

March 11, 2024
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. 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, Steve Doerr
Amy Blackledge, Joel Cook, Becky Hager, Regina Hoskins, Joe Niehaus, Jeff Panches, Randy Wilkinson, Spencer Schultz

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

Visitors Present/ Signed In: Arya Chaffin, Aaron Meyer, Jake Saunders, Landin Hendricks, Michelle Saunders, Tiffany Budd, KC Love, Casey Porter

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- 1) Remove Action Item #4 – Update Board Policy 5460
- 2) Add First Reading of Update Board Policy 5460 to Other Board Discussion

Student Recognition

- 1) Students of the Month
 - a. **Arya Chaffin** ~ Young 5s (present)
 - b. **Aaron Meyer** ~ 6th Grade (present)
 - c. **Emmett Armstead** ~ 8th Grade (absent)
 - d. **Nate Ratliff** ~ 11th Grade (absent)
- 2) Athletes of the Month
 - a. **Blake Dwight** ~ 7th Grade – Wrestling (absent)
 - b. **Jake Saunders** ~ 11th Grade – Basketball (present)
 - c. **Landin Hendricks** ~ 9th Grade – Basketball (present) *January Athlete of the Month*

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

1) **Meeting Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting – February 12, 2024

2) **Financial**

A. General Fund Ratification

1. Payroll – February	\$ 695,192.12
2. Voucher Printout – February	<u>613,403.43</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,308,595.55

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public

- Casey Porter, on behalf of his father Richard Porter who owns the property referred to in Action Item #3, addressed the Board stating that the adoption of the Property Transfer Resolution would be very helpful to his father. Mr. Porter also expressed thankfulness to Superintendent Doerr for his assistance with getting answers.

Reports

1) **Finance Report**

- JCISD Business Manager Thomas Berkemeier reported details of the monthly finance report as presented in the Board packet.

2) **Board Reports/Sharing** – None

3) **Superintendent’s Report**

- Copies of attendance reports for Parent Teacher Conferences were included in the Board packet. Superintendent Doerr acknowledged that attendance was up this year.
- The district received a complimentary note from Leoni Township Clerk, Cindy Norris, expressing appreciation for the custodial staff setting everything up for a smoothly ran election in February.
- Closing of the Memorial building sale took place on Feb. 29, 2024. Doerr stated that sale proceeds, after legal fees are deducted, will be placed into the district’s general fund per advice from counsel.
- Thrun Law Firm helped organize the resolutions and procedures to transfer land from Michigan Center to East Jackson jurisdiction. JCISD, East Jackson, and Michigan Center signed a Common Representation Waiver since all parties are retainer clients of Thrun. The resolution included as an action item in the Board packet is the first step in this transfer.

Action Items

Resignation Mrs. Maino moved to accept the **Resignation** as presented.

- a. **Taylor Miller**, EJE Paraprofessional; effective 3/8/2024

Mr. Cromley 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

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

- a. **Steven Burke**, EJE Paraprofessional; effective 3/4/2024

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Property Transfer Mr. Cromley moved to adopt the **Resolution of Property Transfer** as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Mrs. Wilkins 2nd

Section 127 Mrs. Maino moved to approve the **IRC Section 127 Plan** as presented.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Other Board Discussion Matters

- Mickey Cromley thanked the secondary staff for their efforts and hospitality with hosting the boys’ basketball districts. He added that he received many positive compliments from those in attendance.
- Jan Maino inquired about the possibility of changing terms for Board positions, adding that staggering the terms would alleviate so many open seats at one time. Currently, EJ has four (4) seats for election in 2024 and three (3) seats available for election in 2026. Superintendent Doerr stated that he will reach out to MASB – Michigan Association of School Boards and report his findings to the Board.

Adjournment

Mrs. Wilkins moved to adjourn this Board of Education meeting at 6:19p.m.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Jan Maino
Secretary Board of Education