

February 13, 2023
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. Vice-President Mishele Wilkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Secretary, Jan Maino, conducted roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Board Members Absent: Ken Straub

Administrators/ Supervisors Present: Superintendent, Steve Doerr
Amy Blackledge, Joel Cook, Cheryn DeLosh, Regina Hoskins, Joe Niehaus, Jeff Punches, Spencer Schultz, Randy Wilkinson

Staff Members Present: Ray Hill, Deana Minder, Nancy Swanson (via ZOOM)

Visitors Present: With their families: Rachel Green-Shields, Janine Wilcox, Kasey Webb, Amarr Hunter, Rilynn Seydell.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- 1) Add Action Item #3b – Schedule B-Coach Recommendation: Ashleigh Winterstein
- 2) Add Action Item #5 – Approve Digital Bus Radio Quote
- 3) Add Action Item #6 – Approve Schedule C-Extra Duty Recommendation

Student Recognition

- 1) Students of the Month
 - a. **Rilynn Seydell** ~ Kindergarten (present)
 - b. **Ryleigh Blackdeer** ~ 3rd Grade (present)
 - c. **Emmalina Baldwin** ~ 8th Grade (present)
 - d. **Nickalie Pratt** ~ 10th Grade (present)
- 2) Athletes of the Month
 - a. **Kaelie Gettings** ~ 8th Grade – MS Basketball (absent)
 - b. **Amarr Hunter** ~ 11th Grade – Varsity Basketball (present)

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

- 1) **Meeting Minutes**
 - A. Organizational Meeting – January 17, 2023
 - B. Regular Meeting – January 17, 2023

- 2) **Financial**
 - A. General Fund Ratification
 1. Payroll – January \$ 766,729.03
 2. Voucher Printout – January 589,737.90
 - General Fund \$ 1,356,466.93

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public: None

Reports

1) Finance Report

- Interim Business Manager, Nancy Swanson presented the Finance Report via ZOOM. She shared good news of East Jackson receiving 6 additional grants from State Aid. She is still working on the Budget Amendment and plans to have it ready to present in March.

2) Board Reports/ Sharing

- Misti Bell announced that 120 of the 200 tickets available for the March 4th Athletic Boosters Annual Cash Bash have been sold. The Boosters are hopeful to sell all 200 since 120 is their breakeven point. This event is their primary fundraiser and has been cancelled the last two years. Misti added that each ticket will receive a door prize and a gun raffle has been added in addition to over 20 baskets to raffle.
- Misti Bell shared that the youth girls’ basketball tournament was a success with 30 teams entered and a full house of spectators. She added that there were many compliments on the facilities.

3) Superintendent’s Report

- Superintendent, Steve Doerr reported that school districts in Jackson and Hillsdale Counties continue to focus on cybersecurity through strategic efforts, including updated firewalls, malware updates, and staff training. These proactive steps will be ongoing and help prevent cybersecurity threats.
- NEOLA legal updates were included in each Board member’s packet along with a recommendation from NEOLA for the district to report Board member compensation on W-2’s.
- Also in the Board packet was a letter from legal counsel regarding Health Education and Sex Education issues. The superintendent stated that the district continues to comply with all statutory guidelines in these areas.
- In the May 2, 2023 election, East Jackson will vote on 2 important ballot measures. First, the district is requesting a renewal of the Non-Homestead millage renewal. Second, the JCISD is requesting a renewal of the special education millage. The superintendent stressed the importance of these two elections; each having an impact on the district’s operating budget.
- Mr. Doerr highlighted two (2) significant celebrations in January. The district honored Judy Devereaux, the first female varsity letter winner at East Jackson. Also, Big Brothers Big Sisters recognized East Jackson as Educational Partner of the Year. Three EJ students also received special recognition: Emma Mapes, Mason Dingee, and Cooper Pelton.
- School safety issues continue to evolve. Schools around our state were the victims of “swatting” in early February, including Jackson High School. EJ administration is in ongoing, regular collaboration with area law enforcement to maximize school safety for staff and students.

Action Items

Resignation Mrs. Maino moved to accept the **Resignation** of;

- a. **Kimberly Smith** ~ Kitchen Assistant; effective February 6, 2023.

Mrs. Maino 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

New Hire Mr. Cromley moved to approve New Hire as presented.

- a. **Jessica Siegrist**, Bus Attendant; effective January 23, 2023

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Schedule B Mrs. Hendricks moved to approve **Schedule B – Coaching Recommendations** as presented.

- a. **Emily Farrell** ~ JV Softball
- b. **Ashleigh Winterstein** ~ MS Track Assistant

Mrs. Boatright 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Tax Agreements Mrs. Maino moved to approve **Tax Collection Agreements** as presented.

- a. **Blackman Township**, \$1.85 per parcel; same as previous year
- b. **Henrietta Township**, \$1.75 per parcel; same as previous year
- c. **Leoni Township**, \$1.50 per parcel; same as previous year
- d. **Waterloo Township**, \$3.00 per parcel; same as previous year

Mr. Cromley 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Bus Radio Mrs. Hendricks moved to approve the **Digital Bus Radio Quote** as presented.

Mrs. Boatright 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Schedule C Mrs. Maino moved to approve **Schedule C – Extra Duty** recommendation as presented.

- a. **Marc Daly** ~ Director of Musical Theatre
- b. **Gary Minix** ~ Assistant Director of Musical Theatre/Sound Technician

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Other Board Discussion Matters - None

Adjournment

Mrs. Maino moved to adjourn this Board of Education meeting at 6:23p.m.

Mr. Cromley 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0