

March 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. President Ken Straub called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Treasurer, Mickey Cromley conducted roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Ken Straub, Mishele Wilkins, Mickey Cromley, Misti Bell

Board Members Absent: Jan Maino, Lisa Hendricks, Amy Boatright

Administrators/Supervisors Present: Superintendent, Steve Doerr
Amy Blackledge, Joel Cook, Becky Hager, Joe Niehaus, Jeff Punches,
Spencer Schultz, Randy Wilkinson

Staff Members Present: Kendra Dean, Ray Hill, Staci Hunt, Deana Minder,
Nancy Swanson via ZOOM

Visitors Present: Jonnie Weaver, N. Lowe, K. Blevins, B. Blevins, K. Gettings, James McClure,
Hollie McClure

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- 1) Mr. Doerr requested that President, Ken Straub appoint Mickey Cromley as acting Board Secretary in light of Jan Maino's absence.

Student Recognition

- 1) Students of the Month
 - a. **Luciana Vasquez-Sanchez** ~ 2nd Grade (absent)
 - b. **Natalee Dean** ~ 5th Grade (present)
 - c. **Layla McClure** ~ 7th Grade (present)
 - d. **Caleb Weaver** ~ 11th Grade (present)
- 2) Athletes of the Month
 - a. **Kaidyn Gibson** ~ 7th Grade – MS Girls Basketball (absent)
 - b. **Julius Farrell** ~ 10th Grade – Wrestling (present)

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Bell 2nd

- 1) **Meeting Minutes**
 - A. Regular Meeting – February 13, 2023

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public: None

Reports

1) **Finance Report**

- Interim Business Manager, Nancy Swanson presented the Finance Report and Budget Amendment via ZOOM.

2) Board Reports/ Sharing

- Mist Bell shared that the Cash Bash Dinner Dance was a huge success. Although this year was not a sold out event, the profit for the Athletic Boosters was the biggest yet. Misti added that the Boosters are looking for new board members to take over next year due to graduation of current board member's children.
- Mickey Cromley shared that the Finance Committee met last week and added that Nancy Swanson has done a fantastic job and the budget report looks great. He offered thankfulness to Nancy for her hard work and efforts in getting the budget back on track.
- Misti Bell announced that the Golf Outing for Project Safe still has 7 team openings. She also stated that roughly a quarter of the \$6000 sponsorships needed has been received thus far. There is some reluctance in soliciting hole sponsorships due to back to back soliciting for Cash Bash sponsorship. Misti added that Project Safe will be held at the school again this year.

3) Superintendent's Report

- The Board packet included important dates for seniors, as well as recent participation in Parent-Teacher conferences. The lower participation rate was expected due to the schedule shift around February's ice storm.
- Also included in the Board packet was the 2nd Reading for NEOLA legal updates. This update included a recommendation from NEOLA that the district report Board member compensation on W-2's.
- Thrun Law Firm provided recommendations regarding the nationwide JUUL Labs lawsuit settlement and the confidential, Attorney-Client privileged information was shared with the Board only in their packet. Superintendent Doerr recommended that the Board discuss any questions or concerns about the settlement in closed session.
- 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. Both of these are important elections that have impact on the district's operating budget. Neither election will increase the tax rate for any resident of the district.

Action Items

Budget Amendment Mrs. Bell moved to adopt the **General Fund Budget Amendment Resolution** as presented.

Mrs. Wilkins 2nd

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Retirement Mr. Cromley moved to accept, with deep regret, **Retirements** as presented, effective June 30, 2023.

- a. **Dawn Burris**, Elementary Teacher, with **33** years of service.
- b. **Peggy Goostrey**, Elementary Teacher, with **30** years of service.
- c. **Sarah Helland**, Special Education Teacher, with **33** years of service.
- d. **Cory Hunt**, Secondary Teacher, with **29** years of service.
- e. **Staci Hunt**, Secondary Teacher, with **31** years of service.
- f. **Catherine Kelly**, Special Education Teacher, with **24** years of service.

Mrs. Wilkins 2nd

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Mr. Cromley noted the combined service of 180 years given to our students.

NEOLA Mrs. Bell moved to approve **NEOLA Policy Changes** as presented.

Mrs. Wilkins 2nd

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

JUUL Mr. Cromley moved to adopt **JUUL Settlement Resolution** as presented.

Mrs. Wilkins 2nd

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Tax Agreement Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve **Tax Collection Agreement with Summit Township** as presented. Per parcel fee is \$1.20; same as 2022.

Mrs. Bell 2nd

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Other Board Discussion Matters - None

Adjournment

Mrs. Wilkins moved to adjourn this Board of Education meeting at 6:34p.m.

Mrs. Bell 2nd

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Mickey Cromley
Acting Secretary Board of Education