

February 9, 2026
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. The meeting was called to order by President, Jan Maino at 6:00 PM. Trustee, Amy Boatright conducted roll call, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Jan Maino, Mishele Wilkins, Mickey Cromley, Amy Boatright, Rachel Bean

Board Members Absent: Kirk Warner, Adam Phelps

Administrators/ Supervisors Present: Superintendent, Jeff Punches
Amy Blackledge, Regina Hoskins, Jimmie Jones, Becki Nutt, Skyler Stoker,
Randy Wilkinson

Staff Members Present: Deana Minder, Jason Smith,
JCISD Business Mgr. Kristina Kulka

Visitors Present: Trinity McClain, Sarah Brown, Jolene Hutchinson, Ryan Boyce, Cora Boyce,
Devin Boyce, Mackenzy Boyce, Bradyn Boyce, Rachael Bentley, Marshel Parson

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda - None

Student Recognition

- 1) Students of the Month
 - a. **Bradyn Boyce** ~ Young 5s (present)
 - b. **Alijah Parson** ~ 3rd Grade (present)
 - c. **Devin Boyce** ~ 6th Grade (present)
 - d. **Haylee Whisler** ~ 7th Grade (absent) *will attend in March
 - e. **Jolene Hutchinson** ~ 10th Grade (present)
- 2) Athletes of the Month
 - a. **Olyvia Gales** ~ 9th Grade – Varsity Girls Basketball (absent-game night)
 - b. **Kayson Lovett** ~ 11th Grade – Varsity Boys Basketball (absent-game night)

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Boatright 2nd

1) Meeting Minutes

- A. Organizational Meeting – January 12, 2026
- B. Regular Meeting – January 12, 2026

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public - None

Reports

1) College and Career Access

- No report - added to Agenda erroneously.

2) Finance Report

- JCISD Business Manager, Kristina Kulka, presented the Finance Report.

3) Superintendent's Report

- Strategic Plan Update: The committee met during the previous week to begin focus on the district's goals. Superintendent Punches stated that he will begin writing the plan and updating curriculum requirements for state compliance in the 2026-27 school year.
- Bond Construction Update: Projects are slated for bidding and opening dates will be March 4th and 5th.
- Punches recommended to the Board to push the March 9th BOE meeting to March 16th. This will allow the district to meet legal obligations for Bond timelines and bid vetting.
- Snow Days: The district has already used four (4) forgiven snow days. Additionally, on two (2) scheduled half days of school, the district did not meet the 75% attendance requirement. Superintendent Punches stated that there could be potential penalty fines if any additional days are missed, however he must wait for February and March weather outcomes before he can determine the district's plan going forward. He added that the State may allow up to three (3) waived days.
- Snowfest was Friday, February 6, 2026. EJSS had an assembly, two varsity games and held the dance on Saturday.

4) Board Reports/Sharing

- Rachel Bean shared that 54 families received items from the Food Pantry during the month of January. Jan Maino inquired about supply levels to which Rachel reported that levels are low, but more food is expected to arrive in March.
- Maino reported her attendance at the JCSBA meeting and the tour of the new Western Elementary School. She added that the building is now the largest school in Jackson County.
- Maino stated that she is hopeful the Governor will sign the state budget sooner rather than that of last school year.
- In closing, Jan recommended a sub-committee for Board of Education Recruitment. She shared that two (2) of the three (3) members up for reelection in November of 2026, will not be running, leaving a need to fill those seats. Board Trustees Rachel Bean and Amy Boatright committed to participating in the sub-committee.

Action Items

Retirements Mrs. Bean moved to accept, with regret, the **Retirements** as presented.

- a. **Christine Knight** ~ EJSS Teacher; 30 plus years of service.
- b. **Lisa Vogt** ~ EJE Teacher; 25 years of service.

Mr. Cromley 2nd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

New Hires

Mrs. Bean moved to approve the **New Hires** as presented.

- a. **Kimberly Rumler** ~ EJE Paraprofessional; effective 2-9-2026
- b. **Robert Stokely** ~ Sub Custodian; effective 2-6-2026

Mrs. Boatright 2nd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Schedule B Mrs. Wilkins moved to approve the **Schedule B - Coach** recommendations as presented.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Mr. Cromley 2nd

**Erate
Award**

Mrs. Boatright moved to approve the **Category 2 Erate Award** recommendation as presented.

➤ **People Driven Technology**

Mr. Cromley 2nd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Superintendent Punches reported that this technology is federally funded, however it must be pre-ordered and will then be 85% refunded.

**Schedule
Change**

Mr. Cromley moved to approve the **BOE Meeting Schedule Change** in March; from the 9th to the 16th.

Mrs. Bean 2nd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Other Board Discussion Matters – None

Adjournment

Mrs. Wilkins moved to adjourn this Board of Education meeting at 6:21p.m.

Mrs. Bean 2nd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Jan Maino
President
East Jackson Board of Education