



**Jacksonville Independent School District  
Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
November 21, 2011  
Minutes**

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The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on November 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. for a Regular Meeting in the Board Room of the JISD Administration Building located at 1547 Pine Street, Jacksonville, Texas.

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

Absent: Blaine Verhelle

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 United State and Texas Flags

James Houser led the pledges of allegiance to both flags.

3. 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 (14% complete):
  - Area A and Main Corridor Slab poured
  - Grade Beams 100%
  - Building plumbing rough-in continues
  - All pier caps complete
  - Site utility work continues
  - Set-up for carton forms beginning in preparation for remaining slab pours
  - Next: carton form slab construction; steel delivery November 31; steel beam and column erection; steel joint delivery
- Joe Wright Elementary (23.4% complete):
  - Steel erection for D & E classroom wings
  - Area D Floor decking being stalled
  - Area A, B & C pier caps being prepped for steel
  - MEP rough-in proceeding
  - Teacher parking/bus & service drive 80%
  - Grading for parent drop off and west parking proceeding
  - Next: area A, B & C steel erection; concrete floors in D & E; building MEP rough-in; metal stud walls

4. Consider and Approve 2010-2011 JISD Financial Audit

Financial Auditor, Rachel Payne of Robinson & Payne, presented the 2010-2011 JISD Financial Audit and discussed various areas of the audit. She reported an unqualified clean audit which means there were no findings.

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Dale Jamerson to approve the 2010-2011 JISD Financial Audit as presented.

**Yeas:** Houser, Casey, Brown, and Travis

**Nays:** None

5. Recognition / Awards / Acknowledgements

A. CRE Review – Food Service

Lindy Finley announced that the JISD Food Service Department was awarded an excellent rating from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) following a Coordinated Review Effort (CRE) conducted October 5-6, 2011. Mr. Houser presented Clay Carter (JISD Food Service Director) with a certificate issued by the TDA and complimented Mr. Carter and his department for their achievement.

B. 2010-11 Gold Performance Acknowledgements

Dr. Wardell reported that three JISD campuses received Gold Performance Acknowledgements from the Texas Education Agency based on 2010-2011 TAKS results. The following acknowledgements were awarded:

CAMPUS	ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
Nichols Intermediate School	Comparable Improvement in Math
Fred Douglass Elementary School	Comparable Improvement in Math
West Side Elementary School	Commended in Reading Commended in Math Commended in Writing Comparable Improvement in Math

6. Reports/Discussions

A. December 2011 and January 2012 Board Meeting Dates

1. December Board Meeting: Changed from 19<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> (Reminder)  
Dr. Wardell reminder board members that it had been discussed at the previous board meeting that the regular date for the December board meeting will be changed from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> due to the holidays.
2. January 2012 Board Meeting Dates
  - a. January Board Meeting: Changed from 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> (Reminder)  
Dr. Wardell reminded board members that the January board meeting date will be changed from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> because the 16<sup>th</sup> is a student/staff holiday.
  - b. Discuss Date, Time and Place for Winter Board Retreat for January  
It was suggested by Board President, James Houser, that the Winter Board Retreat be set for Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. at the JISD Board Room. He also reminded board members that the Superintendent Evaluation is conducted at the Retreat.

7. ACTION

*(Action Item 7.A. taken out of order – moved to Agenda Item 3.)*

A. Consider and Approve Bids in First Phase of Pavement Installation of JHS Bond Construction Project

It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Jimmy Brown to approve bids for the first phase of pavement installation of JHS Bond Construction Project for a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$90,258.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, Travis, and Horton  
Nays: None

B. Consider and Approve Vendor for 2010 Bond Project Furnishings

It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Jimmy Brown to approve Virco as the vendor for the 2010 Bond Project furnishings for the new East Side Elementary and Joe Wright Elementary campuses.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, Travis, and Horton  
Nays: None

C. Consider and Adopt Amendments to EIA(LOCAL) Policy: *Academic Achievement – Grading/Progress Reports to Parents*

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Joe Casey to adopt the amendments to EIA(LOCAL) policy as presented.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, Brown, and Travis  
Nays: None

D. Consider and Adopt TASB Policy Update 91 Affecting Local Policies

...CDA(LOCAL): Other Revenues - Investments

...CLA(LOCAL): Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment Management - Security

...COB(LOCAL): Food Services Management - Free and Reduced-Price Food Program

...CV(LOCAL): Facilities Construction

...DFBB(LOCAL): Term Contracts - Nonrenewal

...EFAA(LOCAL): Instructional Materials - Selection and Adoption

...FFH(LOCAL): Student Welfare - Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation

...FO(LOCAL): Student Discipline

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Todd Travis to adopt TASB Policy Update 91 as presented.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Casey, Brown, and Horton  
Nays: None

E. Consider and Adopt Resolution in Order to Cast Votes for the Board of Directors of the Cherokee County Appraisal District

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Dale Jamerson to adopt the Resolution to cast the District's allocated 1373 votes in the following manner for the Board of Directors of the Cherokee County Appraisal District:

- Cecil Pond – 250 votes
- Brent Stahelin – 400 votes
- Mike McEwen – 723 votes

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Casey, Brown, and Travis  
Nays: None

F. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) minutes from October 17, 2011 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Business Reports; 4) Budget Amendment #12-04; 5) Current Amended Budget Report; 6) ADA Summary Report; 7) donation to JHS by Frank Hernandez of Hospital Bed/Mattress Valued at \$2000; 8) donation to JISD Technology Department from Hutch Hutcherson of

Interactive Pads and Training Valued at \$8183; and 9) tax refund application for \$1183.90 to Imogene Kirkpatrick.

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

Nays: None

#### 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

#### 9. 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 thus 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

Two items were suggested for the December board meeting by board member, Jimmy Brown:

- 1) map of driveway to be installed at JHS over December holidays; and
- 2) update on ALC (Applied Learning Center) program at East Side Elementary.

#### 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  
November 21, 2011

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Joe Casey  
Board Secretary