



**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
February 13, 2012
Minutes**

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on February 13, 2012 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, 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 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 (33% complete):
 - 90% of structural steel erection complete
 - roof deck on west side classroom wings, library, administration and gym
 - exterior stud walls for administration, and gym
 - sheathing for Area A
 - 5% exterior brick veneer – east side of administration
 - MEP rough-in for administration, gym, and stage
 - paving at service drive
 - Next: roof deck installation completed; exterior walls, sheathing and brick; roofing; MEP rough-in
- Joe Wright Elementary (42.5% complete):
 - classroom Wing D brick veneer being stalled
 - interior classroom wing metal studs and MEP rough-in
 - steel erection continues in Areas A, B, and C
 - roof joists installed for Areas B and C
 - concrete slab poured for Area B and C
 - MEP rough-in for classroom wing interiors
 - roof decking complete in Areas D and E; working in Areas B and C
 - Next: exterior brick on classroom wing; roofing for classroom wing; building MEP rough-in; steel for Areas A; concrete floors for Area A; roof deck for A, B, and C

4. Consider and Approve Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Additions and Renovations to Jacksonville High School and Fred Douglass Elementary School. Through a power point presentation, Dr. Wardell presented a financial summary of the 2010 Bond projects to board members and those present at the board meeting. He began with the amount of the Bond approved in November of 2010 and added the projected interest to be earned on the bond money as well as the reserve from the cafeteria fund to reflect an amount of construction funds available over to pay for construction project at Fred Douglass and Jacksonville High School.

For both the new East Side Elementary and Joe Wright Elementary campuses Dr. Wardell began with the GMP approved for those new campuses and subtracted the savings from subcontractor buyouts as well as the released amounts for owner contingency and contractor contingency to reflect adjusted GMP savings for both campuses. In a like manner, he reflected projected GMP savings for the additions and renovations planned for Jacksonville High School and Fred Douglass Elementary.

Dr. Wardell recommended using the savings from the Bond funding to combine with additional funds from the General Fund that are already committed to construction to add the following projects with the planned JHS and Fred Douglass additions and renovations: instrument/music storage at JHS; new band hall elevator at JHS; gym addition at Fred Douglass; skylight replacement at Fred Douglass; demo/replace existing paving/drives at Fred Douglass; and related architect fees.

Also recommended for future consideration are the following additional alternates: aluminum and steel canopies with lighting at Fred Douglass; demo-replace existing data system at Fred Douglass; main entrance parking lot and drive reconfigure at JHS; and aluminum exterior canopies at JHS.

- a) It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$14,172,137 for additions and renovations to Jacksonville High School and the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$4,429,511 for additions and renovations to Fred Douglass Elementary School.
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, Verhelle, and Horton
Nays: None

- b) After more discussion among board members, district administrators, construction representatives, and the architect; it became apparent that more clarity should be given to the previous motion by including additional alternate projects.

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Todd Travis to rescind the previous motion made on the Guaranteed Maximum Price for both the Jacksonville High School and Fred Douglass Elementary School.

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

- c) Prior to a new motion to approve the GMP for additions and renovations to the JHS and Fred Douglass Elementary campuses, the new additions were added to clarify a total GMP for the projects on these campuses.

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$14,304,583 for additions and renovations to Jacksonville High School and the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$6,158,812 for additions and renovations to Fred Douglass Elementary School.

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

5. Reports/Discussions

A. Presentation of New Demographic Study by School District Strategies

Mr. Brent Alexander of School Strategies presented a Fall 2011 update to the 2010 JISD Demographic Study highlighting probable growth scenarios for JISD enrollment through the year 2021 based on the 2010 Census.

B. STAAR Update

Judy Terry updated the Board on the new STAAR assessment state testing beginning this school year. She highlighted various features of the new program and reported that the state is still working to clarify for school districts several unclear aspects of the new tests. Highlighted by Ms. Terry were:

- Grades 3 through 8 – STAAR tests in same grades and subjects
- High School:
 - 10th and 11th graders will still take TAKS
 - STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) tests:
 - 12 tests replace 10 grade-level tests – will be required
 - students must achieve a minimum score (not yet determined)
 - EOC will count for 15% of final grade
 - 2011-12 freshmen are first group to have EOC count as part of graduation
 - TEA not given authority by Legislature to give districts guidance on 15% and it is not clear how EOC affects class rank, GPA, and conversion of scores – decisions to be made in district
- No state accountability (rating) for 2011-12 but will have AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) accountability
- Other changes from TAKS to STAAR: time limits; new policies on dictionaries and calculators – reference materials are embedded in test booklets; no exemptions for English Language Learners; make-up testing for all tests; 2 day writing assessments; there will be “performance labels” with some standards not set until later in 2012;

6. ACTION

A. Consider and Adopt Proposed 2012-2013 JISD School Calendar

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the 2012-2013 JISD School Calendar as proposed.

