



Jacksonville Independent School District

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

September 20, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville ISD was held Monday, September 20, 2010, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room of the JISD Administration Bldg., at 1547 Pine Street, Jacksonville, Texas.

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. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS

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

3. BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Houser commended all those who planned and executed the Blue Ribbon Celebration held earlier at the Lon Morris Gymnasium honoring West Side Elementary and Fred Douglass Elementary staff and students. He congratulated the administrators and staff of the two campuses for earning this national recognition and honor. Dr. Wardell then presented each principal with a large floral arrangement to take to their campuses to enjoy with their staff and students.

4. REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

A. Update on District's Technology

JISD Technology Director, Hedda Alexander, gave a report on some of the major activities performed by the Technology Department over the summer. Upgrades were made to the network including 56 switches and a partial wireless network at Jacksonville High School. A major upgrade to the Network Operational Center (NOC) included the installation of a back-up generator to avoid power outages, and an additional air conditioner to avoid overheating of the NOC. The department also performed server virtualization and computer replacement where needed. The JISD Technology Department was also responsible for receiving and preparing over 300 laptops to be provided to 9th grade students under the Vision 20/20 Grant. These laptops will be provided during the school year only to those eligible 9th grade students who attend the training with their parents and pay a nominal fee that covers the cost of reimaging these computers at the end of the year. These laptops are warranted for a four year period.

B. Update on Incoming Student Transfers

Dr. Wardell gave an update on incoming student transfers. Prior to the adoption of the amended FDA(LOCAL) policy at the June 21, 2010 board meeting, only children of employees were permitted to transfer into the district while residing in another district. This amendment allows students residing outside the district who are not children of employees to transfer into the district based on approval

by the Superintendent. The Superintendent's approval or denial is based on space availability and student history. Dr. Wardell added that there were only two students who applied for transfer into the district who were not children of employees. One student is of high school age and was accepted since there was room at that campus. Another kindergarten applicant was denied due to lack of space available. There are currently 36 students transferring into the JISD.

5. ACTION

A. Consider and Approve Interlocal Agreement with Cherokee County to Conduct November 2, 2010 JISD Bond Election Not Including Early Voting

It was moved by Jim Tarrant and seconded by Dale Jamerson to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Cherokee County to Conduct November 2, 2010 JISD Bond Election Not Including Early Voting.

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

Nays: None

B. Consider and Adopt 2010-2011 List of Acute Shortage Areas Per Guidelines Established by the Commissioner of Education

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Todd Travis to adopt the 2010-2011 List of Acute Shortage Areas per the guidelines established by the Commissioner of Education.

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

Nays: None

C. Consider and Adopt TASB Policy Update 88 Affecting Following Local Policies:

--CQ(LOCAL): Electronic Communication and Data Management

--DH(LOCAL): Employee Standards of Conduct

--EIE(LOCAL): Academic Achievement - Retention and Promotion

It was moved by Jim Tarrant and seconded by Todd Travis to adopt TASB Policy Update 88 as presented.

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

Nays: None

D. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Jim Tarrant and seconded by Dale Jamerson to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: 1) board minutes from August 17, 2010 Special Meeting, August 17, 2010 Board Training, and August 30, 2010 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting; 2) investment report; 3) business reports; and 4) Budget Amendment #11-01.

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

Nays: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Ruby Hill informed board members that she and Gloria Mays run a counseling service that has been dealing with at-risk children. She announced that they will begin an after-school program at the East Side Elementary campus on Monday through Friday from 2:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. beginning in October. She asked that the Board of Trustees and school administrators give their support to the program.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- Dr. Wardell expressed his gratitude to all of the individuals and entities that contributed to the celebration of the Blue Ribbon Schools and the reception honoring JISD on "JISD Day" today. He acknowledged:
 - Lon Morris College – Dr. Loretta Gallegos, Dr. Miles McCall
 - U.S. Department of Education – Mr. Tahj Walker
 - State Senator Robert Nichols
 - State Representative Chuck Hopson
 - U.S. Senator John Cornyn's Office – Ms. Gail Green
 - U.S. Congressman Jeb Hensarling's Office – Mr. Phillip Smith
 - City of Jacksonville: Mayor Robert Haberle, City Council, City Manager Mo Raissi
 - Jacksonville Economic Development Corp. – Mr. Darrell Prcin, Mandy Johnston
 - Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce – Peggy Renfro, Father Mark Kusmirek
 - Donation of T-Shirts to Blue Ribbon Schools: Richards & Penn law firm, Ament & Peacock law firm, Moak & Kessler law firm, and Randy Gorham, CPA
- Current district enrollment is 33 students higher than the same date last year (2009)
- JISD Bond:
 - Presented JISD Master Facilities Plan and factual bond information to:
 - August 19th: Kiwanis Club
 - August 26th: JEDCO
 - September 7th: West Side Staff
 - September 8th: Joe Wright Staff, Nichols Staff
 - September 13th: JMS Staff
 - September 14th: Compass Staff
 - September 15th: Fred Douglass Staff
 - September 16th: Central Office Staff
 - Will present to:
 - ⇒ Rotary Club - September 22nd
 - ⇒ East Side Staff – September 22nd
 - ⇒ JHS Staff – September 22nd
 - ⇒ Literacy Council of Jacksonville – September 23rd
 - ⇒ Chamber of Commerce Board – September 27th
 - ⇒ Chamber Loves Lookout Volunteers Luncheon – September 29th
 - ⇒ Lion's Club – October 5th
 - ⇒ First United Methodist – October 7th
 - ⇒ Class of '44 Reunion – October 8th
 - ⇒ Central Baptist Golden Jubilee Group – October 12th
 - ⇒ James Houser to Cherokee Co. Conservative Women – October 12th
 - Organizations Officially Supporting JISD Bond:
 - JEDCO adopted proclamation on August 26th
 - City of Jacksonville adopted resolution on September 16th
 - Chamber of Commerce Board plans to adopt proclamation on Sept. 27th
 - Jacksonville Education Foundation plans to adopt resolution supporting

- Reminder: Early Voting Period begins October 18th and ends October 29th; JISD will be providing seven additional voting opportunities during that early voting period
- JISD Sports:
 - Tennis: Boys/Girls teams doing well – tied for 1st Place in District with Kilgore, Marshall & Pine Tree
 - Volleyball: showing improvement this year; began District play last week
 - Cross Country: competed well in meets at Tyler and Van
 - Football: strong start in pre-season play; defeated both Texas High School 26-13 and Gilmer High School 43-36 (exciting game to the finish) – had a bye last week & will begin district play in Whitehouse this week
- Reminder: October meeting changed from 18th to 11th (2nd Monday)

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS - BOARD MEMBERS

There were no agenda items suggested by board members for future meetings.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Board will adjourn to Closed (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 7:38 p.m. until 8: 27 p.m.

10. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION FOR ACTION RELATIVE TO ITEMS CONSIDERED DURING CLOSED 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