



Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
May 23, 2011
Minutes

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met for a Regular Meeting on May 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Little Theater of Jacksonville Middle School located at 1541 Pine Street, Jacksonville, Texas.

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

Absent: Joe Casey

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. OATH OF OFFICE TO RE-ELECTED AND APPOINTED TRUSTEES

Notary Public, Connie Pope, administered the Oath of Office to re-elected trustees James Houser and Jimmy Brown and to newly appointed trustee Jeff Horton.

Mr. Houser presented a plaque to exiting trustee, Jim Tarrant, Jr. reflecting his eleven years of service to the District and thanked him for his dedication and devotion to the students of JISD. Mr. Tarrant received a standing ovation after he addressed all those in attendance and then relinquished his seat at the board table. Jeff Horton took his seat as a trustee at the board table.

4. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OFFICERS

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Dale Jamerson to nominate James Houser to remain Board President.

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

Nays: None

It was moved by Blaine Verhelle and seconded by Jimmy Brown to nominate Dale Jamerson as Board Vice President.

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

Nays: None

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Todd Travis to nominate Joe Casey to remain Board Secretary.

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

Nays: None

The officers for the Board of Trustees for 2011-2012 are:

- Board President – James Houser
- Board Vice President – Dale Jamerson
- Board Secretary – Joe Casey

5. RECOGNITION / AWARDS

A. “Texas Teacher of the Year” Program Nominees

Judy Terry announced that JISD is participating in T.E.A.’s “Texas Teacher of the Year” program through Region VII. Each campus recommended one teacher for nomination:

- Compass Center – Floyd Robinson
- Jacksonville High School – Wes McFarland
- Jacksonville Middle School – Bobbi Evans
- Nichols Intermediate - Jacki Bolton
- East Side Elementary – Angela Woolley
- Joe Wright Elementary – Dana Reagan
- West Side Elementary – Julie Bunn
- Fred Douglass Elementary – Karen Bodiford

From the list of submitted teachers the District may choose one elementary level teacher and one secondary teacher. Mrs. Terry announced the teachers selected to submit for nomination to Region VII:

- Elementary Level – Dana Reagan, Joe Wright Elementary School
- Secondary Level – Jacki Bolton, Nichols Intermediate School

B. Recognition of Jacksonville Education Foundation Board of Directors

This agenda topic was taken out of order before the Teachers of the Year were announced. Some of the board members were in attendance to congratulate the nominated campus teachers of the year and present them with plaques and checks. Each nominee was presented with \$50 and the two teachers selected to move forward also received \$100 each.

Members of the Jacksonville Educational Foundation are:

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| Barry Hughes, President | Cindy Richards** |
| Sean McRight, Treasurer** | Julianna Peacock |
| Freida Scully, Secretary** | Kathleen Stanfill |
| Jana Autry | Jackie Swanson |
| Jana Bateman | Grace Traylor** |
| Julie Duren | Dr. Joe Wardell, Advisory** |
| Jose Feliciano, Jr. | Jeff Austin, III, Advisory |
| Neta Hanna | Billie Hopson, Advisory |
| Dale Jamerson** | ** <i>In attendance</i> |

C. Employee Award Presentations

1. JISD Retirement Awards

Retiring employees were recognized and presented with retirement awards and thanked for their dedication and service to JISD.

2. JISD Service Awards

Certificates and monetary incentives (based on 5 year increments) were awarded to those employees qualifying this year for the incentive.

D. TASB Media Honor Roll Awards to

- 1) Lauren LaFleur of Jacksonville Daily Progress
- 2) Jacksonville Daily Progress
- 3) Kelly Gooch of Tyler Morning Telegraph; and
- 4) Tyler Morning Telegraph

The TASB Media Honor Roll recognizes representatives in print, radio, television, and electronic media who (1) make the effort to get to know the superintendent, board president, and district's mission and goals; (2) report school news in a manner that is fair, accurate, and balanced; (3) give a high-profile position to good news about schools; (4) visit the schools; and (5) maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school representatives.

Mr. Houser presented four TASB Media Honor Roll Awards. Mr. Tim Manzingo accepted the awards for Lauren LaFleur and the Jacksonville Daily Progress. Kelly Gooch was not present to accept her award or the award for The Tyler Morning Telegraph.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

A. Preliminary Results of 2010-11 TAKS Testing

Judy Terry reported that the preliminary results from the 2010-11 TAKS testing were received today. She added that scores at all of the campuses are better than they've been before; however, there are higher standards in figuring accountability ratings and more information will be presented at the June board meeting.

B. JISD Police Department Report

JISD Police Chief, Marvin Acker, gave a report on the JISD Police Department and School Resource Officer Program. He reported that the department was organized during the 2001-02 school year and began with a Chief and two officers. By means of a Cops-In-Schools Grant two more officers were added in 2002-03 bringing the total to five officers. He emphasized that the main function of his department is to provide safety and security for the staff and students of JISD. He then listed specific duties that officers perform daily to maintain safe and secure campuses. The JISD Police Department also oversees student attendance issues.

C. Update on SECO Grant – ONCOR Participation

At the April 18, 2011 regular board meeting the Board adopted a Resolution authorizing the execution of a Grant Agreement between JISD and SECO (State Energy Conservation Office) providing the District with a set of solar panels valued at \$37,500. The grant provides \$30,000 toward the project. Dr. Wardell advised the Board that ONCOR Electric has provided the District with an additional grant for the remainder of the cost.

