

**June 22, 2020**  
**EJCS BOE Meeting Minutes**

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

**Board Members Present:** Ken Straub, Mishele Wilkins, Mickey Cromley, and via remote participation; Jan Maino, and Mike Buckland

**Board Members Absent:** Misti Bell, and Paul Swiatlowski

**Administrators/Supervisors Present:** Superintendent Doerr  
Kirk Warner, and via remote participation; Amy Blackledge, Joel Cook, Becky Hager, and Randy Wilkinson

**Staff Members Present:** Deana Minder, and via remote participation; Joy Collier, Kellie Fazekas, Ray Hill, Staci Hunt, Earl Kenyon, Chris Knight, Lisa Krejcik, Sammy Rebandt, Stacy Stott, and Business Manager, Kimberly Miller

**Visitors Present:** Gabe Alvey with Diekema-Hamann, Jason Worthing with Schweitzer, and Jerry Andrus

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

- 1) Edit Action Item #7e to read Food Service

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

- 1) **Meeting Minutes**

- A. Regular Meeting – June 8, 2020

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public:**

- Lisa Krejcik presented comments to the board in reply to the letter she received from the superintendent. The letter served as a response to her public comments to the board during the June 8, 2020 board meeting.

**Reports**

- 1) **Diekema-Hamann**

- Gabe Alvey updated the board on the construction project stating that a second ceiling was discovered above the current ceiling in the cafeteria. Although it tested negative for Asbestos in 1988, it was tested again during the current demolition and resulted positive. The need for abatement slightly impacted the construction schedule. The Dome exterior tile and awnings were removed and exposed the original awnings and lettering from 1939. It has been decided to

refurbish the Dome to its original appearance. Additional lighting will be placed to emphasize and “show off” the Dome.

2) **Schweitzer**

- Jason Worthing backed Gabe’s report and added that they are in the 4<sup>th</sup> week of construction. Although the asbestos abatement set back the schedule by two (2) weeks, the construction started two (2) weeks early therefore they are still on track for August completion. Current construction focus is the parking lots, roofs, and painting. The financial aspect is going well, however, due to unforeseen findings, they are 11-12 percent over target. Jason added that he will have an online construction photo album to share at the next board meeting.

3) **Budget Hearing/Finance Report**

- Business Manager, Kimberly Miller, presented the final amendment for 2019-20 and the proposed budget for 2020-21

4) **Board Reports/ Sharing** – None

5) **Superintendent’s Report**

- A letter was included in the board packet from the managers of the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF+) regarding the security of the district’s invested funds, in spite of market volatility. East Jackson’s Bond funds are currently invested in the MILAF+ fund.
- Mr. Doerr recommended that the Board of Education approve the 2020-21 school year budget. This budget has been difficult to manage, but is based upon the most reasonable assumptions at this time.

**Action Items**

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| <b>Budget</b>    | Mrs. Maino moved to adopt the <b>Final Budget Amendments for 2019-2020</b> as presented.                          | Mr. Buckland 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                  | Ayes: 5 Nays: 0   |                              |
| <b>Budget</b>    | Mr. Cromley moved to adopt the <b>Proposed Budget for 2020-2021</b> as presented.                                 | Mrs. Wilkins 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                  | Ayes: 5 Nays: 0   |                              |
| <b>State Aid</b> | Mrs. Maino moved to adopt the <b>Borrowing Resolution (MFA) State Aid Note – Limited Tax Pledge</b> as presented. | Mr. Cromley 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
|                  | Ayes: 5 Nays: 0   |                              |
| <b>Merit Pay</b> | Mrs. Maino moved to approve <b>Section 1250 Merit Pay</b> as presented.   | Mr. Buckland 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
|                  | Ayes: 5 Nays: 0   |                              |

**Contract Adjustments** Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve the **Contract Adjustments Memo for Administrators.**

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

Ayes: 4 Nays: 1

**Supt. Contract** Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve the **Superintendent Contract Amendment** as presented.

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

Ayes: 4 Nays: 1

(board member shared that nay vote is not due to lack of confidence in the superintendent, rather feels the timing is poor under the circumstances)

**Handbooks** Mrs. Maino moved to approve the **Recommended Handbook Updates**, as presented for the following **Support Staff Groups**;

- a) Bus Drivers
- b) Custodial/Maintenance
- c) Paraprofessional
- d) Secretarial
- e) Food Service

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**Other Board Discussion Matters** - None

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Wilkins moved to adjourn this Board of Education meeting at 6:32p.m.

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

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Jan Maino  
Secretary Board of Education