

**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
August 30, 2010**

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

Present: Jim Tarrant, Joe Casey, Dale Jamerson, Jimmy Brown, Todd Travis, and Blaine Verhelle; Superintendent – Dr. Joe Wardell

Absent: James Houser

1. PUBLIC HEARING

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS PERTAINING TO PROPOSED 2010-2011 JISD BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

Lindy Finley presented the proposed 2010-2011 budget and explained budget allocations. The total balanced budget of \$37,573,915 includes a General Fund budget of \$33,474,939, a Food Service budget of \$2,709,728 and a Debt Service budget of \$1,389,248.

Ms. Finley also reported that the District is proposing a total tax rate of \$1.13 comprised of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and an interest and sinking tax rate of \$.09.

C. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC REGARDING PROPOSED 2010-2011 BUDGET AND TAX RATE

Several questions and answers were discussed during the presentation. There were no comments or questions from the audience or board members following the presentation.

D. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

There being no further business, the public hearing was adjourned.

2. REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice President, Jim Tarrant, 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.

B. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS

Jim Tarrant led the pledges of allegiance to the United States Flag and Texas Flag.

C. REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

1. Report on 2009-2010 Preliminary AYP Ratings and Final State Accountability Results

Judy Terry presented the following 2009-10 preliminary AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) Ratings and final state accountability results to the Board:

	State	Federal
District	Acceptable	Meets AYP
JHS	Acceptable	Meets AYP
JMS	Recognized	Meets AYP
Nichols	Exemplary	Meets AYP
East Side	Recognized	Meets AYP
West Side	Exemplary	Meets AYP
Joe Wright	Exemplary	Meets AYP
Fred Douglass	Exemplary	Meets AYP

2. Report on Vision 20/20 Grant

JHS Principal, Tammy Jones, briefly explained to the Board that the Vision 20/20 Grant includes the provision of a laptop computer for every freshman to use during the school year for 2010-11. The CTE Department has been working closely with the Technology Department on the purchasing and installation of the laptops and software. Ms. Jones introduced Debbie McGraw, Instructional Technologist for JHS, who updated the Board on the District's progress with the grant. She reported that the students will be allowed to use the laptops for school work, both at school and home, and will turn in the computers at the end of the school year. She added that the District is finalizing the rules and regulations that will apply to the student's use of these computers. Not only will the parents and students receive training on these rules, but Ms. McGraw and the teachers have received certification to teach this training. Distribution (roll out) of the computers is scheduled for late September, and parents and students have been notified and advised that there is a nominal fee to participate to help offset costs.

3. Substitute Teaching

Dr. Wardell explained that a board member was told that Conroe ISD administrators participate one day each semester in the classroom as a substitute teacher. The board member asked that a topic on this subject be added to the board agenda for discussion relative to district administrators being in more direct touch with classroom teachers. Nancy Lee reported that she checked with Conroe ISD and found that this program is voluntary and not part of policy. She added that she had researched various districts, both large and small, throughout Texas and found no other districts with this or a similar program. It was mentioned that several of the JISD administrators spend time on campuses and in the classrooms to assist campus administrators and teachers but not in substitution of a teacher. A short discussion was held listing the pros and cons of JISD instigating such a program. Dr. Wardell added that he likes to see quality of instruction in the classroom interrupted as little as possible. No mention was made of a need for further discussion at this time.

4. Discussion of Need to Change October, November, and December 2010 Board Meeting Dates

Dr. Wardell explained that there is a need to change the regular board meeting dates for October, November, and December:

- From October 18th to October 11th: The Board Room will be used during the days of October 18th and 25th as the primary Early Voting Poll for the JISD Bond Election and must be secured after 5:00pm. during the entire two week early voting period.
- From November 15th to November 11th: This move is primarily to accommodate the canvassing timeline following the November 2nd bond election.
- From December 20th to December 13th: The District will be closed on the 20th for the Christmas break.

