

**Jacksonville Independent School District  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
April 19, 2010**

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met for a Regular Meeting on April 19, 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

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. Presentation of \$4800 Donation by Kiwanis Club to JISD**

Nancy Washburn presented to JISD a check for \$4800 to be used to purchase supplies for Pre-Kindergarten students for the 2010-11 school year. James Houser accepted the donation and thanked Ms. Washburn and the Kiwanis Club for all they do each year to support the students of JISD.

**4. REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS**

**A. JMS Band UIL Results**

Joseph Brunson, JMS Band Director, reported to the Board on the recent UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest in which a record setting 92 JMS students participated. Mr. Brunson showed a power point presentation including some of the students expressing their contest experience and what they feel they learned. The presentation also included the following results:

- 15 students earned a "2" = Excellent Rating
- 75 students earned a "1" = Superior Rating

Mr. Brunson expressed his excitement at the participation and results and also thanked the Board for their continued Support. The Board and audience applauded the success of Mr. Brunson and these students.

**B. SHAC (School Health Advisory Committee) Report**

Stephanie Wofford gave a report to the Board on the current health curriculum that has been established for the students by SHAC. She updated the Board on the District's programs in the areas of health and physical education; nutrition and health services; healthy and safe school environment; staff wellness promotion; and parent and community involvement.

**C. Report on Current TEKS for High School Government Classes**

Tammy Jones introduced Mike Alberts and Matthew Paulson who teach Government and Economics classes at JHS. Mr. Alberts briefly explained that he lectures rather than use textbooks. His curriculum, while rooted in basic Government principles, also includes current issues. He encourages students with similar opinions to express their viewpoints and form groups, much like political parties. Then, Mr. Paulson added that they also include citizenship and participation in democracy. His class has warm-up periods with lively discussions. Both teachers advised that all seniors are required to study the Constitution.

**D. Discussion of FDA(LOCAL) Policy: Admissions – Interdistrict Transfers**

Dr. Wardell advised that some board members asked for a review of this policy. A discussion followed among board members where certain board members expressed the desire to pursue a possible change in the student transfer policy to allow out-of-district students to transfer into the district on a case-by-case basis annually. Currently policy allows incoming transfers only for out-of-district students whose parent/guardian is an employee of JISD. Board members requested that this policy be re-visited for discussion at the next board meeting.

**E. May 8, 2010 JISD Board of Trustees Election**

James Houser reminded everyone that the early voting period for the 2010 School Board Election is April 26<sup>th</sup> through May 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday only) at the Jacksonville Senior Center located at 302 S. Bolton Street. He also reminded everyone that election day will be Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Jacksonville Public Library located at 502 S. Jackson.

**F. Discussion of May 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting**

Dr. Wardell informed the Board that the May 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting will be held at the JMS Little Theater to accommodate a larger crowd. That meeting will include JISD employee service and retirement awards.

**5. ACTION**

**A. Consider and Re-Certify Dr. Joe Wardell as District Representative to the Region VII Advisory Council for 2010-2011**

It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Jim Tarrant to re-certify Dr. Joe Wardell as the District Representative to the Region VII Advisory Council for 2010-2011.

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

**Nays:** None

**B. Consider and Adopt Resolution Regarding Extracurricular Status of the Cherokee County 4H Organization**

Dr. Wardell explained that, for students to be excused from classes to participate in 4H competition, the 4H organization must be considered an extracurricular organization. He added that the resolution has been adopted

on an annual basis prior to this year. To simplify the process this Resolution has been written to be open-ended and will remain valid until rescinded.

It was moved by Jim Tarrant and seconded by Pat McCown to adopt the Resolution Regarding Extracurricular Status of the Cherokee County 4H Organization.

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

**Nays:** None

**C. Consider and Adopt Resolution Supporting Rusk State Hospital Regarding State Funding**

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Joe Casey to adopt the Resolution Supporting Rusk State Hospital Regarding State Funding.

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

**Nays:** None

**D. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Jim Tarrant and seconded by Joe Casey to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of 1) minutes from the March 22, 2010 Regular Meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Business Reports; 4) ADA Summary Report; 5) Donation of \$4800 from the Kiwanis Club to JISD for pre-kindergarten supplies; and 6) tax refund request of \$1805.60 to James L. Wasson for the Year 2008.

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

**Nays:** None

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one signed to address the Board.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Joe Wardell reported to the Board:

- current District enrollment (4826) is 57 students higher than the same date last year (2009)
- March 22-26: Texas Public School Week at JISD
- March 23-24: Early Registration at Norman Center
- March 25-27: County Show – UIL 4H Competition
- March 25: Dr. Wardell and JHS Counselors attended Dual Credit Luncheon at TJC
- April 1: attended SUPERNet Consortium Celebration Luncheon
- April 7: attended Region 7 Public Funds Investment Act Training at Pine Creek Lodge near Nacogdoches
- April 13: attended JEDCO Board Meeting – presented JISD Demographic Study
- April 13-14: UIL Choir Competition at SFASU; Middle School UIL Concert/Sightreading Competition at Whitehouse
- April 15: attended Chamber After Hours; District Track Meet at Whitehouse
- JISD Sports:
  - Soccer:
    - Girls lost 1<sup>st</sup> round playoff to Waco Midway
    - Boys lost 1<sup>st</sup> round playoff to Waco High School

- Boys' Baseball, Girls' Softball, Golf, Tennis, are underway
- Track: District Track Meet (Whitehouse) April 14-15: 9 girls and 7 boys will advance to compete in the Regional Track Meet on May 3-4

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - SUGGESTIONS FROM BOARD**

Board members decided that they would like to re-visit for discussion at the May board meeting the FDA(LOCAL) policy regarding inter-district student transfers.

**9. 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. Consider and Approve Administrative Recommendations Regarding Professional Term Contract Renewals**

In Closed Session the Board met from 7:38 p.m. until 9:03 p.m.

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

There were no items discussed in Closed Session requiring action by the Board.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned.

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James Houser  
Board President

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Joe Casey  
Board Secretary