

March 8, 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 6:01 PM. Roll call was conducted by Secretary, Jan Maino and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Mishele Wilkins, Lisa Hendricks
Present: Remote; Ken Straub, Jan Maino, Mickey Cromley

Board Members Misti Bell, Mike Buckland
Absent:

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

Staff Members Ray Hill, Remote; Steve Csage, Denise Day, Kellie Fazekas, Regina Hoskins,
Present: Cory Hunt, Staci Hunt, Earl Kenyon, Chris Knight, Deana Minder, Sammy Rebandt, and Business Manager, Kimberly Miller.

Visitors Present: Gabe Alvey and Marcia Strange; Diekema-Hamman, Jason Worthing; Schweitzer

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- 1) A spelling correction to Athlete of the Month, Khloe Gettings
- 2) Additional Schedule B-Coach Recommendations; Ray Hill-Spring Golf, Clyde Bullock-Varsity Girls Softball

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Maino

Mr. Cromley 2nd

1) Meeting Minutes

- A. Special Meeting – February 2, 2021
- B. Regular Meeting – February 8, 2021

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public: None

Reports

1) Diekema-Hamman

- Gabe Alvey reported that there are Phase I items of the bond construction still ongoing and estimated completion is by the end of Spring Break. There are also FFE and Security items to complete, however the construction costs are still within the budget. Gabe shared that they are currently defining the preliminary scope for Phase II of the bond project and bid documents will soon be ready for release. Gabe concluded his report by stating the target date for full completion of construction is the end of summer.

2) **Schweitzer**

- Jason Worthing shared that the decision to move forward with construction last spring was a good decision based on the cost spent for materials as the prices now are inflated due to Covid. He added that there was also a savings of \$200k in staffing.
- Jason addressed the contract with AG, the General Contractor, and reported that he talked to them about the likelihood of a contract default. He believes this talk may have had a positive impact as they seem to be working more diligently. Completion of the panels and EJ logo in the cafeteria, and tile work is slated for Spring Break.
- Jason confirmed that they are finalizing the scope and budget for Series II and bid packets are being put together. Once bids are received they will be presented to the board for approval.

3) **Finance Report -**

- Business Manager, Kimberly Miller presented the report.

4) **Board Reports/ Sharing - None**

5) **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 36% and five (5) days per week.
 - c. Our district has been consistently over the 75% attendance threshold required by state statute, as defined by one, 2-way communication per week.
- Each building held one day of spring Parent-Teacher conferences. A report of participation was included in the board packet.

Principals Joel Cook and Becky Hager explained that parent participation for conferences was lower than usual due to increased communication between teachers and parents throughout the year during online learning.

Action Items

Admin Hire Mr. Cromley moved to approve employee, **Regina Hoskins, hired as Transportation Supervisor.**

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

New Hire Mrs. Hendricks moved to approve **New Hire, Logan Southworth** as bus driver effective March 1st.

Mrs. Wilkins 2nd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Extra Duty Mrs. Maino moved to approve the **Schedule C – Extra Duty Recommendation** as presented.

Ray Hill – Yearbook – 100%

Mr. Cromley 2nd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Coaching Mrs. Hendricks moved to approve the **Schedule B – Spring Coaching Recommendations** as presented and including the two (2) additions.

Brett Hudson – Varsity Baseball
Todd Bramlet – JV Baseball
Jenny Grant – Varsity Track
Joe Niehaus – Varsity Track Asst

Clyde Bullock – Varsity Softball
JuLee Baxter – JV Softball
Kassidy Blough – Varsity Track Asst
Ray Hill – Boys Golf

Mrs. Maino 2nd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Contract Extension Mr. Cromley moved to approve a **One (1) year Contract Extension** for the Administration as presented.

Amy Blackledge
Joel Cook
Cheryn DeLosh
Becky Hager

Deana Minder
Jeff Panches
Kirk Warner
Randy Wilkinson

Mrs. Maino 2nd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Tax Collection Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve the **Tax Collection Agreement** with Summit Township. Parcel fee is \$1.20; same as in 2020.

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Ayes: 5 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 and there were none.

Mr. Cromley 2nd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Other Board Discussion Matters -

- Mr. Cromley opened discussion regarding the online ticket and viewing systems being used for sporting events. He had questions regarding profit for the school, loss in revenue, and game information showing on the screen when viewing online.
- AD, Jeff Panches shared that the district is in a five (5) year contract with Pixellot, an automated video production solution. After three (3) years the school will receive 10% of the paid user subscriptions. Any donations submitted by users when logging in go directly to the school. Jeff added that two (2) dual mount cameras were installed, one in the main gym and one on the football field. The cost to the district was \$2500; original pricing would have been \$7500.
- In response to revenue, Jeff commented that online ticket sale revenue cannot match in person sales. He shared that the district has suffered considerable loss and due to MHSAA restrictions, the loss continues. Jeff added that a long term benefit in using this system would be less handling of money and for the video broadcast of contests that family members who are unable to attend in person can watch.
- We are currently using Ticket Spicket for online ticket sales which cost the user \$5.75 per ticket. The district receives \$5 per ticket. Ms. Maino stated that the fee in addition to the ticket can be exorbitant for some families with more than one athlete who are spending

~\$100 per week. Moving forward, Jeff stated that this system is here to stay. He added that this technology has the capability of allowing free or paid season passes to senior citizens, students, staff, and EJ families.

- Mishele Wilkins reported that the only drawback she has witnessed with the online ticket sales is when a spectator arrives without their entire party and shows their online ticket but indicates someone is joining late. It is difficult to keep track of who has had a ticket purchased for them.

Adjournment

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

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Jan Maino
Secretary Board of Education