

**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
February 15, 2010**

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met for a Regular Meeting on February 15, 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, Pat McCown, Jimmy Brown, and Todd Travis; 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS

James Houser led the pledges of allegiance to the United States Flag and Texas Flag.

3. AWARDS / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A. Texas Comptroller's Office Gold Leadership Circle Award

Dr. Wardell announced that the District, in an effort to be financially transparent, had voluntarily posted district financial information on the JISD website. The Texas Comptroller's Office presented the Gold Leadership Circle Award to JISD for being transparent. Dr. Wardell and James Houser presented the framed award certificate to Lindy Finley in honor of this voluntary commitment.

B. NCEA Just for the Kids Award Presentation

Dr. Wardell and James Houser presented to Laurie Greathouse, Nichols Intermediate Principal, a framed certificate from the "Just for the Kids Campaign" awarded by the National Council of Educational Achievement. The award cites Nichols Intermediate as a 2009 Higher Performing School and targets career and college readiness programs.

C. 21st Century Teaching Award – 3rd Six Weeks

Katie Lasseter announced that the recipient of the 21st Century Teaching Award for the 3rd Six Week Period is Alicia Tennison. Ms. Tennison teaches 3rd grade at East Side Elementary School and is being honored for the use of technology in the classroom. Mr. Houser presented Ms. Tennison with a framed certificate and thanked her for her work with the students.

4. REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

A. Demographic Study Presentation

Brent Alexander of School District Strategies presented and highlighted the findings from the recently completed JISD Demographic Study. Board

members and the District were supplied with hard copies of the study containing in-depth information. A question and answer period followed the presentation with several questions asked by board members. Mr. Houser invited the audience to ask questions as well.

B. Notice of \$1500 Award from the East Texas Tech Prep Consortium

Renee Risinger reported to the Board that the Jacksonville High School Career and Technical Education Department received a \$1500 Tech Prep Grant from the East Texas Tech Prep Consortium. This is the second year in a row that the JHS CTE Department has received the Grant (last year was \$1000) and this year's award is based on 53 Tech Prep students reported in PEIMS Code 3 for Fall 2009. The funds will be used to pay for bus and substitute teacher expenses to take students to one or more of the East Texas Tech Prep community colleges (TVCC, TJC, Kilgore, Panola), and to Nacogdoches High School (through TSTI). Reimbursement funds will be disbursed by the East Texas Tech Prep Consortium after the JISD Board has been apprised of this award

C. Discussion of Proposed Dress Code for 2010-11

Dr. Leslie George reported that the 2010-11 Dress Code Committee met to discuss a proposed dress code for the 2010-11 school year. She distributed the proposed dress code to board members and pointed out some additional wording added to clarify two existing guidelines. Board members will vote on the proposed 2010-11 Student Dress Code at the March 22, 2010 board meeting.

D. Report on Advanced Degree Supplement and Tuition Reimbursement Program

Human Resources Director, Nancy Lee, reported to board members that the District currently pays a \$1000 stipend for advanced degrees (Masters or Doctorate). She also reported that the District currently reimburses employees \$50 per college course (limit of 2 courses per semester) when the following requirements are met:

- Principal/Supervisor must sign prior approval
- Employee must pass the course/s
- Within two weeks after final grades have been posted the employee must submit to the Human Resources Department the completed/signed College Course Stipend Form with the grade report or transcript attached.

E. Report on Dual Enrollment Courses at JHS

Tammy Jones reported to board members that JHS currently contracts with Lon Morris College, Jacksonville College, and Tyler Junior College to offer several dual credit courses. She explained that students pay a fee to the respective colleges but take the courses on campus from JHS teachers. She added that a few students take the course at the college campuses. Also offered are many Virtual School courses.

F. Review of Board Members' Earned Continuing Education Credits As Required When Calling Trustee Election

As required at a meeting where a school board election is ordered, Mr. Houser reported the status of the annual earned continuing education credits for each board member:

James Houser.....	Exceeds Requirements
Jim Tarrant, Jr.....	Deficient – Tier 1 only
Joe Casey.....	Meets Requirements
Dale Jamerson.....	Exceeds Requirements
Todd Travis.....	Exceeds Requirements
Pat McCown	Deficient – Tier II only
Jimmy Brown	Exceeds Requirements

G. Reminder of March Board Meeting Date Changed to March 22, 2010 Due To Spring Break

Mr. Houser reminded the Board and those in attendance that the March board meeting will be held on March 22nd instead of March 15th which falls during JISD Spring Break.

4. ACTION

A. Consider and Adopt Proposed 2010-2011 JISD School Calendar

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Joe Casey to adopt the proposed 2010-11 school calendar (Draft A) as presented.

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

Nays: None

B. Consider and Approve Application to T.E.A. for General Waiver for 2010-2011 School Year for Staff Development Days, Early Release Days and Modified Schedule for TAKS Testing Days

It was moved by Pat McCown and seconded by Jim Tarrant to approve the application to T.E.A. for a General Waiver for the 2010-11 school year for staff development days, early release days, and modified schedule for TAKS testing days.

