

**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
May 17, 2010**

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met for a Regular Meeting on May 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Little Theater of the Jacksonville Middle School located at 1541 Pine Street in Jacksonville, Texas.

Present: James Houser, Jim Tarrant, Joe Casey, Dale Jamerson, Pat McCown (through Oath of Office), Jimmy Brown, Todd Travis, and Blaine Verhelle; 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. CANVASS MAY 8, 2010 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Mr. Houser asked two board members, Jimmy Brown and Todd Travis, to open the election envelope and canvass the May 8, 2010 JISD School Board Election results. Messrs. Brown and Travis verified that the Return Sheet and Tally Sheet reflected the following results:

Place 1	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
Jim Tarrant, Jr. (unopposed)	249	298	547
Place 2	Early Voting	Election Day	Total
Blaine Verhelle	107	174	281
Rock Spraggins	108	98	206
Sergio Nick Hernandez	74	70	144

It was moved by Pat McCown and seconded by Jimmy Brown to accept and certify the results of the May 8, 2010 JISD School Board Election as presented.

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

Nays: None

3. OATH OF OFFICE TO RE-ELECTED and NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES

Notary Public, Connie Pope, administered the Oath of Office to re-elected trustee Jim Tarrant, Jr. and to newly elected trustee Blaine Verhelle.

Mr. Houser presented a plaque to exiting trustee, Pat McCown, reflecting his 12 years of service to the District and thanked him for his dedication and devotion to the students of JISD. Mr. McCown was given a standing ovation by the board members and audience, addressed the group in attendance, and then relinquished his seat at the board table. Blaine Verhelle then took his place as a trustee at the board table.

4. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OFFICERS

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Dale Jamerson to nominate that the existing board officers from 2009-2010 remain the same for 2010-2011:

Board President – James Houser
Board Vice President – Jim Tarrant, Jr.
Board Secretary – Joe Casey

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

Nays: None

5. RECOGNITION / AWARDS

A. TASB Media Honor Roll Awards

Mr. Houser presented two TASB Media Honor Roll Awards. One award was presented to the Jacksonville Daily Progress and the other award was presented to Nathan Straus, a reporter for the Jacksonville Daily Progress.

The TASB Media Honor Roll recognizes representatives in print, radio, television, and electronic media who (1) make the effort to get to know the superintendent, board president, and district's mission and goals; (2) report school news in a manner that is fair, accurate, and balanced; (3) give a high-profile position to good news about schools; (4) visit the schools; and (5) maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school representatives.

B. "Texas Teacher of the Year" Program Nominees

Judy Terry announced that JISD is participating in T.E.A.'s "Texas Teacher of the Year" program through Region VII. Each campus recommended one teacher to submit:

- Joe Wright Elementary - Stacie Chapman
- Fred Douglass Elementary – Holly Sansom
- East Side Elementary – Alicia Tennison
- West Side Elementary – Phyllis Johnson
- Nichols Intermediate – Jackie Warren
- Compass Center – Jamie Pearman
- Jacksonville Middle School – Deborah Morrison
- Jacksonville High School – Jan Gowin

From the list of submitted teachers the District may choose one elementary level teacher and one secondary teacher. Mrs. Terry announced that the teachers chosen to submit for nomination are:

- Elementary Level – Phyllis Johnson, West Side Elementary School
- Secondary Level – Jan Gowin, Jacksonville High School

C. Employee Retirement Awards Presentation

Retiring employees were recognized and presented with retirement awards and thanked for their dedication and service to JISD.

D. Employee Service Awards Presentation

Certificates and monetary incentives (based on 5 year increments) were awarded to those employees qualifying this year for the incentive.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

A. Preliminary Results of TAKS Testing

Judy Terry reported the results of the first administration of the 5th and 8th grade TAKS Reading and Math tests:

TAKS Reading – First Administration			
	2009-2010	with TPM	State Avg
5th Grade – Nichols			
Met Standard	86%	98%	85%
Commended Performance	29%	33%	33%
8th Grade - JMS			
Met Standard	91%	100%	91%
Commended Performance	40%	42%	48%
TAKS Math – First Administration			
	2009-2010	with TPM	State Avg
5th Grade – Nichols			
Met Standard	87%	91%	86%
Commended Performance	34%	34%	42%
8th Grade – JMS			
Met Standard	78%	95%	80%
Commended Performance	15%	25%	23%

B. Report on JHS Band Sweepstakes

JHS Band Director, Mike Bullock, introduced the drum majors and president of the JHS Band who were holding a large trophy signifying the 29th Sweepstakes (3rd consecutive) win for the JHS Varsity Band. This Sweepstakes win was the result of the Band receiving a “1” (superior) in all three UIL competitions for the 2009-10 school year.

Mr. Bullock also reported to the Board that:

- Nichols Intermediate 6th Grade Band won a 1st Division (superior) at Sandy Lake
- JMS 7th Grade Band received a 2 (excellent) for Concert and 1 (superior) for Sightreading
- JMS 8th Grade Band received a 2 (excellent) for Concert and 2 (excellent) for Sightreading
- JHS Concert Band received a 2 (excellent) for Concert and 2 (excellent) for Sightreading

- JHS Band Spring Concert is Thursday, May 20th, at 7:30pm in the JHS Auditorium
- Nichols and Middle School Spring Concert is Thursday, May 27th, at 6:30pm in the JHS Auditorium

Mr. Bullock also thanked Dr. Wardell, Judy Terry, and Tammy Jones for attending various band competitions throughout the year. He concluded by emphasizing that 187 students have pre-enrolled for Band next year at the JHS campus and that there is currently no room to rehearse the full band. He stressed the critical need for a new band hall to accommodate over 500 students and 4 band directors and asked the Board to consider this when planning for facilities.

