

**December 12, 2022**  
**EJCS BOE Meeting Minutes**

A regular meeting of the East Jackson Community Schools Board of Education was held in the East Jackson Elementary Community Room. The meeting 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

**Board Members Absent:** Amy Boatright

**Administrators/Supervisors Present:** Superintendent Doerr  
Amy Blackledge, Joel Cook, Cheryn DeLosh, Regina Hoskins, Spencer Schultz, Randy Wilkinson

**Staff Members Present:** Ray Hill, Deana Minder, and Interim Business Manager, Nancy Swanson

**Visitors Signed In:** Fowler Family, Connell Family

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

- 1) X. Board Discussion 1) Middle School Basketball – tabled until January, 2023.

**Student Recognition**

- 1) Students of the Month
  - a. **Kynslee Fowler** ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade (present)
  - b. **Kalep Connell** ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (present)
  - c. **Daniel Toomer** ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade (absent)
  - d. **Isaiah Ramirez** ~ 10<sup>th</sup> Grade (absent)
- 2) Athletes of the Month
  - a. **Shawn Vasquez-Sanchez** ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Basketball (absent)
  - b. **Mariah Kerley** ~ 10<sup>th</sup> Grade - Varsity Basketball (absent)

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 1) **Meeting Minutes**
  - A. Regular Meeting – November 14, 2022
  - B. Study Session – November 28, 2022

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

**Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public:** None

## Reports

### 1) **Finance Report**

- Nancy Swanson, Interim Business Manager, presented the Finance Report. She explained that due to the cyberattack and software shutdown, the AP invoice for November is substantially smaller than normal and will reflect on the December AP. Additionally she was not able to access the software to prepare the Budget Amendment but plans to have that ready for January or February at the latest.
- Superintendent Doerr offered kudos to the JCISD Finance Department for their efforts in ensuring base payroll was distributed on time in spite of the attack. The board extended appreciation for their efforts as well.

### 2) **Transportation - Electric Bus Grant**

- Regina Hoskins shared that while she had submitted a grant to the State we were not awarded in this first round, however she anticipates the opportunity to submit again. In addition, she provided a brief cost and maintenance comparison between electric buses versus diesel. Her full report was included in the Board packet.
- Jan Maino inquired about the grant process and Mrs. Hoskins noted that the grant process is a lottery and Bluebird provided guidance for the application. In addition she directed a question to Maintenance Supervisor, Randy Wilkinson, regarding maintenance and training on electric buses. Randy said maintenance cost would be less than diesel and Blue Bird will provide mechanic training.

### 3) **Board Reports/ Sharing:** None

### 4) **Superintendent's Report**

- Steve Doerr reported that the schools in Jackson and Hillsdale Counties continue to proactively work to address technology concerns. Not all details of these security measures are being made public at this time.
- The Board packet included a letter of appreciation from Dr. Dan Phelan of Jackson College for East Jackson's participation in their strategic planning discussion during the spring of 2022.
- The district received notification of a tentative settlement in the nationwide JUUL lawsuit. Details are pending at this time, however Thrun provided an update to the district. The update was provided to all Board members.

## Action Items

**Resignation** Mr. Cromley moved to accept the **Resignation** as presented.

- a. **Bryce Wagner** ~ Custodian; effective 11-23-2022

Mrs. Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

**New Hire** Mrs. Bell moved to approve the **New Hire** as presented.

- a. **Justin Hicks** ~ Custodian; effective 11-29-2022

Mrs. Maino 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

**Athletics** Mrs. Maino moved to approve **Schedule B – Coaching** recommendations as presented.

Mrs. Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

**Resolution** Mr. Cromley moved to adopt **Resolution of Special Election** as presented.

Mrs. Wilkins 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

**Other Board Discussion Matters:**

- Jan Maino noted that Lisa Vogt followed up with her regarding a request made at the recent study session regarding sixth grade needs being met if they were to remain at the elementary building. The sixth grade teaching team is awaiting direction from Superintendent Doerr before responding. He responded that due to Elementary Principal, Becky Hager going on medical leave, feedback from 6<sup>th</sup> grade staff has not been requested yet but will take place when Mrs. Hager returns. In addition, they are eager for Board President Ken Straub, or any available board member to visit their classrooms.
- Jan requested rescheduling the Policy Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, due to time restraints. Steve Doerr suggested the committee still meet, however rather than a full policy meeting, they discuss only the policy updates.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Wilkins moved to adjourn this Board of Education meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Mrs. Bell 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Jan Maino  
Board of Education Secretary