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

B. Consider and Approve Extension of Superintendent Contract

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Todd Travis 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, 2015. Effective July 1, 2012 the salary will be raised to \$152,000.

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

Nays: None

C. 2012 JISD Trustee Election

1. Consider and Adopt Order to Call Trustee Election for May 12, 2012

It was moved by Todd Travis and seconded by Jeff Horton to adopt the Order to Call Trustee Election for May 12, 2012 for Places 1 for the 1 year remainder of the term, and Places 5, 6, and 7 for the normal 3 year terms.

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

Nays: None

2. Consider and Approve Joint Election Agreement with City of Jacksonville for May 12, 2012 Election

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the Joint Election Agreement with the City of Jacksonville for the May 12, 2012 Election.

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

Nays: None

3. Consider and Approve Election Contract with Cherokee County for Lease of Voting Equipment for May 12, 2012 Election Day and Early Voting

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve the election contract with Cherokee County for the lease of voting equipment for the May 12, 2012 Election Day and Early Voting.

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

Nays: None

D. Consider and Approve Early Notice Resignation Program

Dr. Wardell presented a proposed Early Notice Resignation Stipend Program to the Board for approval. The purpose of this stipend is to assist with the plans for staffing needs for the 2012-2013 school year and to facilitate the budgeting process. The following criteria apply to this proposed stipend:

- An early notice resignation stipend in the amount of \$500 will be offered to the first 25 full-time professionals and the first 25 full-time paraprofessional or auxiliary support personnel who submit an early notice resignation letter, to be effective at the end of their work year.
- The resignation letter must be submitted to Nancy Lee, Director of Human Resources, between the dates of February 14, 2012 and March 9, 2012.
- In order to receive the stipend, employees must complete the terms of their contracts and/or work through the end of their work year.
- If the employee has met all of these criteria and has completed his or her assignment for the 2011-2012 school year, the \$500 stipend will be paid; appropriate deductions will be made as applicable.

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the Early Notice Resignation Program stipend be offered to JISD employees as presented.

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

Nays: None

E. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) minutes from January 23, 2012 regular meeting and February 6, 2012 special meeting; 2) investment report; 3) business reports; 4) ADA summary report; 5) Budget Amendment #12-05 and current amended budget; and 6) tax refund in the amount of \$620.67 to Carolyn Harmon.

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

Nays: None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- Enrollment to-date: 4858 students; enrollment -25 students from the end of last school year
- January 2nd: Nichols Intermediate staff tour of new Joe Wright and East Side construction sites
- January 3rd: attended Jacksonville Education Foundation meeting
- January 5th: traveled to Pogue Construction in McKinney for bid openings for additions and renovations to JHS and Fred Douglass campuses
- January 9th: JISD Winter Board Retreat – Superintendent Evaluation
- January 30th: attended Annual Chamber Banquet
- February 2nd: Job Shadowing Luncheon @ Chamber
- February 7th: attended Jacksonville Education Foundation (JEF) meeting; the JEF has committed to sponsoring the JISD Convocation at the Lon Morris College campus on August 17th
- JHS Choir: participated in UIL Solo and Ensemble contest - 38 choir students participated and 21 students came home with a 1st division medal. 5 students qualified for State, those students are Kaelah Briggs, McCartney Satterwhite, Colby Hendrix, Maurice Walker and Irene Duran.
- JHS Students attended Visual Arts Scholastic Event in Whitehouse Saturday (Feb. 11th): JHS took home 6 Superior medals; 8 works scored an “Excellent” rating; one student (Joey Haddad) received a perfect score!
- JISD Sports (since 12/12/11 Board meeting):
 - JHS Basketball
 - Girls – 02/07/12 in Hallsville: (win = playoffs; lose = not in playoffs)
 - Boys – 02/07/12 vs Hallsville: will play John Tyler 02/14/12 (tomorrow) for District Championship
 - JHS Soccer
 - Girls – currently playing pre-season games/tournaments; district play begins February 14th at Diboll
 - Boys - currently playing pre-season games/tournaments; district play begins February 14th vs Diboll
 - JHS Power Lifting: midway through season with individuals placing well in respective events
 - JHS Tennis: Spring season underway; individuals and teams doing well
 - JHS Golf: Spring season underway – several JHS players had personal bests at Eagles Bluff with 22 teams participating
 - JHS Softball & Baseball: pre-season barely underway

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

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

10. CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 8:42 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

- A. Hiring, Termination/Retirement, or Transfer of Professional Personnel
- B. Consider and Approve Separation Agreement with JISD Athletic Director Steve Wells
- C. Legal Matters, Student Discipline, and Real Property

11. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION FOR ACTION RELATIVE TO ITEMS CONSIDERED DURING CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Dale Jamerson and seconded by Jeff Horton to approve the Separation Agreement with JISD Athletic Director Steve Wells as presented.

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

Nays: None

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned.

James Houser
Board President

Joe Casey
Board Secretary