

March 20, 2023
EJCS BOE Special Meeting Minutes

A special meeting of the East Jackson Community Schools Board of Education was held at East Jackson Elementary Community Room. President, Ken Straub called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Treasurer, Mickey Cromley was appointed Acting Secretary in Jan Maino’s absence. Mr. Cromley conducted roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Board Members Absent: Jan Maino, Lisa Hendricks

Administrators/ Supervisors Present: Superintendent Doerr
Amy Blackledge, Joel Cook, Becky Hager, Jeff Punches

Staff Members Present: Chris Knight

Visitors Present:

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – Public Comments

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public - None

Action Item Discussion

- Ken Straub requested an explanation for the loss of student enrollment. Secondary Principals, Joel Cook and Jeff Punches explained in detail that 26 students went to WAY, 25 students transferred to other schools, of which, only 7 were by choice, and 9 enrolled students never attended. Of the 26 students transferred to WAY, 16 needed credit recovery, 7 were family choice, and 3 were transferred due to academics and behavior. Discussion ensued regarding percentage of foundation allowance applied towards WAY students, costs associated with the WAY program, WAY student attendance and graduation success rate.
- Principals and Board members entered a detailed discussion regarding elementary and secondary principals vetting school of choice students, behavior issues, county wide student attendance, and keeping track of why students leave and where they go.
- Steve Doerr addressed his concerns for the 2023/24 budget due to the significant drop in student enrollment. He added that much of the 31A grant supports the costs for the WAY program.
- Ken Straub inquired about a need to replace all of the teachers who will be retiring at the end of this school year. The answer is unknown at this time as there are many factors involved, however, replacement with new teachers or less teachers will be a cost savings to the district.

Action Item

Staff Reductions Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve the recommended **Recommended Staff Reductions**, as presented; effective March 31, 2023 end of shift.

Mr. Cromley 2nd

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Contract Extensions Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve **Recommended Contract Extensions** as presented, barring any budgetary needs for staffing reductions.

Mrs. Bell 2nd

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Other Board Discussion Matters

- Mr. Straub inquired about relisting Memorial Property with a new realtor. Superintendent Doerr will look into it and bring information to the Board.

Adjournment

Mrs. Wilkins moved to adjourn this Board of Education special meeting at 7:30p.m.

Mr. Cromley 2nd

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Mickey Cromley
Acting Secretary, Board of Education