

**April 12, 2021**  
**EJCS BOE Meeting Minutes**

A regular meeting of the East Jackson Community Schools Board of Education was held in the East Jackson Secondary School Auditorium and remotely accessible via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order by President, Ken Straub at 6:00 PM. Roll call was conducted by Secretary, Jan Maino and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Board Members Present:** Ken Straub, Mishele Wilkins, Jan Maino, Mickey Cromley, Misti Bell Remote; Mike Buckland, Lisa Hendricks

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Administrators/ Supervisors Present:** Superintendent Doerr Kirk Warner, Remote; Amy Blackledge, Joel Cook, Cheryn Delosh, Becky Hager, Regina Hoskins, Jeff Punches, and Randy Wilkinson

**Staff Members Present:** Ray Hill, Remote; Denise Day, Staci Hunt, Sammy Rebandt, Trina Schultz, Business Manager, Kimberly Miller and Interim Business Manager, Emili Jones

**Visitors Present:** Nancy Peters-Lewis; JCCAC

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

- 1) Add Action Item #7 – Letter of Agreement extending EPSLA to June 30, 2021
- 2) Foregoing recognition for students and athletes of the month at this time

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Maino

Mrs. Wilkins 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 1) **Meeting Minutes**
  - A. Regular Meeting – March 8, 2021

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

**Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public:** None

**Reports**

- 1) **JCCAC (8 years partnering with East Jackson)**
  - Nancy Peters-Lewis described the model, history and outcomes. She reported that COVID has not negatively impacted the outcomes. She also shared that the Jackson County Anti-Racism Committee has been established and it meets regularly.
- 2) **Finance Report -**
  - Business Manager, Kimberly Miller presented her last report. She has accepted employment outside of education.

3) **Board Reports/ Sharing –**

- Mr. Doerr presented the concept of a part-time community liaison position to oversee groups such as PTCO, Youth League, and Booster Clubs. He encouraged board members to contact him as they think of ideas.
- Mrs. Maino gave a brief update regarding the first reading of NEOLA.

4) **Superintendent’s Report**

- Mr. Doerr updated the Board regarding the current status of student engagement.
  - a. Grades K-6 on-line learning is at 24% and five (5) days per week.
  - b. Grades 7-12 on-line learning is at 75% and five (5) days per week. Note: Grades 9-12 are fully online April 12-16 however grades 7-8 remain open to in-person instruction.
  - c. Our district has been consistently over the 75% attendance threshold required by state statute, as defined by one, 2-way communication per week.
- Mr. Doerr announced that an update from the realtor regarding the Seymour property sale was included in the Board packet. The buyer has applied for rezoning. This will go before the Leoni Township Planning Commission on April 21, 2021.
- East Jackson has partnered with the Jackson Area Manufacturers Association and Michigan Works to expand opportunities for apprenticeships.
- Mr. Doerr was happy to announce that East Jackson was awarded an additional \$23,280 from the John George Trust to help support connectivity for remote learning, learning management platforms, and related training for staff.
- The Jackson County ISD is conducting their biennial election on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> therefore, relative information was provided in the board packet.
- Mr. Doerr concluded by asking the Board to consider the resolution for the East Jackson COVID Heroes Stipend. This will provide for a non-precedent setting; a one-time payment for administrators, teachers, and support staff who have worked hard this year. All are deeply dedicated to our educational mission and have adapted to meet the challenges we have faced during this school year.

**Action Items**

**Coaching** Mrs. Bell moved to approve **Schedule B – Spring Coaching Recommendations** as presented

Mr. Cromley 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

**Election** Mr. Cromley moved to adopt the **Resolution for Designating** Jan Maino as the **East Jackson Representative for the JCISD Biennial Election.**

Mrs. Bell 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

**Stipend** Mrs. Maino moved to adopt the **Employee Direct Pay Resolution** as presented.

Mr. Cromley 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

**Tax** Mrs. Wilkins moved to adopt the **2021 Summer Tax Resolution** as presented.

Mr. Buckland 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

**Bond** Mrs. Hendricks moved to adopt the **Bond Refunding Resolution** as presented.

Mr. Buckland 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

**COVID** Mrs. Maino moved to approve the **Monthly Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan** as presented. Mr. Doerr offered the public an opportunity for comments or questions.

Questions relating to any changes in protocol for those students who are vaccinated.

Mrs. Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

**COVID** Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve the **Letter of Agreement** extending the EPSLA benefit until June 30, 2021

Mrs. Maino 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

**Other Board Discussion Matters** -

- Mrs. Maino inquired regarding remote learning athletes participating in athletic competitions. Mr. Doerr responded that he would review this decision with the secondary principals.
- Mr. Cromley asked if other schools provide good information regarding outbreaks and positive test results. Athletic Director, Jeff Punches responded with a “no”.
- Mr. Cromley also inquired about frequency of athletic director meetings and Mr. Punches shared that AD’s meet monthly; however information is not often shared freely.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Wilkins moved to adjourn this Board of Education meeting at 6:29p.m.

Mrs. Bell 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Jan Maino  
Secretary Board of Education