



**Jacksonville Independent School District**  
**Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Meeting**  
**October 17, 2011**  
**Minutes**

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The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on October 17, 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, Jimmy Brown, Todd Travis, Blaine Verhelle, and Jeff Horton; Superintendent – Dr. Joe Wardell

Absent: Joe Casey

**1. PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOLS F.I.R.S.T. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM**

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. Overview of Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)

Lindy Finley, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, presented a Power Point slide show reflecting the 22 indicators involved in figuring the 2009-2010 F.I.R.S.T. rating for school districts. For each indicator she explained the question and the District's response.

C. FIRST Rating for JISD for 2009-2010

Ms. Finley reported that JISD received the highest financial rating of "Superior", a rating that the District has achieved the past nine years. Included and considered in the F.I.R.S.T. report are a copy of the superintendent's current contract and a summary of financial disclosures pertaining to the superintendent and school board. Ms. Finley further explained that this rating is for the 2009-2010 school year and that the recently completed 2010-2011 school year is currently under financial audit and will receive a rating this time next year.

D. Public Comments on FIRST Report

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

E. 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. Reports/Discussions

1. 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 (10% complete):
  - All building piers complete
  - Area B Section Grade Beams 50%
  - Area C Section Grade Beams 50%
  - Building plumbing rough-in continues
  - All pier caps complete
  - Site utility work continues
  - Set-up for carton forms beginning in preparation for slab pours
  - Next: grade beam completion; carton form slab construction; steel delivery and erection November 14<sup>th</sup>; underground utility installation
- Joe Wright Elementary (16.2% complete):
  - All piers 100%
  - Pier caps 40%
  - D & E grade beams complete
  - C grade beams 25%
  - Sewer force main 60%
  - Electrical primary run complete
  - Electrical secondary lines starting
  - Next: grade beam construction continues; pier caps; steel delivery and erection October 31; underground utility installation; electrical secondary and transformer
- Fred Douglass Elementary – Traffic Diagram  
Mr. Edwards presented a power point indicating the current and proposed traffic flow at Fred Douglass Elementary and how it coordinates with the traffic flow of Jacksonville Middle School. The proposed traffic flow is a result of several meetings to discuss and study the current traffic flow and parking.

*(Action Items D.1.a. and D.1.b. taken out of order here.)*

2. Update on CTE Certifications

Kyle Lock, JHS Assistant Principal of Career and Technology, gave a report to the Board updating them on current CTE certifications, programs, and events. Some of the highlights of the report were:

- 608 certifications were issued to JHS CTE students for 2010-11; for 2011-12 there will possibly be 737 certifications issued
- New credits offered for 2011-12 are:
  - Principals of Floral Design – counts as art credit
  - Advanced Animal Science – counts as 4<sup>th</sup> science credit for seniors only

- New Community Service Projects such as the October 8<sup>th</sup> Tyler Saddle Club Barrel Race, the November 5<sup>th</sup> Bull Bash, and Crisis Center Trick or Treating for Halloween
  - JHS CTE students will be competing in events in the following categories: Leadership Development, Career Development, Public Speaking, Livestock Shows, and Agricultural Mechanics
  - New Happenings in Business and Family Development: Family Career & Community Leaders of America, Job Shadowing, UIL Accounting Team
  - New Certifications for 2011-12:
    - Continental Kennel Club Canine Handling
    - Para Aides
    - Quickbooks
    - Texas High School Floral Design
    - Texas Master Gardener
    - TPWD Hunter's Education
3. Discussion of Proposed Date Changes for December and January Regular Board Meetings
- a. Change December Regular Board Meeting from 19<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> to Accommodate Christmas Break  
It was discussed that the December JISD Regular Board Meeting be moved from the third Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, to the 12<sup>th</sup> due to the 19<sup>th</sup> being a school holiday.
- b. Change January Regular Board Meeting from 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Due to Holiday  
Also discussed was the January board meeting to be moved from the 16<sup>th</sup> (school holiday) to the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Scheduling dates for board meetings needs no action from the Board; however, all members agreed that their schedule could accommodate the newly set dates.

#### D. ACTION

*(Action Items D.1.a. and D.1.b. were taken out of order following item C.I.)*

1. Bond Renovations/Additions
  - a. Consider and Approve Bid Documents for Fred Douglass Elementary As Presented and Allow Architect to Print Plans and Distribute to Construction Manager for Purpose of Bidding and Generation of a Guaranteed Maximum Price  
It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Todd Travis to approve bid documents for Fred Douglass Elementary as presented and allow the architect to print plans and distribute to the Construction Manager for the purpose of bidding and generation of a Guaranteed Maximum Price.  
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, Brown, and Verhelle  
Nays: None
  - b. Consider and Approve Bid Documents for Jacksonville High School As Presented and Allow Architect to Print Plans and Distribute to

Construction Manager for Purpose of Bidding and Generation of a Guaranteed Maximum Price

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Jeff Horton to approve bid documents for Jacksonville High School as presented and allow the architect to print plans and distribute to the Construction Manager for the purpose of bidding and generation of a Guaranteed Maximum Price.