D. ACTION

1. Consider and Adopt Proposed 2010-11 Budget as Presented

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Dale Jamerson to adopt the proposed 2010-11 budget as presented.

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

Nays: None

2. Consider and Approve Ordinance Adopting a Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of 1.04 and an Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .09 for a Total Tax Rate of 1.13

It was moved by Todd Travis and seconded by Dale Jamerson to increase the property tax rate by the adoption of a tax rate of 1.13, which is effectively a 4.08 percent increase in the tax rate.

Yeas: Messrs. Tarrant, Casey, Brown, and Verhelle

Nays: None

3. Consider and Approve Final 2009-10 Budget Amendment #10-06

It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Todd Travis to approve Budget Amendment #10-06 and the designation of any general fund balance in excess of the state allowed optimum fund balance for emergency expenditures, capital expenditures, repairs, renovations, and insurance reserves.

Yeas: Messrs. Tarrant, Jamerson, Brown, and Verhelle

Nays: None

4. Consider All Matters Incident and Related to Amending the August 17, 2010 Order Calling a November 2, 2010 Bond election, Including the Adoption of an Order Pertaining Thereto

It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Dale Jamerson to adopt the amendment to the August 17, 2010 Order Calling a November 2, 2010 Bond Election.

Yeas: Messrs. Tarrant, Brown, Travis, and Verhelle

Nays: None

5. Consider and Approve Vendor Bid #10011 to Continue the Interlocal Agreement with TASB for Property & Casualty Insurance for 2010-2011
It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Dale Jamerson to continue the existing interlocal agreement with TASB for property and casualty insurance for 2010-2011 at annual premium of \$113,608.
Yeas: Messrs. Tarrant, Casey, Travis, and Verhelle
Nays: None

6. Consider and Approve Waiver to T.E.A. for Timeline for Accelerated Instruction
It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the waiver to T.E.A. for Timeline for Accelerated Instruction.
Yeas: Messrs. Tarrant, Casey, Brown, and Verhelle
Nays: None

7. Consider and Approve List of PDAS Appraisers for 2010-11
It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Todd Travis to approve as presented the list of PDAS Appraisers for the 2010-11 school year.
Yeas: Messrs. Tarrant, Casey, Brown, and Verhelle
Nays: None

8. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda
It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Dale Jamerson to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Tarrant, Casey, Travis, and Verhelle
Nays: None

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Joe Wardell reported to the Board:

- August 9th: held Kickoff Administrative Staff Meeting
- August 11th: 8:30am - New Employee Breakfast – sponsored by Central Baptist Church, Austin Bank, Chamber of Commerce, JEDCO
- August 13th: JISD Convocation @ JHS for approximately 950 employees; video of program on JISD home page
- August 16th – 20th: Staff Development
- 2010-11 school year began August 23rd – went smoothly
- JISD Sports:
 - August 19th – 6:00pm: POWWOW @ Tomato Bowl
 - Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Golf, Tennis: pre-season has begun
 - August 24th: attended District 14-4A UIL Meeting at Marshall
 - August 25th: attended SporTyler Kickoff Luncheon held at UT Tyler with Coach Wells and senior quarterback, Ryan Black, who was presented a \$250 scholarship
- JHS Band – has grown from approximately 150 students last year to approximately 180 students this year
- Tomato Bowl Anniversary – coordinating plans with Chamber for celebration (date to be determined)

- Blue Ribbon Schools Announcement: September 17th; Chamber to host reception 4:30-6:00pm on September 20th prior to JISD Board Meeting
- Today (August 30th): attended Chamber Quarterly Connection luncheon at Norman Center discussing Lake Columbia
- Enrollment to-date: 4948 students; enrollment up 153 students from the end of last school year

G. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - SUGGESTIONS FROM BOARD

There were no items suggested from board members with regard to future meetings.

H. 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 7:55 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

I. 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.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned.

James Houser
Board President

Joe Casey
Board Secretary