

March 7, 2024
EJCS BOE Special Session Minutes

A special session of the East Jackson Community Schools Board of Education was held in the East Jackson Secondary School Cafeteria. The session 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, Misti Bell, Amy Boatright

Board Members Absent: Lisa Hendricks

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

Staff Members Present: Joy Collier, Marc Daly, Taylor Miller, Deana Minder

Visitors Signed In: Rachel Bean, Tennille Dally, Shelly Dullock, Michalle Little, Jonnie Weaver, Gabe Alvey with Diekman-Hamman, Joe Powers with Wolgast

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda - None

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public - None

Session Topic 1 - Board Member Service

- Board President, Ken Straub began the session by thanking those in attendance and stating that four (4) seats on the Board are up for election in November 2024. He asked the Board to share their history of service and commitment to East Jackson Community Schools. Each Board member in attendance shared the number of years they have served, their reason for serving, and their level of commitment. Years of service ranged from one (1) year to thirty-seven (37) years. Reasons for serving unanimously regarded the desire to make a positive impact on the success of our students. Levels of commitment varied based on time involved with committee assignments, meetings, and trainings.
- Board member elections are open to community members living in East Jackson School District. Required election forms are available in the administration office located at 1404 N. Sutton Rd. and the Jackson County Clerk's Office – Elections Division located at 120 W. Michigan Ave. 12th floor.

Session Topic 2 - May 7 Bond Election

- Superintendent Doerr provided Bond Election flyers to everyone in attendance. He showed a few pictures of updates that were possible because of the previous bond and presented a few highlights of proposed updates with the upcoming bond.
- Gabe Alvey with Diekema-Hamman shared planning updates for the proposed updates.
- Joe Powers with Wolgast stated the importance of local contractor bids and that communication will go out to all. He added that Wolgast aids contractors with following the guidelines for submitting a bid.

- The May 7th Bond Election will not increase the tax rate for community members. This is a “No Mill” increase therefore the current tax rate will remain the same.

Adjournment

Mrs. Bell moved to adjourn this Board of Education meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Mrs. Wilkins 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Jan Maino
Board of Education Secretary