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

Nays: None

2. Consider and Adopt 2011 Certified Tax Roll

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Todd Travis to adopt the 2011 Certified Tax Roll as presented.

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

Nays: None

3. Consider and Adopt Resolution In Order to Make Nominations to the Board of Directors of the Cherokee County Appraisal District

It was moved by Todd Travis and seconded by Dale Jamerson to adopt the Resolution nominating Brent Stahelin, Cecil Pond, and Mike McEwen to run for the Board of Directors of the Cherokee County Appraisal District.

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

Nays: None

4. Goods in Transit – New Legislation

a. Public Hearing with Public Comments/Questions on New Goods in Transit Legislation

Dr. Wardell explained that in 2007 the State Legislature adopted a law giving taxing entities the right to tax “goods-in-transit”. Senate Bill 1 adopted in 2011 re-defined goods-in-transit by imposing certain restrictions that qualify goods to fall into this category. Dr. Wardell explained that, although JISD does not currently tax any goods-in-transit, the District will forever forego the right to tax these goods in the future if a Resolution is not adopted before December 31, 2011, preserving the District’s ability to tax goods-in-transit. He stated that JISD Administration is recommending that the District preserve the taxing rights through adoption of this Resolution.

b. Questions/Comments from Public – Goods in Transit Legislation

No questions or comments regarding goods-in-transit were brought before the Board.

c. Consider and Adopt Resolution Relating to Approval of Taxation of Goods-In-Transit That Are Otherwise Exempt From Taxation Under Section 11.253, Texas Tax Code

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Todd Travis to adopt the Resolution Relating to Approval of Taxation of Goods-In-Transit That Are Otherwise Exempt From Taxation Under Section 11.253, Texas Tax Code.

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

Nays: None

5. Consider and Approve State Compensatory Education as Applied to Students At-Risk of Dropping Out of School Policies and Procedures Manual

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the State Compensatory Education as Applied to Students At-Risk of Dropping Out of School Policies and Procedures Manual as presented.

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

Nays: None

6. Consider and Adopt Resolution to Join Unincorporated Association Concerning the Texas School Finance System and Potential Litigation to Protect the Taxpayers and School Children of Texas

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Todd Travis to adopt the Resolution to Join the Unincorporated Association Concerning the Texas School Finance System and Potential Litigation to Protect the Taxpayers and School Children of Texas.

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

Nays: None

7. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) 2011-12 District Improvement Plan; 2) 2011-12 Campus Improvement Plans; 3) minutes from September 19, 2011 Regular Board Meeting; 4) Investment Report; 5) Business Reports; 6) Budget Amendment #12-03; and 7) ADA Summary Report.

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

Nays: None

#### E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

#### F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- Enrollment To-date: 4936 students; enrollment up 53 students from the end of last school year
- September 20: Region 7 Teacher of the Year Reception @ Kilgore
- September 26-27: preliminary visit from financial auditors re 2010-11 audit
- October 4: Jacksonville Education Foundation meeting
- October 5-6: CRE Audit of JISD Food Service Department
- October 10: district emergency planning meeting
- October 11: Jacksonville Leadership Committee (Chamber) – meet at Central Office and tour constructions sites of East Side Elementary and Joe Wright Elementary
- JISD Sports (since 09/19/11 Board meeting):
  - JHS Varsity Football: played Whitehouse, Marshall, Kilgore, and Pine Tree (Homecoming); heading to Hallsville this week
  - JHS Varsity Volleyball: played Pine Tree, Whitehouse, Hallsville, Marshall, Nacogdoches, and Pine Tree
  - JHS Varsity Fall Tennis: competed against Marshall, Pine Tree, Whitehouse, Kilgore; will compete in District Tournament will be October 18<sup>th</sup> in Longview, winners play 19<sup>th</sup> in Tyler; Regional Tournament will be October 28-28 @ Dallas

- JHS Cross Country: competed in meets at Neches, Lindale, Jacksonville, Lufkin; will compete at 10/27 District 14-4A Meet @ JHS
- JHS Band: will complete Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, in UIL Marching Contest at SFASU in Nacogdoches

**G. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS**

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

**H. CLOSED SESSION**

In Closed Session the Board met from 8:00 p.m. until 8:42 p.m.

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

No action was taken on items discussed in closed session.

**J. 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