

October 9, 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. 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, Lisa Hendricks, Amy Boatright

Board Members Absent: Misti Bell

Administrators/Supervisors Present: Superintendent Doerr, Amy Blackledge, Joel Cook, Cheryn DeLosh, Becky Hager, Jeff Panches, Spencer Schultz, Randy Wilkinson

Staff Members Present: Joy Collier, Marc Daly, Deana Minder, JCISD Business Manager Thomas Berkemeier

Visitors Signed In: Gabe Alvey with Diekema-Hamann, Olivia Barnes, Denise Bennett, Lisa Bennett, Elise Daly, Tennille Daly

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- 1) Action Item #1 – Additional New Hire
- 2) Action Item #2 - Additional Schedule B-Coach Recommendations
- 3) Action Item #3 - Additional Schedule C-Extra Duty Recommendation (Most Teens Don't)

Student Recognition

- 1) Students of the Month
 - a. **Ella Terrell** ~ 5th Grade (absent)
 - b. **Khloe Wenman** ~ 6th Grade (absent)
 - c. **Oliva Barnes** ~ 7th Grade (present)
 - d. **Estrella Shinn-Limon** ~ 11th Grade (absent)
- 2) Athletes of the Month
 - a. **Elise Daly** ~ 7th Grade – Cross Country (present)
 - b. **Kilah Boatright** ~ 10th Grade - Volleyball (absent)

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

- 1) **Meeting Minutes**
 - A. Regular Meeting – September 18, 2023

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public - None

Reports

1) Diekema-Hamann

- Gabe Alvey reported that better security in our school is a top priority with the potential bond. A walk-through/assessment is scheduled with a security specialist of K-12 security. Mr. Russell is a former police officer, secret service agent, and has been appointed to school security by the governor. The main focus for security is classroom doors, keyless locksets, glass glazing, and glass frame structure. Other items on the bond list include additional roof upgrades, HVAC upgrade at EJSS, miscellaneous plumbing, technology, hardware, furniture, and buses. At this time possibilities are being looked at but no decisions have been made.

2) Finance Report

- JCISD Business Manager, Thomas Berkemeier presented the Monthly Finance Report. Superintendent Doerr inquired about the timeline for a draft of the final audit. Berkemeier relayed that the delay is due to diligence of ensuring compliance with new rules regarding GASB96. This involves multi-year contracts for online subscription.
- Mr. Doerr added that the Department of Treasury indicated East Jackson will possibly be off the “alert” list by December 2023. (EJ was added to this list based upon the 21/22 SY final audit due to inadequacy of contracted financial services)

3) Board Reports/ Sharing

- Jan Maino reported that she was pleased with the September JCSBA Annual Dinner/ Meeting. She stated that the guest speaker, Scott Hutchins was very interactive with the participants regarding available mental health funds for schools and, looking ahead, ways in which these funds can be used.
- Maino added that in January, which is School Board Appreciation Month, packets of information will be available for all schools in Jackson County. The intention for these packets is to teach the community about Board of Education duties and responsibilities and possibly create interest for additional members.
- In closing, Maino announced that East Jackson is currently scheduled to host a JCSBA meeting on February 3, 2024 however, she inquired about possibly rescheduling to May 4, 2024. Food Service Director, Cheryn DeLosh will confirm as soon as possible.

4) Superintendent’s Report

- Information regarding another grant approved by the John George Trust was included in the Board packet. This grant will be used for Tina Luna’s request for the Connects Program at EJE.
- Superintendent Doerr referred to the Board accepted settlement offer regarding the JUUL litigation and stated that there was a pending litigation of the parent company, Altria Group. Information about the Altria Group litigation settlement offer was included in the Board packet. Thrun Law Firm recently participated in a webinar and has recommended that all districts accept this settlement offer by adopting the Resolution presented to the Board at the meeting.
- Doerr affirmed that the public auditing firm has not yet released the draft of the FY22-23 audit due to the significant amount of time needed to properly analyze the GASB96 items.

Action Items

New Hires Mr. Cromley moved to approve **New Hires** as presented.

- a. **Jared Schinck** ~ Maintenance Utility; effective 9/25/2023
- b. **Tim Travis** ~ Custodian; effective 10/16/2023

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Extra Duty B Mrs. Hendricks moved to approve **Schedule B-Coach Recommendations** as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Mrs. Wilkins 2nd

Extra Duty C Mrs. Maino moved to approve **Schedule C-Extra Duty Recommendations** as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Mr. Cromley 2nd

Meeting Date Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve **Monday, January 15, 2024** as the **Organizational Board Meeting Date**.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Settlement Resolution Mrs. Maino moved to adopt **Settlement Resolution with Altria Enterprises LLC** as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Mrs. Wilkins 2nd

Summer Tax Mrs. Maino moved to adopt the **2024 Summer Tax Resolution** as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Board W2 Mr. Cromley moved to approve **W2 Payroll Reporting for Board Stipends** as recommended.

Mr. Straub called for a roll call vote.

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Superintendent Doerr stated that this is not his recommendation, rather it is Neola’s and Thrun Law Firm’s. He added that Board of Education members are exempt from retirement deductions and background checks.

<u>Roll Call</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Ken Straub	—	<u>X</u>
Mishele Wilkins	—	—
Jan Maino	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>
Mickey Cromley	—	<u>X</u>
Lisa Hendricks	—	<u>X</u>
Amy Boatright	—	<u>X</u>

Ayes: 1 Nays: 5

Addendum Mrs. Maino moved to approve the **Addendum to Technical Services Agreement with Technology JCISD** as presented.

Mrs. Maino 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Superintendent Doerr recommended approval based mainly on cyber security and the cost will come from this school year's 31AA budget.

Other Board Discussion Matters - None

Adjournment

Mrs. Wilkins moved to adjourn this Board of Education meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Mrs. Maino 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Jan Maino
Board of Education Secretary