

April 8, 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. Vice-President Mishele Wilkins 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: Mishele Wilkins, Jan Maino, Mickey Cromley, Misti Bell, Amy Boatright, Lisa Hendricks

Board Members Absent: Ken Straub

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

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

Visitors Present: Kasi Caler, students Jozlyn Fouty, Alyanna Pruden, Andrew Vincent, Avery Desy, Kayson Lovett, and their families. Paul Liabenow, MEMSPA Executive Director.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda –

Addition: Action Item 2) b. Nina Trevino ~ Music Director

Student Recognition

- 1) Students of the Month
 - a. **Jozlyn Fouty** ~ 1st Grade
 - b. **Alyanna Pruden** ~ 4th Grade
 - c. **Serena Rogers** ~ 8th Grade
 - d. **Andrew Vincent** ~ 10th Grade
 - e. **Andrew Trudgen** ~ 11th Grade

- 2) Athletes of the Month
 - a. **Avery Desy** ~ 7th Grade Basketball
 - b. **Kayson Lovett** ~ 9th Grade Basketball and Baseball

- 3) All Conference Athletes
 - a. **Mariah Kerly** ~ Basketball
 - b. **Priya Mericle** ~ Basketball
 - c. **Caleb Weaver** ~ Basketball
 - d. **Cameron Reinhard** ~ Competitive Cheer
 - e. **Tessa Wyngaert** ~ Bowling

- 4) State Qualifying Athletes
 - a. **Clayton Clark** ~ Wrestling
 - b. **Adam Delano** ~ Bowling

- 5) All State Athlete
 - a. **Clayton Clark** ~ Wrestling 4th place

6) MEMSPA Assistant Principal of the Year ~ **Amy Blackledge**

MEMSPA Executive Director, Paul Liabenow presented Amy with an award and shared words of praise with the Board.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Bell moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

1) **Meeting Minutes**

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

- A. Special Meeting – March 7, 2024
- B. Regular Meeting – March 11, 2024

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public: None

Reports

1) **Playworks**

- Elementary Principal, Becky Hager connected Playworks Coach Shelby to the Board meeting via ZOOM. Shelby shared several examples of how Playworks has a positive impact on our elementary students.

2) **Finance Report**

- JCISD Business Manager, Thomas Berkemeier presented the Finance Report.

3) **Board Reports/ Sharing**

- Jan Maino reminded the Board of the upcoming JCASB meeting on Saturday, May 4, in the East Jackson Secondary Cafeteria. Breakfast begins at 7:45am with the meeting starting shortly after at 8:15am. Joel Cook and representatives will present the Prime program with a classroom walkthrough and demonstration.

4) **Superintendent's Report**

- Superintendent Doerr recognized the custodial and maintenance staff for their hard work over spring break. Doerr cited several project items that help keep our facilities clean, safe, and healthy.
- The transportation and maintenance department received notice that the annual bus inspection by the Michigan State Police Bus Inspector had a 100% pass rate with all buses exceeding state standards for safety.
- The Kiwanis Club donated several bikes to reward elementary students during the March is Reading Month celebration. Included in the Board packet was a thank you letter from the EJE Administration to the local Kiwanis Club recognizing this donation.
- The JCISD finalized their approval of transferring the backlot property on S. Sutton Road from Michigan Center to East Jackson. Doerr added that there are still some final steps of reconciliation with the MI Department of Treasury.

Action Items

Resignations Mrs. Hendricks moved to accept the **Resignations** as presented.

- a. **Rebecca McGee-Mullins**, Kitchen Assistant; effective 3/20/2024.

- b. **Eden Johnson**, School Nurse; effective 4/12/2024

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Mrs. Boatright 2nd

New Hire Mrs. Bell moved to approve the **New Hires** as presented.

- a. **Kasandra Caler**, EJSS Records Secretary; effective 4/22/2024
- b. **Nina Trevino**, Band Director; effective 4/4/2024

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Mickey Cromley abstained due to conflict of interest.

Policy Update Mrs. Maino moved to adopt the **Board Policy 5460 Update** for Graduation Requirements as presented.

Mr. Cromley 2nd

| <u>Roll Call Vote</u> | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
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| Mr. Straub | <u>Absent</u> | |
| Mrs. Wilkins | <u>X</u> | |
| Mrs. Maino | <u>X</u> | |
| Mr. Cromley | <u>X</u> | |
| Mrs. Bell | | <u>X</u> |
| Mrs. Hendricks | | <u>X</u> |
| Mrs. Boatright | | <u>X</u> |

The superintendent’s recommendation did not pass.

Contract Extension Mr. Cromley moved to approve the Administrative Contract Extensions as presented.

- a. **Amy Blackledge**, Assistant Principal
- b. **Joel Cook**, Principal
- c. **Cheryn DeLosh**, Food Service Supervisor
- d. **Becky Hager**, Principal
- e. **Regina Hoskins**, Transportation Supervisor
- f. **Deana Minder**, Assistant to the Superintendent
- g. **Joe Niehaus**, Athletic Director
- h. **Jeff Punches**, Principal
- i. **Spencer Schultz**, Custodial and Facilities Supervisor
- j. **Randy Wilkinson**, Maintenance Supervisor

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Mrs. Maino 2nd

Superintendent Doerr noted that any changes to compensation for the 24-24 SY will be presented to the Board on or before the June Budget Hearing.

MILAF General Mrs. Maino moved to approve the application for **MILAF General Fund Account** as presented.

Mrs. Bell 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

MILAF Bond Mr. Cromley moved to approve the application for **MILAF Bond Proceeds Account** as presented.

Mrs. Boatright 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Tax Agreement Mrs. Maino moved to approve the **Tax Collection Agreement** as presented. Summit Township per parcel fee remains at \$1.20.

Mrs. Boatright 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Other Board Discussion - None

Adjournment

Mrs. Maino moved to adjourn this Board of Education meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Jan Maino
Secretary Board of Education