



**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
December 12, 2011
Minutes**

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on December 12, 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, Blaine Verhelle, and Jeff Horton; Superintendent – Dr. Joe Wardell

Absent: None

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
 - A. With the aid of a map drawing, Jeff Edwards briefly explained the new driveway to be poured at the JHS campus during the last two weeks of December. The drawing and explanation clarified questions that arose at the November board meeting regarding the exact path of the driveway.
 - B. Jeff Edwards of Claycomb & Associates updated the Board on the construction progress for the two new elementary campus sites:
 - Joe Wright Elementary (21.9% complete):
 - Steel erection for D & E Classrooms done
 - Area D concrete floors poured at lower level
 - Area E floor decking installed
 - Area C floor steel erection underway
 - Area A & B foundation complete
 - MEP rough-in proceeding
 - Parent drive concrete paving loop done
 - Next: area A, B & C steel erection; concrete floors in D & E; building MEP rough-in; metal stud walls
 - East Side Elementary (18.3% complete):
 - Steel beam erection started for Area A – 90%
 - Southwest corner of Area C classrooms poured
 - Under floor building utilities nearing completion
 - Next: joist and deck due this week; Area B steel due next week; slab construction 3 classroom bays remain

4. Acknowledgements and Awards

A. 2011 JISD Christmas Card Winners

Judy Terry advised board members that the JISD Christmas Card contest had more than one winner for 2011. One winner was picked from each of the four elementary campuses plus one honorable mention that was chosen for the greeting side of the card. The winners are:

- East Side Elementary – introduced by Principal, Ms. Holly Cargill
Alessandro Calvillo, Mrs. Lord's class
- Fred Douglass Elementary – introduced by Principal, Ms. Amber Penn
Winner - Kayleigh Hill, Ms. Myers' class
Honorable Mention – Dennis Ramirez, Mr. Ojeda's Class
- West Side Elementary – introduced by Principal, Ms. Sandi Jones
Dalila Diaz, Ms. Thompson's class
- Joe Wright Elementary – introduced by Judy Terry
Alexis Mendoza, Mr. Quintero's class

5. AEIS (Academic Excellence Indicator System) Report

Mr. Houser called to order a public hearing for Judy Terry to present the AEIS Report. Judy Terry distributed to the Board the 2010-11 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 reminded board members that the AEIS report for this year will include the new STAAR accountability testing as well. A copy of the AEIS must be kept or posted at the Central Office, each school library; the public library, and the JISD website.

6. Reports/Discussions

A. Report on ALC (Applied Learning Community) at East Side Elementary

Holly Cargill, East Side Elementary Principal, reported to the Board on the new learning program at East Side called the Applied Learning Community (ALC). She stated that the mission of the program is to provide a child-centered environment where students have choices, make decisions, accept responsibility, and participate in meaningful real-world experiences which incorporate technology and brain based learning. Ms. Cargill explained that the students have been learning through observing, recording and planning projects as well as participating in hands-on learning and research. She added that this style of learning helps develop interpersonal and presentation skills. Ms. Cargill concluded her report by advising that every family of an ALC student must log 15 hours at the school and that to-date 627 hours of service have been donated. There will be on-going training and planning for ALC and will be planning for

future growth in the spring. Ms. Cargill committed to updating the Board again on the program after this first school year has been completed.

B. LEA Public Reporting of Progress in Meeting Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements for 2011-12

Human Resources Director, Nancy Lee, reported to members that JISD is currently meeting 99% of the Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements for the 2011-12 school year. She added that she is required to compare the District report to the state report and that the District compares slightly lower than the state average of 99.49%.

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

Mr. Houser reported that all board members have met or exceeded the continuing education credit requirements except for Tier 2 Teambuilding, which has been scheduled for February 6, 2012.