C. Non-Traditional Schools

Dr. Wardell announced that the District has been approached by a group of parents asking JISD to look at the possibility of opening a non-traditional campus. He introduced JISD parent, Randy McCown, who addressed the Board. Mr. McCown reported that the group of parents has organized several meetings and that Dr. Wardell and Judy Terry have attended most of those meetings. He thanked Dr. Wardell for investigating a non-traditional school and for setting up tours to visit non-traditional campuses in other districts.

D. Special Education Department Annual Report

Dr. Leslie George presented a Special Education Department update to the Board highlighting how the District has performed in meeting state and federal standards in testing and program requirements:

- JISD met standard on 14 target indicators in State Performance Plan compared to state average of 10
- above standards included proficiency in both math and reading
- PBMAS (Performance Based Monitoring Analysis System): JISD met standard or low risk for 20 indicators, medium risk for 2 indicators, and high risk for 1 indicator out of 23 indicators reported

E. Discussion of JMS Weight Room Project

It was discussed that bids will be opened on May 21st for the JMS Weight Room Project that the board will consider and approve the bids at the regular June board meeting to be held June 21, 2010.

F. Discussion of FDA(LOCAL) Policy:

Dr. Wardell reminded the Board that they wanted to revisit the proposed FDA(LOCAL) policy discussed at the April board meeting. The current policy allows incoming transfers only if a parent/guardian is an employee of the District. This proposed policy change would allow JISD to accept any incoming student transfers on a case-by-case basis per the Superintendent's approval. The Board indicated that they would like to take action on the proposed policy at the June board meeting.

G. May 25, 2010 Special Board Meeting – Board Tour of Campuses

It was decided that this Special Board Meeting to tour the campuses should be scheduled for another day due to conflicts in some board members' schedules.

7. ACTION

A. Consider and Approve Engagement of Robinson and Payne as External Auditors for the District's 2009-10 Financial Audit

It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Jim Tarrant to approve the engagement of Robinson and Payne as the external auditors for the District's 2009-10 Financial Audit.

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

Nays: None

B. Consider and Approve Vendor Sealed Proposal #10010 To Supply Bread, Milk, and Juice for 2010-11 School Year

It was moved by Jim Tarrant and seconded by Jimmy Brown to approve bids from Flowers Bakery for bread products for 2010-11 and Oak Farms Dairy for milk and juice products on an escalating price basis for 2010-11.

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

Nays: None

C. Consider and Approve Inter-Agency Agreement with Region 10 ESC for the 2010-11 Multi-Regional Child Nutrition Cooperative Purchasing Program

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Jim Tarrant to approve the Inter-Agency Agreement with Region 10 ESC for the 2010-11 Multi-Regional Child Nutrition Cooperative Purchasing Program.

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

Nays: None

D. Consider and Adopt Resolution to Enter into Inter-Local Agreement to Participate in Regional Purchasing Cooperative with Region VII

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Joe Casey to adopt the Resolution to enter into the Inter-Local Agreement to Participate in Regional Purchasing Cooperative with Region VII.

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

Nays: None

E. Consider and Adopt Cherokee County Prevailing Wage Rate Schedule for Public Work Contracts as Required by CV(LEGAL) Policy

It was moved by Jim Tarrant and seconded by Dale Jamerson to adopt the Cherokee County Prevailing Wage Rate Schedule for public work contracts as required by CV(LEGAL) policy.

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

Nays: None

F. Consider and Approve Facilities Use Agreement with Lon Morris College for Use of Tomato Bowl for 2010 and 2011 Football Seasons

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Dale Jamerson to approve the Facilities Use Agreement with Lon Morris College for the use of the Tomato Bowl for the 2010 and 2011 football seasons.

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

Nays: None

G. Consider and Approve 2010-11 Facilities Agreement with YMCA for Latch Key Prevention Program for Elementary Students

No action was taken on this agenda item.

H. Consider and Set Date, Time, and Location for Summer Board Retreat

The Board decided to set their Summer Board Retreat for July 6th and 6:00pm at a location to be determined. No action was necessary for this item.

I. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Joe Casey to approve the Consent Agenda as presented including 1) minutes from the April 19, 2010 Regular Meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Business Reports; and 4) ADA Summary Report.

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:

- that the District is paying out \$40,000 in incentive service awards for 2009-10
- that the District was the first district to file an application with T.E.A. for the QSCB (Qualified School Construction Bonds) Program which will save the district approximately \$300,000 interest per year if the district passes a bond issue
- area Title I Distinguished Schools were recognized at Region VII on May 3rd and JISD was the only district with 3 Title I schools recognized

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - SUGGESTIONS FROM BOARD

Board members requested that the elementary principals give a report at the next board meeting regarding a non-traditional school.

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

In Closed Session the Board met from 8:58 p.m. until 10:19 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.

James Houser
Board President

Joe Casey
Board Secretary