



Jordan School District #717
Special Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 24, 2025 at 5:30 PM
Special Meeting
CERC Multi-purpose Room
500 Sunset Drive; Suite 3
Jordan, MN 55352

1. Call to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Roll Call
 4. Consideration of Agenda
 5. Action / Discussion Items
 1. Review and Act on Employment Matter
 2. Building Project Update
 3. Official Newspaper Update
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Building Projects Update

November 2025

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Referendum Projects Timeline Review

- April 11, 2023: **Referendum Passed**
- April-June 2023: **Engagement Process**
 - Families, Community, Staff, Students
 - Three rounds of over 20 groups
- June-Fall 2023: **Design Process**
- November & December 2023: **Legal Bid Process**

Referendum Projects Timeline Review

- Spring 2024: **Break Ground** (*As soon as the frost is out!*)
- Summer 2024: **Construction**
 - Big focus on interior
- School Year 2024-2025 : **Construction Continues**
 - Big focus on additions, outdoor, any mechanical that can be done
- Summer 2025: **Construction**
 - Finalize project
- Fall 2025: **Enjoy our new spaces!**

Completed Projects

Phase One



Jordan Elementary School:

- 1970's renovation area
 - 13 classrooms
 - Media center
 - Art room
 - RTI rooms
 - Several special education classrooms
 - Restrooms
 - Flex spaces and more
- New seven classroom addition
- ELS and JES playgrounds
- Back drop off area
- Roof replacement

Jordan High School:

- New roof
- New secure entrance and front office
 - Sight lines and secure access
 - Additional security technology in all exterior doors

Completed Projects

Phase 1.5

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Jordan Elementary School:

- Building addition opened February 2025:
 - Secure entrance
 - JES Office
 - Kitchen
 - Cafeteria/Commons
 - Gymnasium/storm shelter
 - Restrooms
- 1970's renovation area
 - Old JES office
 - Now a student support services suite
 - Music room
 - 1970s gymnasium (now called the Gold Gym)
 - Old Kitchen/Cafeteria
 - Now Kids' Company & ELS Restrooms/Wellness room
 - Multipurpose room

Completed Projects

Phase Two

**Some cosmetic finishes are still ongoing.*

The logo for Jordan Elementary School, featuring the word "JORDAN" in a stylized, bold, italicized font with a yellow-to-orange gradient and a dark red outline.

Jordan Elementary School:

- K-1 Wing renovation area
 - 14 classrooms
 - 10 small group spaces
 - Flexible learning space
 - Restrooms
 - Roof replacement
- Front parking lot renovation

Jordan Early Learning Services:

- 1970's renovation area
 - 3 classrooms
 - 2 offices
- Early 2000's renovation area
 - New secure entrance
 - ELS Office renovation
 - Staff workroom
 - 4 classrooms
 - 1 Small group space
 - Restrooms
 - Roof replacement

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Jordan Middle School:

- Secure entrance enhancements

Jordan Elementary School Before & After

JES Main Entrance



JES Main Entrance



JES Cafeteria/Commons



JES Cafeteria/Commons



JES Classroom



JES Classroom



JES Media Center



JES Media Center



JES Flexible Learning Spaces



JES Flexible Learning Spaces



ELS Secure Entrance



ELS Secure Entrance



Kids Company



Kids Company



Playground



Playground



Gratitude

- We are incredibly thankful that we were able to complete the entire project on time and on budget!!
- We weren't able to do this without:
 - Our partners at ISG and Kraus Anderson
 - The amazing construction crews and furniture vendors that bid on and completed the work on our project
 - Our incredible and supportive Jordan school community!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BE IN THESE SPACES!
THEY TRULY MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE
FOR TEACHING & LEARNING!

DATE: November 24, 2025

CLASSIFICATION: Informational

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SUBJECT: Official Newspaper Discussion

PURPOSE:

To provide information to the Jordan School Board regarding public notice publication for use when selecting an official newspaper.

BACKGROUND:

The Jordan Public School district posted legal notices such as vendor bid notifications and school board meeting minutes in the Jordan Independent until its closure in April 2024. Since April 2024, legal notices have been published in the Henderson Independent.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- The Minnesota legislature enacted two laws (through August 1, 2026) regarding the publication of school board minutes following the closure of Southwest News Media that allow for five school districts to publish school board meeting minutes on their website.
 - Districts must not have a newspaper located within their school district's boundaries or have another newspaper qualify (ie. 400 readers within district boundaries, legal rates not more than 10 percent above the previous newspaper rates, and post content within the newspaper related to the school district).
 - Districts posting meeting minutes on their website must include the subject matter of a motion, the persons making and seconding a motion, a listing of how board members voted on the motion, and whether the motion was adopted or defeated.
- Costs have steadily increased for legal notices for our school district.

CONCLUSIONS:

The Jordan School Board will select an official newspaper at the January Organizational board meeting, as is done annually.

NEXT STEPS:

Our recommendation is the Jordan School Board approve posting legal notices on the Jordan Public Schools website during the January Organizational board meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEWSPAPER COSTS

SW News Media - Jordan Independent

Calendar Year 2023

- Minutes for:
 - Regular Meetings
 - \$2,622.72
 - Workshop Sessions
 - \$295.68
- **Total Cost: \$2,918.40**

Calendar Year 2024

***Note: the Jordan Independent closed in April 2024.*

- Minutes for:
 - Regular Meetings
 - \$1,789.35
 - Workshop Sessions
 - \$181.43
 - JES Ad for Bids
 - 368.18
 - Budget Publication
 - 15.36
- **Total Cost: \$2,354.32**

Henderson Independent

Calendar Year 2024

***Note: reflects April 2024 - December 2024.*

- Minutes for:
 - Regular Meetings
 - \$2,213.64
 - Workshop Meetings
 - \$546.64

- Revenue Statement
 - 207.00
- Budget Publication
 - \$155.25
- School Board Filing
 - 86.24
- **Total Cost: \$3,208.77**

Calendar Year 2025 (through June 2025)

- Minutes for:
 - Regular Meetings
 - \$1,599.76
 - Workshop Meetings
 - \$263.25
 - Nutrition Services - Bid Proposals
 - \$108.00
 - Health Ins Bid Proposals
 - \$90.01
 - Public Notices
 - \$310.50
- **Total Cost: \$2,371.52**