

May 11, 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. Secretary, Kirk Warner conducted roll call, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board Members Present: Jan Maino, Mickey Cromley, Kirk Warner, Rachel Bean, Adam Phelps

Board Members Absent: Mishele Wilkins, Amy Boatright

Administrators/ Supervisors Present: Superintendent, Jeff Punches
Amy Blackledge, Joel Cook, Regina Hoskins, Jimmie Jones, Skyler Stoker,
Jessica Swetland, Randy Wilkinson

Staff Members Present: Kris Mast, Deana Minder, Jeanne Olivier, Jason Smith,
Business Mgr. Kristina

Visitor Sign In: Heather Gibbs, Amanda Dell, Josh Moncion, Cynthia Page, Deja Murray,
Nathaniel Moss, Noviar Ameen, Ta’Niyah Moss, Aariyah Folden, Terri Swetland,
Dave Swetland, Marcola Ridley, Brandon Griggs, Te’Rale Overton, Madilynn Bean

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added Action Item #5 – MHSAA Membership Resolution
Added Action Item #6 – Camera Installation Quote

Student Recognition

- 1) Students of the Month
 - a. **Aariyah Scott** ~ Kindergarten (present)
 - b. **Myles Swetland** ~ 1st Grade (present)
 - c. **Alice Porter** ~ 6th Grade (present)
 - d. **Amiyah Myers** ~ 8th Grade (present)
 - e. **Heaven Page** ~ 10th Grade (present)
- 2) Athletes of the Month
 - a. **Leonie Delaball** ~ 10th Grade – Softball (absent)
 - b. **Chris Holloway** ~ 12th Grade – Baseball (absent)

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Cromley moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Warner 2nd

1) Meeting Minutes

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Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Questions, Comments, Petitions from the Public - None

Reports

1) **Student Leadership Advisory Team**

- New to East Jackson this year, the team is comprised of various students who meet to discuss topics of interest and provide feedback for ideas of improvement.
- Ideas and success shared or relayed to the Board:
 - Senior Kilah Boatright feels that student voices are being heard. She is honored to be on the committee and thinks this has had a positive impact.
 - 7th grader Clarence Stokely enjoys talking about different activities that students could do other than just athletics.
 - 7th grader Madilynn Bean spoke about the very long lines at lunch now that the food is incredible. She suggested having two lines at each station for faster flow, so students have more time to eat their lunch. Superintendent PUNCHES responded by saying that bond renovations this summer will open space in the cafeteria and address the long line issue.
 - 8th grader Brandon Griggs leads by example and everyday at lunch picks up empty trays and takes care of them on his own doing. Brandon also sings Happy Birthday to students during lunch, when he hears that it is someone's birthday.
 - 10 grader Te'Rale Overton had presented her idea of letting students plan and run the Pep Assembly this year. It was a big hit with students and generated more participation. Te'Rale added that the assembly was much more enjoyable and students were happy to contribute their ideas and see their choices played out.
 - In conclusion, Principal Cook stated that the creation of this student committee brings great value to students as it allows input and decision making from a diversity of grade and interest levels.

2) **PTCO**

- President, Jeanne Olivier reported that participation and connections have been amazing this year. She was pleased to share that the Monthly Lock-Ins have been a lot of fun and have created an increase in student interest and parent volunteers. She added that proceeds have been substantially higher than that of Popcorn Fridays.
- Lock-In proceeds have supported several activities at the elementary:
 - Supplies for the STEAM Class
 - Kona Ice for the upcoming Field Day
 - "At School" Field Trip for Mrs. MacGuinness's special ed classroom, to include a Bounce House, Pizza, and Ice Cream.
- Mrs. Olivier concluded that she is thankful for the support and belief in the program and is excited about the positive momentum for the District.
- Board President Jan Maino offered appreciation to Jeanne for her willingness to take over and her success in rolling with the many changes that have taken place within the PTCO.

3) **Finance Report**

- Business Manager Kristina Kulka presented the finance report.

4) **Superintendent's Report**

- Superintendent PUNCHES reported that Bond projects are scheduled to begin this summer at the elementary building. The secondary building will also have work done this summer, however the electrical, HVAC and lift station projects will be completed in the summer of 2027.
- The Bond budget has been finalized and the District is in a very good financial position; mostly due to receiving \$1.15 million from the Health Schools Grant. Additionally, the District applied for the 12e Facilities Assessment Grant, of which, requested funds will be

applied to costs for roof repair, a well at the elementary school, and a lift station at the secondary school.

- Punches shared with the Board that Spring Awards will be held on Wednesday, May 13 from 5:30-8:30 in the Secondary School Auditorium and the 2026 Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 21st at 7:00PM.
- The camera and cabling projects will commence this summer and 31a funds will be utilized to replace outdated security cameras.
- Punches announced that the District is currently looking for a social worker and teacher at the elementary building and added that more openings will be posted over the next month.

5) Board Reports/Sharing

- Mickey Cromley reported that the Bond Steering Committee met and informed the Board that many projects will begin this summer.
- Rachel Bean reported that 38 people received items from the Food Pantry in April and the numbers in May are already twice that number. Bean added that supplies are running a little low, however a food drive is scheduled and will help with replenishing the pantry. She noted that having the pantry at EJSS is a good resource for awareness as students can see that food is being picked up and prompts inquiry.
- Jan Maino attended the JCASB meeting and reported that topics of conversation included Springport's FFA program and the JCISD Preliminary Budget, which is included in the Board packet.

Action Items

New Hires Mr. Cromley moved to approve the **New Hires** as presented.

- a. **Dylan Byrd** ~ Sub Custodian
- b. **Robert Stokely** ~ Full-time Custodian; transition effective 4/30/2026

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Mrs. Bean 2nd

Bid Award Mr. Warner moved to approve the recommended **Bond Bid Award** for Asbestos Abatement as presented.

➤ **Total Environmental Services, LLC**

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Mr. Phelps 2nd

NEOLA Mr. Cromley moved to approve the **NEOLA Policy Updates** as presented.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Mrs. Bean 2nd

JCISD Budget Mr. Warner moved to adopt the **JCISD Preliminary Budget** Resolution as presented for the 2026-27 school year.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Mr. Phelps 2nd

MHSAA Mr. Warner moved to adopt the **26-27 MHSAA Membership** resolution, as presented.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Mrs. Bean 2nd

Security Mr. Cromley moved to approve the **Camera Installation Quote** as presented.

Cameras

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Mr. Phelps 2nd

Other Board Discussion Matters - None

Adjournment

Mr. Warner moved to adjourn this Board of Education meeting at 6:32p.m.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Mr. Cromley 2nd

Kirk Warner

Secretary

East Jackson Board of Education