D. Upcoming Board Dates

Mr. Houser reminded everyone of the following upcoming board events:

- January 9, 2012, 5:30 p.m., JISD Administration Building - Winter Board Retreat to conduct the Superintendent Evaluation
- January 23, 2012, 6:30 p.m., JISD Administration Building – January regular board meeting re-set from January 16th (holiday)
- February 6, 2012, 6:00 p.m., JMS Library – Tier 2 Teambuilding Training
- February 20, 2012, 6:30 p.m., JISD Administration Building – February regular board meeting

7. ACTION

A. Consider and Approve Updates to the 2011-13 JISD Technology Plan

Hedda Alexander explained to the Board that there was little change to the previously approved 2011-13 JISD Technology Plan and that there was no need for Board action on this item. She provided a presentation on some newer technology being utilized by the district in some of the classrooms. JHS teacher, Coach Kiff Weimers, presented and demonstrated a web portal provided through T.E.A. that he is currently using in his classroom both as a communication and teaching tool with students. The web portal offers many tools to be used by both teacher and students such as assignment calendar, testing, test results, assignment dropboxes, blogs and forums for discussing topics, etc. Lynne Bullock (District Instructional Technologist) demonstrated the einstruction Interwrite Mobi and einstruction CPS student response systems (clickers) which she used as a visual tool explaining the right triangle. Ms. Alexander concluded the presentation by reporting a comparison of the amount of computers and other technological teaching equipment being used in 2011 as compared to 2008.

B. Consider and Adopt Resolution to Review New Vehicle Regulations/Procedures

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Todd Travis to adopt the Resolution stating that the Board has reviewed the new vehicle regulations and procedures.

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

Nays: None

- C. Consider and Adopt Resolution to Move JISD Early Voting Polling Place from Jacksonville Senior Center to Jacksonville Public Library
 It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the Resolution to move the JISD early voting polling place from the Jacksonville Senior Center to the Jacksonville Public Library at 502 S. Jacksonville in Jacksonville, Texas.
 Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, Casey, Brown, and Travis
 Nays: None
- D. Consider and Adopt TASB Policy Update 92 Affecting Local Policies
 ...DFFA(LOCAL): Reduction in Force Financial Exigency
 ...DFFB(LOCAL): Reduction in Force Program Change
 It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Dale Jamerson to adopt TASB Policy Update 92 as presented.
 Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Casey, Travis, Verhelle, and Horton
 Nays: None
- F. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda
 It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Dale Jamerson to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) minutes from November 21, 2011 Regular Board Meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Business Reports; 4) Current Amended Budget Report; and 6) ADA Summary Report.
 Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Casey, Brown, Travis, and Verhelle
 Nays: None

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- Enrollment to-date: 4924 students; enrollment up 41 students from the end of last school year
- December 1st: JISD float in Christmas Parade – won “Best Theme” (Board participated)
- December 5th:
 - attended SUPERNet Consortium Management Board Luncheon/Meeting in Tyler
 - attended JHS Choir Concert @ JHS Auditorium
- December 8th: attended TJC Holiday Luncheon in Tyler
- December 9th: attended City of Jacksonville Christmas Party
- December 12th: JISD Administrators read books to kindergarteners at West Side
- JISD Sports (since 10/17/11 Board meeting):
 - JHS Basketball
 - Girls –
 - Nov. 22nd @ Fairfield
 - Nov. 29th vs Palestine Westwood
 - Dec. 2nd @ Ennis tournament (lost in championship game to Arlington Bowie)
 - Will play Nacogoches (Tues - home) and John Tyler (Fri - there) this week
 - Boys –
 - Nov. 22nd vs Mexia
 - Nov. 26th vs Tyler Robert E. Lee
 - Nov. 29th @ Lufkin

- Dec. 3rd @ Center
- Will host Whitehouse on Dec. 20th
- JHS Soccer
 - Girls –
 - Practice started November 28th
 - Boys –
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 - JV/V vs Palestine (H) – Dec. 8th

G. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

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

H. CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 8:44 p.m. until 10:11 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.

James Houser
Board President

Joe Casey
Board Secretary