

October 24, 2022
EJCS BOE Study Session Minutes

A study session of the East Jackson Community Schools Board of Education was held in the East Jackson Elementary Community Room. The session was called to order by President, Ken Straub at 6:00 PM. Secretary, Jan Maino conducted roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Ken Straub, Mishele Wilkins, Jan Maino, Mickey Cromley, Misti Bell, Lisa Hendricks, Amy Boatright

Board Members Absent:

Administrators/ Supervisors Present: Superintendent Doerr
Becky Hager

Staff Members Present: Deana Minder

Visitors Signed In:

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda - None

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public - None

Discussion Topic – Board Member Succession, Retention, and Mentoring

- Superintendent Doerr shared a handout with the Board members which listed comparisons of Board member orientation used by local school districts. He has requested copies of orientation materials from some of the districts for East Jackson BOE to use as a guide in implementing their own orientation for new Board members.
- Mr. Straub announced that he will not be running for the BOE when his term is complete in 2024. Therefore, he stressed the need to gain community interest and involvement in the BOE.
- The Board discussed ways to reach out and court district parents who are actively involved and who are good leaders. They agreed that they should be intentional ambassadors at district events and personally invite parents and community members to attend the Board meetings. The Board was passionate in their discussion about recruiting BOE members who represent the East Jackson community and all grade levels. Several parents were mentioned as potential candidates.
- January is Board Appreciation Month and during that time, each Board member will be featured on social media.
- At the completion of this discussion, Superintendent Doerr took the opportunity to inquire from the Board, their disposition regarding removing Memorial Elementary, the land, or both building and land from consideration of sale. The property has been listed for 8.5 years, however it remains occupied and maintained. Mr. Doerr added that the plumbing and roof are aging and will require necessary updates within 5-10 years. Estimated cost for these updates is 1-2 million,

however to build new would cost 8 million or more. Currently the building is occupied by East Jackson WAY students, Phoenix Early Learning preschoolers, and a program of the JCISD. The Board’s main concern is displacement of students. Mr. Doerr will be gathering answers to Board questions regarding demographic projection of East Jackson students, number of students and classrooms in each building, and marketable value of selling the land without the building.

- A study session regarding building placement of 6th grade students is scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2022.

Adjournment

Mrs. Wilkins moved to adjourn this Board of Education meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Cromley 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Jan Maino
Board of Education Secretary