



**Jacksonville Independent School District  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
August 29, 2011  
Minutes**

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The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on August 29, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. for a Public Hearing immediately followed by a Regular Meeting in the Board Room of the JISD Administration Building located at 1547 Pine Street, Jacksonville, Texas.

Present: James Houser, Dale Jamerson, Joe Casey, Jimmy Brown, Todd Travis, Blaine Verhelle, and Jeff Horton; Superintendent – Dr. Joe Wardell

Absent: None

**1. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED 2011-12 BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE OF \$1.32 COMPRISED OF \$1.04 M&O AND \$.28 I&S**

A. Call to Order

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

B. Discussion of Items Pertaining To Proposed 2011-2012 JISD Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

Lindy Finley presented the proposed 2011-2012 budget and explained budget allocations. The total balanced budget of \$39,730,789 includes a General Fund budget of \$33,539,769, a Food Service budget of \$2,890,825 and a Debt Service budget of \$3,300,195.

Ms. Finley also reported that the District is proposing a total tax rate of \$1.32 comprised of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and an interest and sinking tax rate of \$.28.

C. Questions/Comments from Public Regarding Proposed 2011-2012 Budget and Tax Rate

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 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.

- B. Pledges of Allegiance to United State and Texas Flags  
James Houser led the pledges of allegiance to both flags.
- C. Presentation by Jacksonville Kiwanis Club to JISD of \$500 Donation for Pre-Kindergarten Supplies  
Nancy Washburn from the Kiwanis Club presented the District with a check in the amount of \$500 for the purchase of Pre-Kindergarten supplies. Also in attendance representing the Kiwanis Club was Janis Adams and Kathleen Stanfill. Mr. Houser thanked the Kiwanis members for their generosity and support of the District.
- D. Bond Construction Update  
Jeff Edwards of Claycomb & Associates updated the Board on the construction progress for the two new elementary campus sites:
- East Side Elementary (1% complete):
    - Site demolition completed for initial construction area; construction fencing established
    - Site grading and building pad construction under way
    - Began drilling piers last week
    - Utility work is being laid out; underground utility work will be ongoing
    - Next: grade beam construction; steel delivery and erection; underground utility installation
  - Joe Wright Elementary (1% complete):
    - Site demolition completed for initial construction; construction fencing established
    - Site grading and building pad construction under way; pier drilling scheduled to begin this week
    - Site utility work is being laid out; underground utility work will be ongoing
    - Next: grade beam construction; steel delivery and erection; underground utility installation
- E. Reports / Discussions
1. Report on 2010-11 Preliminary AYP Ratings and Final State Accountability  
Judy Terry presented the following 2010-11 preliminary AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) Ratings and final state accountability results to the Board:

	<b>State</b>	<b>Federal</b>
District	Acceptable	Does Not Meet AYP
JHS	Acceptable	Does Not Meet AYP
JMS	Acceptable	Meets AYP
Nichols	Recognized	Meets AYP
East Side	Acceptable	Meets AYP
West Side	Exemplary	Meets AYP
Joe Wright	Recognized	Meets AYP
Fred Douglass	Exemplary	Meets AYP

Ms. Terry explained that the District did not meet AYP requirements for 2010-11. Ms. Terry also explained:

- With changes in the standards this year, almost all comparable districts in the region did not meet AYP requirements
- As a result of not meeting AYP, the District will be in Stage 2 – Year 1 for 2011-12 and is required to a) notify parents that the District did not meet AYP; and b) address a School Improvement Measure in the District Improvement Plan for 2011-12.

Ms. Terry concluded with reminding the Board that, with the new standardized test (STAAR) being implemented this year, the only test scores that will count for 2011-12 are the EOC (End of Course) scores.

2. 2011-12 JISD Student Handbook – Legal Update  
Dr. Leslie George updated the Board on certain legal changes in the new student handbook that resulted from action taken during the recent sessions of the State Legislature. Some affected areas of the Handbook that were highlighted by Dr. George were compulsory attendance, use of a service animal, compulsory attendance, corporal punishment, drivers license attendance verification, bullying, dating violence, use of electronic devices and technology resources, grade classification, and graduation requirements. The 2011-12 JISD Student Handbook is available on the JISD website and available in hard copy by request.
3. Report on True Time Implementation  
Lindy Finley reported to the Board that the District is converting the current timekeeping system from *Kronos* software to *True Time* software, which is a component of Skyward (Skyward Financial Management and Skyward Student Management software are currently used by JISD). All employees in the District will be required to use the system to either track their time for payroll purposes or record their entry in and out of the various buildings. Ms. Finley accessed the software on-line and gave a brief demonstration to board members on how the system functions.
4. Report on Current SECO (State Energy Conservation Office) Grant for HVAC Replacement and Previous SECO Grant for Solar Panels  
Dr. Joe Wardell reported that the solar panels installed from the SECO grant have already registered a small savings on electrical costs to the District over the summer. Due to the grant, the solar panels and installation were free to the District. The panel is small and will not have a great impact on electrical savings; however, the array will serve as a teaching tool for JISD students as well. The District has applied for another grant through SECO that will allow the District to replace several older HVAC units throughout the District.