Dr. Wardell advised that the solar panels will be installed at the JISD Administration Building. There will be some energy cost savings due to the project and the project will serve as an educational tool for JISD students.

D. Preview the Upcoming Sale of the Remaining Bond Authorization as Qualified School Construction Bonds and the Related Action Item for June Board Agenda
Dr. Wardell briefly previewed details of the upcoming offering of the QSCB (Qualified School Construction Bonds) Bonds to be held on June 20, 2011. Later the same day at the June regular board meeting Doug Whitt will be asking the Board to review the bids and adopt an Order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds and to take all necessary action thereof.

E. Consider and Set Date, Time, and Location for Summer Board Retreat
No Summer Board Retreat was set by the Board at this time.

7. ACTION

A. Consider and Approve Purchase of Three (3) School Busses

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Jeff Horton to approve the purchase of three busses:

1) from Rush Bus Center pending verification that JISD receives a grant for 18% discount on the bid price in return for three trade-in busses;

OR

2) from Thomas Bus Sales, Inc. if the 18% discount does not apply to the Rush Bus Center bid.

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

Nays: None

B. Consider and Approve Engagement of Robinson and Payne as External Auditors for the District's 2010-11 Financial Audit

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve the engagement of Robinson and Payne as the external auditors for the District's 2010-11 Financial Audit.

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

Nays: None

C. Consider and Approve Interlocal Agreement with Region 10 ESC for the 2011-12 Multi-Regional Child Nutrition Cooperative Purchasing Program

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded Blaine Verhelle to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Region 10 ESC for the 2011-12 Multi-Regional Child Nutrition Cooperative Purchasing Program.

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

Nays: None

D. Consider and Adopt Resolution, If Needed, to Approve Board President and Secretary to Sign on Depository Account at Depository Bank

There Board did not take action on this item as there was no change in the positions of President and Secretary.

E. Consider and Approve Application to T.E.A. for General Waiver for 2011-2012 School Year for

- 1) Staff Development Days;
- 2) Reading/English Language Arts and Mathematics Staff Development;
- 3) Early Release Days;
- 4) Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System; and
- 5) Modified Schedule for TAKS Testing Days

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Dale Jamerson to approve the application to T.E.A. for General Waiver for the 2011-2012 school as presented.

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

Nays: None

F. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) minutes from the April 18, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and April 25, 2011 Special Board Meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Business Reports; and 4) ADA Summary Report.

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

Nays: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- Enrollment: currently 4884, which is 89 more/less students that last day of 2009-10 and 81 students more/less than same day last year
- April 19th: attended concert including choirs from Jacksonville College, JHS, JMS, and Nichols Intermediate
- April 28th:
 - attended Region 7 Cluster Meetings to discuss contracts for 2011-12 school year
 - attended Lon Morris College Hospitality Event at the Landmark revealing the City of Jacksonville's newest tourism video
- May 3rd: attended Region 7 Title I Distinguished Schools Awards; JISD only district with 4 schools
- May 5th:
 - Corporate Spelling Bee – winners, JHS Key Club
 - attended FFA Banquet
- May 10th: attended JHS Awards Ceremony
- May 11th: attended CTE Awards; photos with Tomato Fest Poster winners from East Side
- May 12th: 6:00pm – attended JHS Band Concert
- May 16th: opened Tomato Bowl and assisted with Jacksonville story; attended JHS Sports Banquet
- May 17th: attended United Fund Budget meeting; attended Texas Scholar / DAP Banquet
- May 19th: photos with Tomato Fest Poster winners from Fred Douglass, West Side, and Joe Wright; attended JHS Pop Performance;
- May 20th: attended JEDCO Industrial Appreciation Luncheon at LMC Ballroom
- May 19 & 20: held staffing meetings with each campus principal
- May 23rd: Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting – presentation to JMS students competing in the Middle School Writing Competition in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce
- Tomorrow – May 24th: Baccalaureate, 7:00pm at United Methodist Church

- Friday - May 27th: Last day of school (bad weather make-up); Graduation, 7:30pm at Tomato Bowl
- JISD Sports:
 - Tennis Regionals: 2 boys' singles lost 1st round; 1 boys' doubles lost 2nd round; 1 girls' singles lost 1st round
 - Baseball: ended season with victory over John Tyler
 - Track – 2 students from boys' team advanced to regional meet in Denton on May 2-3
 - Applied Learning Community: registration opened 8:00am on April 11th through April 21st; 31 students applied for each grade; May 19th held another parent meeting that evening
- Architects: met April 20th with architects, Mike Bullock and Tammy Jones to further refine JHS Band Hall renovations; architects met with East Side and Joe Wright principals
- Facilities – Construction: Pogue Construction/JISD holding Construction Vendor Fair on June 8th at Norman Center
- JISD 2011 Bonds: conference calls with Doug Whitt (Southwest Securities) May 5th and May 31st
- TASB Risk Management Grant: we received \$3000 from this grant to be used to upgrade security cameras and equipment on school busses
- JISD Auction: on-line auction began April 19th and ran approximately 2 weeks; estimated profit \$26,000
- Purchasing Fair: JISD is teaming with the Chamber of Commerce to hold a "Purchasing Fair" to be scheduled on September 28th, 29th or 30th for local vendors to meet and hear information on purchasing procedures for the school district. The exact date will be established shortly.

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 8:24 p.m. until 9:42 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.

James Houser
Board President

Joe Casey
Board Secretary