



Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Special Meeting
July 18, 2011
Minutes

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on July 18, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. for a Budget Workshop and 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, Dale Jamerson, Jimmy Brown, Todd Travis (arrived 5:05 p.m.), Blaine Verhelle, and Jeff Horton; Superintendent – Dr. Joe Wardell

Absent: Joe Casey

1. BUDGET WORKSHOP

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. Discussion of Items Pertaining to 2011-12 JISD Budget

Lindy Finley presented the preliminary budget for the 2011-12 school year. The proposed budget of \$34,334,609 is approximately \$1.5 million less than the 2010-11 budget. Ms Finley reported that District's administrative team did a great job with early planning, and due to attrition and other factors, the proposed budget will include salary increases for all staff:

- All returning teachers, librarians and R.N.'s will advance one step on the JISD Teacher's Salary Schedule.
- Paraprofessionals and Auxiliary staff (Food Service, Transportation, Maintenance and Custodial) will receive a 3½% increase on the mid-point of their pay range.
- All other professional staff will receive a 2% increase on the mid-point of their pay range.

Ms Finley also reported to the Board that the District's Academic Incentive Plan will be included in the 2011-12 final budget and will cause a deficit budget to be recommended. She added that the Academic Incentive Plan would not be funded in the 2012-13 school year. The final proposed budget will be presented at the August 29th public hearing.

C. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the workshop 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 the United States Flag and Texas Flag.

[Action Item "D.1." was taken out of order and placed here.]

C. REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

1. 2010-2011 Testing Report

As reported at the June board meeting, Judy Terry reported the preliminary results of all TAKS testing for 2010-11. She explained that annual assessment testing currently includes TAKS, TAKS-LAT, TAKS-Accommodated, TAKS-Accommodated-LAT, TAKS-M, TAKS-M-LAT, TAKS-Alt, and TELPAS. Ms. Terry emphasized that the State changed the standards again this year which impact the ratings for every school district. Final TAKS results will be available before the August board meeting.

Ms. Terry also reported that standardized testing will be changing from TAKS to STAAR beginning in the 2011-12 school year. She added that the results will not be counted toward accountability ratings for the first year of a new test.

2. Board Review of Framework of Governance Leadership [BBD(Exhibit) Policy]

James Houser briefly explained that the State Board of Education is now requiring school boards to annually review the *Framework of Governance Leadership* set forth in legal policy. Mr. Houser asked if any board members had any questions regarding the Framework that had been provided earlier to them. There were no questions.

3. Discussion to Change August 2011 Regular Board Meeting Date from August 15th to August 29th

Dr. Wardell suggested to board members that the August regular board meeting normally scheduled for August 15th be moved to August 29th immediately following the proposed public hearing on the budget and tax rate. He stated that the advantages of moving the meeting date are the convenience for board members attending only one board meeting in August and the convenience of the District having initiated the 2011-12 school year.

D. ACTION

[Action Item "D.1." was taken out of order following the Pledges of Allegiance.]

1. Consider and Approve Guaranteed Maximum Price for Construction of Joe Wright Elementary and East Side Elementary Campuses

Following a brief presentation by Jeff Kirk of Pogue Construction Company, it was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve

- the guaranteed maximum price of \$16,539,458 for the construction of Joe Wright Elementary School; and
- the guaranteed maximum price of \$13,945,628 for the construction of East Side Elementary School.

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

Nays: None

2. Consider and Adopt Amendments to CE(LOCAL) Policy: Annual Operating Budget
It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Todd Travis to adopt the amendments to CE(LOCAL) policy as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, Verhelle, and Horton
Nays: None

3. Consider and Approve 2011-12 JISD Student Code of Conduct
It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the 2011-12 JISD Student Code of Conduct as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, Verhelle, and Horton
Nays: None

4. Consider and Adopt Supplemental Science Textbook for Grades 5 through 12
It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Todd Travis to adopt the presented science textbooks for grades 5 through 12.
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, Verhelle, and Horton
Nays: None

5. Consider and Adopt PDAS 2011-12 Calendar
It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Dale Jamerson to adopt the PDAS Calendar for 2011-12 as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Brown, Travis, and Verhelle
Nays: None

6. Consider and Set August 29, 2011 as the Date and 6:30 pm. as the Time for a Public Hearing to Discuss Proposed 2011-12 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate of \$1.32 Comprised of \$1.04 M&O and \$.28 I&S
It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Dale Jamerson to set August 29, 2011 as the date and 6:30 p.m. as the time for a Public Hearing to Discuss Proposed 2011-12 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate of \$1.32 Comprised of \$1.04 M&O and \$.28 I&S.
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Travis, Verhelle, and Horton
Nays: None

7. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda
It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) minutes from the June 20, 2011 Regular Board Meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Business Reports; 4) current amended budget; and 5) Budget Amendment #11-05.
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Brown, Verhelle, and Horton
Nays: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS
No one signed to address the Board.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- o New JISD Principals Hired
 - Compass Center: Timothy J. Rucker, new principal (from Overton ISD)
 - East Side Elementary School: Holly Cargill, new principal (from Lindale ISD)

- TAKS Retests Offered This Summer
 - June 28-July 14: TAKS retests including
 - Grades 5 & 8 Reading and Math
 - Exit Level ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies
- Summer 2011 Activities
 - Summer School
 - Grade 3, 5, 8: Monday-Thursday (8am-3pm), June 3rd – July 1st
 - Bilingual PK/K: Monday-Thursday (8am-3pm), June 3rd – July 2nd (Friday)
 - Special Ed: Monday-Thursday (8am-3pm), June 14th- 23rd, July 12th-21st
 - PLATO Recovery @ JHS (students earn make-up credits): June 8th-July 1st
 - Project Graduation Fundraiser: Chuck Wagon Lunch held Wednesday, July 13th @ Norman Center
- Upcoming JISD Sports Events:
 - JHS Varsity Football:
 - August 18th: JHS POWWOW, 6:00pm @ Tomato Bowl Stadium
 - August 24th: SportsTyler Kickoff Luncheon @ UT Tyler (will be attended by Coach Wells, a JHS senior football athlete selected by Coach Wells to receive scholarship, and me)
 - Scrimmages vs Mabank (Aug. 13 @ home); at Corsicana (Aug. 19, 10am)
 - Pre-Season: @ Carthage – Aug. 26; @ Texas High – Sept. 2; vs Gilmer (H) – Sept. 9
 - 1st District Game – vs Whitehouse (H) – Sept. 23
 - JHS Varsity Volleyball:
 - Pre-Season Games/Tournaments: begins Aug. 4; home games Aug. 9 vs Bullard, Aug. 23 vs Rusk, and Sept. 6 vs Frankston
 - 1st District Game – vs John Tyler (H) – Sept. 9
- JISD Naming Committee: meeting scheduled for July 20th
- Jacksonville Education Foundation
 - conducted recent membership drive bringing in several new members (introduced at May JISD board meeting)
 - has re-committed to raise funds to support the Jacksonville public education system; Donations may be designated for scholarships, capital improvements, teacher stipends, or other specified purposes
 - made presentation to Rotary Club on July 13th
 - hosting Kickoff Party on September 13th at home of Ricky and Cindy Richards
- JHS Student, Cami Martin – one of five finalists in National Microsoft Office Competition - over 72,000 contestants; will compete in finals in August in California; three JISD students made a perfect score in Excel

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 7:28 p.m. until 8:30 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