#### F. ACTION

##### 1. Consider and Adopt Proposed 2011-12 Budget

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Dale Jamerson to adopt the proposed 2011-12 Budget as presented.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Casey, Travis, Brown, 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 \$.28 for a Total Rate of \$1.32  
 It was moved by Todd Travis and seconded by Joe Casey to increase the property tax rate by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.32, which is effectively a 7.88% increase in the tax rate.  
 Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, Brown, Verhelle, and Horton  
 Nays: None
  
3. Consider and Approve Final 2010-11 Budget Amendment #11-06  
 It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Todd Travis to approve Budget Amendment #11-06 as the final budget amendment for the 2010-11 Budget.  
 Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, Brown, Verhelle, and Horton  
 Nays: None
  
4. Consider and Adopt Resolution Approving Commitment of General and Special Revenue Funds Unassigned Fund Balances  
 It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded Blaine Verhelle to adopt the Resolution Approving Commitment of General and Special Revenue funds Unassigned Fund Balances as presented.  
 Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Casey, Brown, Travis, and Horton  
 Nays: None
  
5. Consider and Approve Recommendations Submitted by JISD Naming Committee for Naming Specific Buildings at New Campuses  
 It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Dale Jamerson to approve the following name recommendations as presented by the JISD Naming Committee:
 

<u>East Side Elementary:</u> Library – Dr. Cordell Adams Gymnasium – Mary Agnes Lane Cafetorium – Fletcher Wilson	<u>Joe Wright Elementary:</u> Library – Holly Decker Gymnasium – Tracey Wallace Cafetorium – Joyce & Wilson Folden
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 Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Brown, Travis, Verhelle, and Horton  
 Nays: None
  
6. Local Policy Amendments to Accommodate New State Assessment System (STAAR)  
 It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Todd Travis to:
  - a. adopt amendments to EIA(LOCAL) policy as presented;
  - b. rescind policy EIAB(LOCAL) policy as recommended;
  - c. adopt amendments to EIC(LOCAL) policy as presented; and
  - d. adopt the Resolution to Suspend Portions of EIE(LOCAL) policy as presented.
 Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, Casey, Verhelle, and Horton  
 Nays: None
  
7. Consider and Approve PDAS Appraisers for 2011-12  
 It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Jimmy Brown to approve the list of PDAS appraisers for 2011-12 as presented.  
 Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, Travis, Verhelle, and Horton  
 Nays: None

8. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) minutes from the July 18, 2011 Budget Workshop and Regular Board Meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Business Reports; and 4) and a tax refund in the amount of \$3,840.07 to Tyler Saddle Club.

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

Nays: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- Enrollment to-date: 4945 students; enrollment up 62 students from the end of last school year
- August 4<sup>th</sup>: held Principals Administrative Meeting
- August 10<sup>th</sup>: New Employee Breakfast – sponsored by Central Baptist Church, Austin Bank, Chamber of Commerce, JEDCO
- August 12<sup>th</sup>: JISD "Traveling Convocation" pictures on JISD home page
- August 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>: Staff Development
- August 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>: attended Groundbreaking ceremonies for East Side and Joe Wright, respectively – pictures also available on JISD website
- 2011-12 school year began August 22<sup>nd</sup> – went smoothly
- JISD Sports:
  - August 18<sup>th</sup>: POWWOW @ Tomato Bowl
  - Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Golf, Tennis: pre-season has begun
  - August 24<sup>th</sup>: attended SporTyler Kickoff Luncheon held at UT Tyler with Coach Wells and senior, Mark Jenkins, who was presented a \$250 scholarship
- JHS Band enrollment for 2011-12:
  - JHS - 183
  - JMS - 214
  - Nichols - 215
- Jacksonville Education Foundation:
  - August 2<sup>nd</sup>: attended JEF Board meeting
  - August 8<sup>th</sup>: JEF Committee Meeting

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

No new items were suggested by board members for a future agenda.

9. CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 8:25 p.m. until 9:47 p.m.

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

No action was taken on items discussed in closed session.

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