



**Jacksonville Independent School District  
Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
January 24, 2011  
Minutes**

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The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met for a Regular Meeting on January 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. 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 Blaine Verhelle; Superintendent – Dr. Joe Wardell

Absent: Jim Tarrant, Jr.

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 the United States Flag and Texas Flag.

3. RECOGNITION OF 2010-11 JISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dr. Wardell recognized the 2010-11 Board of Trustees and thanked them for their service. He added that he has never seen a Board more dedicated to the students and to striving for excellence. In appreciation of their service each board member was presented with a basket filled with a variety of goodies from the campus to which that board member serves as liaison. Dr. Wardell also presented board members with framed certificates of appreciation.

4. REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

A. May 14, 2011 School Board Election – Upcoming Filing Dates

James Houser announced that the school board election is scheduled for May 14, 2011. He informed the audience that Places 3 and 4, currently held by Jimmy Brown and himself, are up for election this year and that the filing period for running for either of these places on the Board begins at 8:00 a.m. on February 14, 2011, and ends at 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2011.

5. ACTION

A. Consider and Hire Construction Manager-At-Risk for Bond Construction Projects

It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Jimmy Brown to approve Pogue Construction Company as Construction Manager-At-Risk for the bond construction projects.

**Yeas:** Houser, Jamerson, Travis, and Verhelle

**Nays:** None

- B. Review Pricing of Bonds and Adopt the Order Authorizing the Issuance of School Building Bonds, Series 2011 and Take All Necessary Action Thereof  
Following a presentation of bond sale facts from the District's financial advisor, Doug Whitt of Southwest Securities, it was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Jimmy Brown to adopt the Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$42,665,000 of Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2011.  
**Yeas:** Houser, Jamerson, Travis, and Verhelle  
**Nays:** None
- C. Consider and Approve STS Electronic Recycling to Dispose of Eligible Electronic Equipment Including Computers and Peripherals  
It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve STS Electronic Recycling to dispose of eligible electronic equipment including computes and peripherals. The administration was asked to consult with the school attorney regarding the district's liability before entering into this agreement.  
**Yeas:** Houser, Casey, Jamerson, and Travis  
**Nays:** None
- D. Consider and Approve Amendment to EIC(LOCAL) Policy: Academic Achievement and Class Ranking  
It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Dale Jamerson to approve the amendment to EIC(LOCAL) policy as presented.  
**Yeas:** Houser, Casey, Travis, and Verhelle  
**Nays:** None
- E. Consider and Adopt Resolution of Annual Review of JISD Investment Policy  
It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Jimmy Brown to adopt the Resolution of Annual Review of JISD Investment Policy.  
**Yeas:** Houser, Jamerson, Travis, and Verhelle  
**Nays:** None
- F. Consider and Approve Vendor Bid #11001 for Custodial Supplies and Related Materials  
It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Joe Casey to approve the vendor bids as recommended by District administrators for custodial supplies and related materials.  
**Yeas:** Houser, Jamerson, Travis, and Verhelle  
**Nays:** None
- G. Consider and Approve Extension of Superintendent Contract  
It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Dale Jamerson to continue the contractual agreement with Dr. Joe Wardell as Superintendent for another year keeping his contract with the District at three (3) years. The new contract will be effective through June 30, 2014. Effective July 1, 2011 the salary will be raised to \$145,000.  
**Yeas:** Houser, Brown, Travis, and Verhelle  
**Nays:** None

H. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) minutes from the December 13, 2010 Regular Board Meeting and January 4, 2011 Special Board Meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Business Reports; 4) ADA Summary Report; 5) Budget Amendment #11-03; and 6) a tax refund application for Don Booth in the amount of \$611.18.

**Yeas:** Houser, Jamerson, Brown, and Verhelle

**Nays:** None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no speakers registered to address the Board.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Enrollment: Currently 4922 students which is 127 more than the last day of the 2009-2010 school year
- Cherokee County Appraisal Board appointed the Honorable Robert Christiansen to fill their vacant seat
- January 8<sup>th</sup>: Senior JHS choir student, Uvandria Blakemore, auditioned and won a position in the Texas All-State Women's Choir -highest individual accomplishment possible for a Texas High School choir student; she will travel to San Antonio in February to participate in a four day All-State conference with other students from across the state and perform in the All-State Women's Concert.
- January 18: attended Jacksonville Educational Foundation meeting
- January 20:
  - attended District UIL meeting in Marshall re basketball game with Kilgore
  - attended Chamber Blue Ribbon Committee meeting
- January 31: JISD administrators will be attending TASA Midwinter Conference on Education at which there will be a ceremony honoring Blue Ribbon Schools (West Side Elementary and Fred Douglass Elementary) on Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. at the Austin Convention Center in Ballroom D)
- JISD Sports:
  - National Signing Day for football – February 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00am at the JISD Administration Bldg. in the Board Room
  - Basketball:
    - Boys: have lost only 2 games
    - Girls: have lost only 1 game
  - Soccer: Both boys and girls in pre-season; district play begins February 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Powerlifting: boys' team attended the first meet of the year on Thursday at Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler. Results were:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 165 class
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 148 class
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place in super heavy weight class
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place in 198 class
- Design Phase of Bond Construction: There have been several meetings with architects and principals. Also, Dr. Wardell and Judy Terry accompanied a few teachers from the East Side Elementary and Joe Wright Elementary campuses, as well as the two principals, to visit a new elementary campus in Commerce, Texas. The school was designed by Claycomb & Associates and is similar to the schematic design for the two new elementary campuses in Jacksonville. The trip

was planned to give the principals and teachers a realistic view of space and layout in order to invite feedback.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

Joe Casey stated that he would like to see a discussion item regarding the names of the two elementary schools that are planned for construction. He added that he is not necessarily stating that one or both of the names should be changed but is stating that the planned construction offers a good opportunity for a name change to be considered.

9. CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 8:00 p.m. until 9:24 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.

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James Houser  
Board President

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Joe Casey  
Board Secretary