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

Nays: None

C. Consider and Adopt Resolution Authorizing Sale of Surplus Real Property Known As A 44 BLK 1804 TR 3 T QUEVADO Property ID #107982100 (2 acre tract) and Execution of All Documents Related Thereto

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Jim Tarrant to adopt the Resolution authorizing the district to accept the bid on the referenced surplus real property; authorizing the Superintendent to execute the earnest contract and other necessary sale documents; and authorizing the Board President to execute the deed conveying said property.

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

Nays: None

D. Consider and Approve Contract with Claycomb & Associates, Inc. for Architectural Services

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Jimmy Brown to approve the contract with Claycomb & Associates, Inc. for architectural services regarding facility renovations and potential construction.

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

Nays: None

E. 2010 JISD Trustee Election

1. Adopt Order to Call Trustee Election for May 8, 2010

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Pat McCown to adopt the Order to Call a Trustee Election for May 8, 2010.

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

Nays: None

2. Consider and Approve Election Contract with Cherokee County for Lease of Voting Equipment for May 8, 2010 Election Day and Early Voting

It was moved by Pat McCown and seconded by Jim Tarrant to approve the election contract with Cherokee County for the lease of voting equipment for the May 8, 2010 election and early voting period.

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

Nays: None

3. Consider and Approve Joint Election Agreement with City of Jacksonville for May 8, 2010 Election

It was moved by Jim Tarrant and seconded by Pat McCown to approve the Joint Election Agreement with the City of Jacksonville for the May 8, 2010 election.

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

Nays: None

F. Consider and Adopt Resolution Nominating Replacement for Vacated Seat on Board of Directors of Cherokee County Appraisal District

After discussion that the Board did not have a nominee for the vacated position and that a nomination is not mandatory, there was no action taken on this item.

G. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Pat McCown to approve the consent agenda consisting of: 1) minutes from the January 11, 2010 Winter Board Retreat and January 25, 2010 regular board meeting; 2) investment report; 3) business reports; and 4) ADA Summary Report.

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

Nays: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Julie Barton addressed the Board with a problem about residency within the District. She stated that she had been contacted by the JHS campus regarding

her address being outside the District. She was requesting that her daughter be allowed to attend JHS for the remainder of the school year.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Joe Wardell reported to the Board:

- current District enrollment is 78 students higher than the same date last year (2009)

- January 27:

- visited board member, Jim Tarrant, at his business, Consolidated Wood Products
- met with area realtors at Chamber (JISD brochure)

- January 28: visited board member, Todd Travis, at his business, Hubert Glass Oil Company

- February 1: UIL District Realignment

District 14-4A	
Jacksonville ISD	Pine Tree ISD
John Tyler ISD	Hallsville ISD
Whitehouse ISD	Marshall ISD
Kilgore ISD	Nacogdoches ISD

- February 2: attended Career Day at Nichols Intermediate School

- February 3: National Football College Signing Day – 6 JHS football athletes signed scholarship contracts in JISD Board Room at 9:00am (press, families, district administrators)

- February 4:

- Job Shadowing Day sponsored by Adopt-A-School; Daniela Trujillo shadowed superintendent; luncheon held for participants – speaker was Lucy Farmer (formerly with JISD and TEA)
- attended Chamber of Commerce Blue Ribbon Committee meeting held at Landmark

- February 8:

- first day to file application to run for school board; 1 candidate, Jim Tarrant, has filed to run for Place 1
- Freshman Fair held at JMS

- February 9: attended Top 10 Graduates Breakfast at TJC with JHS Principal and Counselors

- February 10: Miss Texas @ West Side Elementary mid-day; WS Staff honored at Jacksonville College Basketball Game in the evening

- Basketball:

- 7th Grade Girls' Basketball – District Champions; 9th Grade Girls' Basketball – District Champions
- JHS Girls' Basketball – District Champions; playoffs begin February 16th against Mt. Pleasant – site TBD
- JHS Boys' Basketball – District Champions - finished season undefeated – playoffs begin Feb. 23rd TBD
- JISD Junior Makes All-State: Spencer Jay, an oboe-playing junior at Jacksonville High School, was selected to the Texas All-State Band. He is one of the 125 students who will play in the 4A All-State Band out of about 2,500 who originally competed for a spot.

- o East Side teacher wins P. E. award for tennis work: Physical education teacher Chuck Roper received the U.S. Tennis Association What-A-Burger P. E. Specialist of the Year honor.
- o School/Work cancelled last Friday, February 12th – per 2009-10 Calendar, makeup day will be Friday, April 2nd

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

C. Superintendent’s Recommendations Regarding Contract Renewal Status of Administrators, Including Principals

In Closed Session the Board met from 8:26 p.m. until 9:55 p.m.

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

It was moved by Pat McCown and seconded by Jim Tarrant to approve the attached administrative contract renewals as recommended by the Superintendent.

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

Nays: Mr. Joe Casey

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned.

James Houser
Board President

Joe Casey
Board Secretary