

January 11, 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 began at 6:20 PM immediately following the Organizational Meeting.

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

Board Members Absent:

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

Staff Members Present: Deana Minder, and Ray Hill. Remote participation; Jessica Arnold, Joy Collier, Staci Hunt, Sammy Rebandt, Trina Schultz, and Lisa Vogt

Visitors Present: None

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- 1) Addition of Action Item #3a and #3b

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Maino

- 1) **Meeting Minutes**
 - A. Regular Meeting – December 14, 2020

Mrs. Wilkins 2nd

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public: None

Reports

1) **Finance Report**

- Business Manager, Kimberly Miller’s absence was excused. The written financial report was reviewed; no questions at this time.

2) **Board Reports/ Sharing**

- None

3) **Superintendent’s Report**

- Mr. Doerr updated the Board regarding the current status of student engagement.
 - a. As of the meeting K-12 students are 100% virtual. The Jackson County Health Department has provided updated guidance on when schools can safely open to in-person instruction which include the following 3 factors: 1) COVID case rate per

million 2) percentage of positive COVID testing 3) local cases/transmission within a school building.

Following this guidance, our district is delivering virtual-only instruction thru 1/22/21, and will open to in-person instruction beginning 1/25/21.

- b. Our district has been consistently over the 75% attendance threshold required by state statute, as defined by one 2-way communication on a weekly basis.

Before moving on with his report, Mr. Doerr paused to gather any public input regarding the East Jackson Extended COVID Learning Plan. There being none he continued with his report.

- PA 236-239 requires reporting the training provided for teachers and parents on adjustments needed since the March, 2019 closure of schools. At East Jackson, this list includes:
 - a. June, 2020, select staff received online training for project based learning offered by Communications by Design (CBD), a technology consulting firm. Staff was selected based upon the CBD coaching recommendations.
 - b. August, 2020, all teaching staff was invited to participate in Remote Instructional Essentials, offered by CBD. They were also offered additional pay for off-duty time which resulted in an engagement rate of approximately 90%.
 - c. East Jackson has contracted with CBD to provide monthly coaching support to help implement training learned during summer.
 - d. Throughout the summer of 2020 and the 20-21 school year, the Jackson County ISD has offered and made available a variety of training videos and 1-to-1 coaching support for all Jackson County instructional staff.
 - e. Tuesday, September 29, East Jackson hosted a Virtual Town Hall to help support and answer questions posed by EJ families. This event was facilitated by Board Secretary Jan Maino and featured Mr. Doerr, Mrs. Hager, and Mr. Cook.
 - f. East Jackson is making arrangements for additional training to support quality teaching and learning during this challenging time.
- A letter from the Jackson County Drain Commissioner regarding storm water permitting is included in the Board packet.
- The district received a donation of \$5000 to help support student, staff and family morale. A thank you letter was sent on the district' behalf and is available in the board packet. Mrs. Wilkins inquired about plans for using the donation. Elementary Principal, Becky Hager shared that she is arranging “get together events” for staff to boost morale. She is also planning to purchase East Jackson gear and spirit wear for staff and students. Secondary Principal, Joel Cook shared that he will be continuing Mrs. Maino’s donation of Biggby gift cards for staff. Each week there will be a “spin the wheel” drawing for five winners to each receive a \$10 Biggby card. He is also planning to purchase EJ Jerseys for staff members with their years of service printed. Additionally, he wants to establish a Food and Clothing Pantry in the school for students in need.

Action Items

COVID Mrs. Maino moved to review and approve the **Monthly Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan**, as presented.

Mrs. Hendricks 2nd

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Schedule B Mrs. Maino moved to approve the **Schedule B – Coaching Recommendation**; contingent upon the ability for the district to hold sport activities.

Mr. Cromley 2nd

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Taxes Mr. Cromley moved to approve the **Tax Collection Agreements** as presented for Blackman and Henrietta Townships.

Mrs. Maino 2nd

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Other Board Discussion Matters -

Mrs. Maino inquired about the COVID vaccination made available for staff members. Mr. Doerr shared that he collaborated with the Jackson County Health Department and East Jackson was the first school in Jackson County to have access to the initial vaccine. The process began January 8, 2021 to those interested, it is not a requirement for work, and ninety-nine (of approximately 120) staff members were vaccinated.

Adjournment

Mrs. Wilkins moved to adjourn this Board of Education meeting at 6:38p.m.

Mr. Cromley 2nd

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Jan Maino
Secretary Board of Education