



**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
December 13, 2010
Minutes**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville ISD was held Monday, December 13, 2010, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room of the JISD Administration Bldg., at 1547 Pine Street, Jacksonville, Texas.

All board members were present except Joe Casey. Superintendent, Dr. Joe Wardell was also present at the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER – PUBLIC HEARING

Board President, James Houser, 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.

A. PRESENTATION OF 2009-2010 AEIS (ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE INDICATOR SYSTEM) RESULTS

Judy Terry distributed to the Board the 2009-2010 AEIS report for JISD. She explained that the report is an important part of the accountability process compilation of the various reports given to the Board throughout the year including:

- Results of TAKS
- Exit-Level TAKS Cumulative Passing Rates
- Progress of Prior Year TAKS failures
- Results of Student Success Initiative
- Attendance Rates
- Annual Dropout Rates
- Completion Rates
- Commended Performance Rates
- College Readiness Indicators
- Adopted Tax Rate
- Student Group information
- Staff information
- Class Size
- Campus Retention Rates

Ms. Terry added that a copy of the AEIS must be kept or posted at the Central Office, each school library; the public library, and the JISD website.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS REGARDING 2009-2010 AEIS RESULTS

There were no questions with regard to the report.

C. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business regarding the 2009-2010 AEIS Report, the hearing was adjourned.

2. CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

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.

3. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAGS

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

4. AWARDS / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A. 2010 JISD Christmas Card Winner

Judy Terry announced that the winner of the 2010 JISD Christmas Card Contest is Arron McMorris from Mrs. Jean Simmons' second grade class at East Side Elementary School. The winner was unable to attend the board meeting; however all board members were presented with his winning Christmas card.

5. CONSIDER AND APPROVE 2009-2010 JISD FINANCIAL AUDIT

Auditor Rachel Payne was unable to attend and present the 2009-2010 JISD Financial Audit at this board meeting. Ms. Payne plans to present the audit in January.

6. REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

A. Bond Program Update

Doug Whitt of Southwest Securities updated board members on information regarding the sale of the bonds in early 2011. He highlighted:

- current bond market conditions and recent Texas QSCB issues
- state funding for voted bonds: Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA) and Existing Debt Allotment (EDA)
- federal funding for voted bonds: Qualified School Constructions Bonds (QSCB)
- historical statistics and assumptions for voted bonds
- preliminary bond program analysis
- preliminary bond sale schedule

B. Report from JISD Facilities Committee

Jeff Horton, Chairman of the JISD Facilities Committee, thanked the Board and administrators who have listened to their facilities recommendations and supported their facilities plans for the district. He then presented suggested Construction Guiding Principles from the JISD Facilities Committee for the Board to consider as they proceed through the design and construction phases of building new facilities and renovating existing facilities.

C. Report on Continuing Education Credit Status of Board Members to be Reported at Last Board Meeting of Calendar Year as Mandated by State

Board President, James Houser, reported that all board members have met or exceeded requirements in all three tiers of continuing education mandated for school board members.

D. January 2011 Board Dates

1. Reminder: Regular January Board Meeting Moved from January 17th to January 24th Due to Holiday

Dr. Wardell reminded board members that the regular January board meeting has been changed from January 17th to January 24th due to the 17th being a student and staff holiday.

2. Discuss Date, Time and Place for Winter Board Retreat in January
3. Discuss Date, Time, and Place for Special Board Meeting in Early January to Meet with Architects on Schematic Designs

Items #2 and #3 were discussed together and it was decided to hold one special meeting for both items. It was also discussed that the 2009-10 JISD Financial Audit will be presented at the same special meeting. The special meeting will be January 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the JISD Administration Building. Open session items will include the financial audit and a presentation of a schematic design by the architects. The superintendent evaluation will be conducted in closed session.

7. ACTION

A. Consider and Approve 2011-2013 JISD Technology Plan

It was moved by Todd Travis and seconded by Dale Jamerson to approve the 2011-2013 JISD Technology Plan as presented.

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

Nays: None

B. Consider and Nominate Candidate for Vacancy on Cherokee County Appraisal District Board of Directors

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Jim Tarrant to nominate Jack Traylor to fill the current vacancy on the Board of Directors of Cherokee County Appraisal District.

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

Nays: None

C. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Jimmy Brown to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of 1) minutes from the November 11, 2010 Canvass and Regular Meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Business Reports; 4) ADA Summary Report; 6) donation of \$4350 from Steve Mostyn to the JISD Special Education Department to purchase gifts for lifeskills students; and 7) a tax refund request of \$617.40 for Larry and Paula Locke.

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

Nays: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- Current enrollment of 4975 students is 170 more than the last day of the 2009-2010 school year
- November 17th: attended meeting for area superintendents with State Representative Chuck Hopson to discuss various concerns of the public schools as he prepares for the next legislative session
- November 14th – 17th: West Side, Fred Douglass, Administrators to Washington D.C. to receive recognition as Blue Ribbon Schools from U.S. Department of Education

- Past Month: Carthage ISD and several schools from Tyler ISD have visited the West Side Elementary campus this past month to see how West Side is achieving their success
- November 19th: JISD Administrators and Board Members handed out incentive checks to employees based on following T.E.A. ratings from 2009-10:
 - 4 Exemplary campuses (incentive pays)
 - 2 Recognized campuses (incentive pays)
 - 1 Acceptable campus
- November 22nd: Blue Ribbon Flag Presentation @ West Side Elementary
- November 29th: Blue Ribbon Flag Presentation @ Fred Douglass Elementary
- December 2nd: attended SUPERNet Consortium Meeting/Luncheon in Tyler
- December 6th: JHS Choir Concert
- December 7th: JMS Choir Concert
- December 8th: JISD hosted area superintendents meeting with State Senator Robert Nichols to discuss concerns of the public schools as he prepares for the next legislative session
- JHS Sports:
 - Football: lost to Sulphur Springs in bi-district playoff game on 11-11-10
 - Basketball: both boys and girls have begun tournament play – doing well (girls’ district play begins tomorrow at Nacogdoches)
 - Soccer: both boys and girls teams have begun practice and will begin pre-season tournament play soon
- JMS Band:

	2002-2008 (average)	2009	2010
Overall Students participating in contest	10	14	29
8 th Grade Students participating in contest	8	10	16
7 th Grade Students participating in contest	2	4	13
8 th Grade Students invited to perform in the Region Concert Clinic	2-5	3	8
7 th Grade Students invited to perform in the Region Concert Clinic	1-2	1	6
Overall Students invited to perform in the Region Concert Clinic	4-7	4	14

- January 31st ceremony honoring Blue Ribbon Schools (West Side Elementary and Fred Douglass Elementary) at the TASA Midwinter Conference on Education (9:00 a.m. at the Austin Convention Center in Ballroom D)
- Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST): Jacksonville ISD is one of only 43 districts to receive a Five Star Rating; FAST examines how school districts and campuses spend their money – and how this spending translates into student achievement. The study is intended to identify cost-effective practices that promote academic progress.

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 8:27 p.m. until 10:00 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