based on economic need. This topic will be addressed further at a future in-person meeting.

Report: Principals' Reports

VI. Fundraising Updates

Apparel Order

- The apparel order has been dropped off.
- The limited selection of options made the fundraiser easier to manage.

JEPTA Bowl-A-Thon — November 14

- Lane sponsorships and basket donations are being collected.
- Two grade levels have already committed to sponsoring lanes, and additional sponsorships are anticipated.
- Several community organizations have contributed donations in a short period of time.
- Early interest suggests that this year's fundraiser may be even more successful than last year.
- Members were encouraged to consider sponsoring a lane or donating a basket. Forms are available to take and distribute.
- Ashley Valik and Jessica Hayner volunteered to lead the Bowl-A-Thon committee.
- Additional committee volunteers are needed.

Winter Catalog Fundraiser

- The fundraiser will begin October 26.
- Gift wrap continues to be a popular and profitable item.
- Frozen pies and cookie dough will be eliminated due to storage challenges.
- The fundraiser will continue because many families enjoy participating.
- Delivery is planned for the first week of December in response to family feedback requesting earlier delivery.

VII. Upcoming Events

JEPTA Trunk or Treat — October 29 at 4:00 p.m.

- Location: Warren Street School.
- Jamie Ammann provided an update on event planning.
- Donations are being sought for two hay bales, two sets of corn stalks, and pumpkins.
- Victoria DeGiulio shared that she may have a connection with a local farm that could donate supplies.
- Additional volunteers are needed, particularly for setup and cleanup. Candy distribution volunteers are already well covered.
- A QR code will be shared to encourage families to submit photos and join the JEPTA Facebook page. An incentive will also be offered to encourage Facebook participation.
- Victoria DeGiulio offered to donate candy for the event.
- Members noted that last year was the first year the event did not run out of candy.

Book Fair — Pleasant Avenue

- Dates: October 19–23.
- The book fair will be paired with the literacy event.
- Information has been shared through ParentSquare, and paperwork has been distributed.
- Natasha Allen was thanked for volunteering to coordinate this large undertaking.
- Members discussed the timing of the literacy night and book fair. The literacy event time should be confirmed as 5:30–6:30 p.m., with the book fair remaining open an additional half hour to accommodate long lines.
- The book fair will be held on the stage this year. Members expressed disappointment that the new media center cannot be used and hope that future book fairs can be held outside the stage area.
- It was acknowledged that construction in the media center and cafeteria affected this year's arrangements.
- Families are encouraged to share positive or negative feedback about the book fair with Jamie Ammann so that suggestions can be considered for future events.

Book Fair — Warren Street

- Dates: November 9–13.

Media Center Project

- Members discussed the possibility of JEPTA organizing a volunteer project to help assemble and organize the media center.
- The group will explore asking Kristin Michaels whether volunteers could assist with shelving books and organizing materials.

Spirit Week

- Spirit Week will take place during Homecoming week and will include both Pleasant Avenue and Warren Street schools to ensure consistent themes.
- A digital flyer will be distributed, and paper copies will be sent home the following day.

- Themes are being designed to be inclusive and accessible to all students.

VIII. Future Meeting Date

The next JEPTA meeting is scheduled for **November 17, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at Pleasant Avenue School.**

IX. Comments, Questions, and Additional Business

Battle of the Buildings

- Recruiting staff members to participate has been challenging, and participation remains low.
- Members acknowledged the need to continue encouraging staff involvement.

Online Event Sign-Ups

- Natasha Allen asked whether there is a centralized online location where volunteers can sign up for upcoming events.
- Jamie Ammann is working with Bridget Rocco to develop a solution.

X. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ashley Valik and seconded by Natasha Allen.

The meeting adjourned at **6:51 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
JEPTA Secretary