

**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
January 25, 2010**

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met for a Regular Meeting on January 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the JISD Administration Building located at 1547 Pine Street in Jacksonville, Texas.

Present: James Houser, Jim Tarrant, Joe Casey, Dale Jamerson, Jimmy Brown, and Todd Travis; Pat McCown arrived at 7:10 p.m. Superintendent Dr. Joe Wardell also attended.

Absent: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, James Houser, announced that a quorum was present, that the meeting was duly called, and that notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and in the manner as required by law.

2. RECOGNITION OF 2009-10 JISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dr. Wardell recognized the 2009-10 Board of Trustees and thanked them for their service and dedication to the students of the District. He added that one reason the District has become academically successful is due to the Board's dedication to students receiving a good education. In appreciation of their service each board member was presented with a basket filled with a variety of goodies from the campus to which that board member serves as liaison.

3. REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

A. Athletic Department Report Update

Coach Steve Wells reported to the Board that 906 (51.3% of the student body) students are currently participating in athletics compared to 826 students at this time last year. He then gave a breakdown of how many students are participating in each sport. Of the 906 students participating, 64 of these students receive Special Education services. Coach Wells concluded his report by providing an overview of procedures that the Athletic Department follows to prepare student athletes for college both academically and for athletic recruitment.

B. JISD Police Department Report

JISD Police Chief, Marvin Acker, gave a report on the JISD Police Department and School Resource Officer Program. He reported that the department was organized during the 2001-02 school year and began with a Chief and two officers. By means of a Cops-In-Schools Grant two more officers were added in 2002-03 bringing the total to five officers. He emphasized that the main function of his department is to provide safety and security for the staff and students of JISD. He then listed specific duties that officers perform daily to maintain safe and secure campuses. The JISD Police Department also oversees student attendance issues.

C. May 8, 2010 School Board Election – Important Dates

James Houser reported pertinent filing dates and voting dates for the May 8, 2010 JISD Board of Trustees Election. The Board will order the election at the February 15, 2010 board meeting; however, the date to begin filing an application to run for the school board begins February 8, 2010 and ends March 8, 2010.

D. Special Election of Region 7 Education Service Center Board of Trustees

Dr. Joe Wardell advised Board members that a vacancy has occurred on the Region 7 Board of Trustees due to the death of a trustee. Region 7 has asked all member school districts to post the vacancy to provide information on filing to run for the position in this special election.

E. Discussion of March Board Meeting Date - Falls During Spring Break

After a discussion that the March board meeting date falls during Spring Break, it was decided that March 22, 2010 will be the date for the regular March board meeting of the JISD Board of Trustees.

4. ACTION

A. Vendor Bids

1. Consider and Approve Vendor Bid #10003 for Custodial Supplies and Related Materials

It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Dale Jamerson to approve the vendor bids as recommended by District administrators for custodial supplies and related materials.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Tarrant, McCown, Brown, and Travis

Nays: None

2. Consider and Approve Vendor Bid #10004 for Network Switches

It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Jim Tarrant to approve the bid of \$217,584 from 4Front for replacement of network switches.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, McCown, Brown, and Travis

Nays: None

3. Consider and Approve Vendor Bid #10005 for JHS Gym Bleacher System

It was moved by Jim Tarrant and seconded by Pat McCown to approve the bid of \$70,402 from Specialty Supply for a gym bleacher system at the JHS campus.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Casey, Jamerson, Brown, and Travis

Nays: None

B. Consider and Approve Contract Negotiations with Architect Regarding Facility Renovations and Potential Construction

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Pat McCown to approve contract negotiations with Claycomb & Associates regarding facility renovations and potential construction.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Casey, Tarrant, Jamerson, and Travis

Nays: None

C. Consider and Adopt Resolution of Annual Review of JISD Investment Policy

It was moved by Pat McCown and seconded by Dale Jamerson to adopt the Resolution of Annual Review of JISD Investment Policy.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Tarrant, Casey, Brown, and Travis

Nays: Mr. Jamerson

D. Consider and Approve Retaining Health and Technology Credits As Part of Local Graduation Requirements

It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Jim Tarrant to approve retaining Health and Technology course credits as part of the local graduation requirements. (Due to recent legislation these courses are no longer graduation requirements of the state.)

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, McCown, Brown, and Travis

Nays: None

E. Consider and Approve Extension of Superintendent Contract

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Jim Tarrant to continue the contractual agreement with Dr. Joe Wardell, Superintendent, for another year keeping his contract with the District at three (3) years. The new contract will be effective through June 30, 2013. Effective July 1, 2010 the salary will be raised 2.5%.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Casey, McCown, Brown, and Travis

Nays: None

F. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Pat McCown and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) minutes from December 14, 2009 Regular Meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Business Reports; 4) ADA Summary Report; 5) Budget Amendment #10-05; 6) donation of \$3,650 from Steve Mostyn of Mostyn Law Firm to Special Education Department for Christmas shopping trip for Lifeskills Students; and 7) donation of \$1,000 to West Side Elementary from Kathy Hicks in memory of G. E. Casper for "End of Year Day".

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Tarrant, Casey, Jamerson, and Brown

Nays: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported that:

- current District enrollment is 76 students higher than the same date last year (2009)
- Basketball:
 - Girls Varsity – undefeated (6-0)
 - Boys Varsity – undefeated (4-0)
 - 7th Grade Girls – DISTRICT CHAMPIONS (Season 9-2; District 8-1)
- Soccer:
 - Girls Varsity – won Hallsville Tournament (Won 2, Tied 1)

- Boys Varsity – played Lufkin Showcase Tournament (won 1, lost 2)
- Powerlifting: competed January 16th in Nacogdoches:
 - Girls – came in 10th out of 15 teams
 - Boys – came in 9th out of 18 teams
- Spring Tennis: Varsity hosted Nacogdoches on January 19th – JHS won (8-3)
- January 11th:
 - attended Chamber Retreat Luncheon - planning
 - Winter Board Retreat – Superintendent Evaluation
- January 19th: Attended 85th Annual Chamber Banquet Luncheon (was Master of Ceremonies – JISD campuses were recognized)
- Recognized as Title I Distinguished Campuses:
 - West Side Elementary School
 - Fred Douglass Elementary School
 - Joe Wright Elementary School
- Following individuals elected to serve on 2010-2011 Board of Directors for Cherokee County Appraisal District:
 - Louis Caveness
 - John Mark Lester
 - Brent Stahelin
 - Tammy Treadwell
 - Sandra Wallace

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - SUGGESTIONS FROM BOARD

There were no items suggested by board members for future agendas.

8. CLOSED SESSION

The Board will adjourn to closed or executive session pursuant to Texas Government Codes 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.0821

A. Hiring, Termination/Retirement, or Transfer of Professional Personnel

B. Legal Matters, Student Discipline, and Real Property

9. RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ACTION RELATIVE TO ITEMS CONSIDERED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 7:55 p.m. until 8:31 p.m. There was no action taken on any matters discussed in Closed Session.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned.

James Houser
Board President

Joe Casey
Board Secretary