



**Jacksonville Independent School District**  
**Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Meeting**  
**April 16, 2012**  
**Minutes**

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The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on April 16, 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, Joe Casey, 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

Jeff Edwards of Claycomb & Associates updated the Board on the bond construction progress:

- East Side Elementary (50.4% complete):
  - Roofing installed over all areas except Area C classrooms that are east of the Main Corridor
  - Exterior masonry work at 99%
  - Exterior masonry proceeding at 35%
  - Interior metal studs 99%
  - Gyp board approximately 65%
  - Administration walls painted
  - MEP rough-in proceeding
  - Exterior windows I Area A
  - Next: roofing for remainder of classroom wing; B and C classroom windows; exterior storefront window installation; mechanical units to be set on the roof
- Joe Wright Elementary (60.9% complete):
  - Exterior brick nearing completion 90%
  - Interior classroom wing gyp board 99%
  - Classroom exterior windows installed in most areas
  - Painting of interior classrooms and door frames
  - MEP rough-in for Areas A, B, and C
  - Administration masonry 50%
  - Metal stud erection in Areas A, B, and C
  - Next: exterior windows for A, B, and C areas; interior masonry; areas A, B, and C drywall installation; classroom casework installation

- Jacksonville High School (3.0% complete):
  - Underground site utilities being installed
  - Demolition of the paving and rough grading proceeding at the Science Lab additions
  - 300 Building demolition is complete and rough grading for the kitchen pad is proceeding
  - Piers are being installed for the kitchen
  - Next: grade beam construction; foundation and building steel deliveries; additional utility rough-in
- Fred Douglass Elementary School
  - Underground site utilities being installed
  - Pier drilling for the building has started
  - Initial rough grading is complete for building pad
  - Grading for the east parking lot started
  - Site demolition nearing completion.
  - Next: grade beam construction; foundation and building steel deliveries; additional utility rough-in

4. Awards / Acknowledgements

A. 2011-12 Title I, Part A State Distinguished Schools: Fred Douglass Elementary, West Side Elementary

Judy Terry reported that the Texas Education Agency recently named 501 schools in Texas as Distinguished Title I, Part A Schools. Two of these schools are Fred Douglass Elementary and West Side Elementary of Jacksonville ISD. These distinguished schools must meet the following criteria:

- Title I, Part A Campus for 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12
- 40% or more low-income in 2011-12
- Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2010 and 2011
- Spring 2011 Exemplary
- Spring 2010 Exemplary or Recognized
- Spring 2009 Exemplary or Recognized

B. New JISD Athletic Director Introduction and Welcome

Dr. Wardell introduced Coach Chris Taber as the new Athletic Director for Jacksonville ISD. Coach Taber thanked Dr. Wardell for the warm welcome and expressed his excitement at becoming part of JISD. He then introduced his wife and three children who were also in attendance. Mr. Houser expressed a welcome on behalf of the Board and thanked the Taber family for attending the meeting.

5. Reports/Discussions

A. Report by Jacksonville Education Foundation

The 2011 Annual Report of the Jacksonville Education Foundation (JEF) was presented by Messrs. Barry Hughes, President, and Sean McRight, Treasurer. Mr. McRight reported on the activity of the accounts of the organization and reported an ending balance for 12/31/2011 of \$16,849.64. Mr. Hughes gave a brief report on scholarships, grants, fundraisers, and membership drives that the JEF is planning for the upcoming year. Following the report, Mr. Houser

thanked the JEF for their dedication and support of the students and teachers of Jacksonville ISD.

B. 2012 JISD School Board Election Information

Mr. Houser reminded everyone that the 2012 JISD School Board Election will occur prior to the next board meeting. Details of the election are:

- Election Day: Saturday - May 12, 2012, 7:00am to 7:00pm, Jacksonville Public Library at 502 S. Jackson Street
- Early Voting Period: Monday-Friday, April 30 – May 8, 2012, Jacksonville Public Library at 502 S. Jackson Street
- Races:
  - Place 1: Jeff Horton, Ken Smith
  - Place 5: Dale E. Jamerson, Dean Dublin
  - Place 6: Todd Travis, Al Chavira
  - Place 7: Joe Casey, Randy McCown

C. Discussion of Board Member Continuing Education Dates for 2012

Board members held a brief discussion regarding training opportunities for school board members for 2012. Most board members decided they will attend the Summer Leadership Institute in Ft. Worth to be held in late June. Travel plans will be pending for some board members due to the upcoming May 12, 2012 school board election.

6. ACTION

A. Consider and Adopt TASB Local Update 93 Affecting Local Policies:

... DAB(LOCAL): Employment Objectives - Genetic Nondiscrimination

... DAC(LOCAL): Employment Objectives - Objective Criteria for Personnel Decisions

... DH(LOCAL): Employee Standards of Conduct ...EFA(LOCAL): Instructional Resources - Instructional Materials

... FDB(LOCAL): Admissions - Intradistrict Transfers and Classroom Assignments

... FFH(LOCAL): Student Welfare - Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation

... FFI(LOCAL): Student Welfare - Freedom from Bullying

It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Todd Travis to adopt TASB Local Update 93 as presented.

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

Nays: None

B. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Joe Casey and seconded by Jimmy Brown to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) minutes from the March 19, 2012 regular meeting; 2) investment report; 3) business reports; 4) ADA summary report; 5) Budget Amendment #12-06; and 6) tax refund request to Sanford Bobby Shell in the amount of \$1029.33.

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

Nays: None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- Enrollment to-date: 4811 students; enrollment 72 students less than end of last school year
- April 5: attended Region 7 Investment Training at Lufkin
- April 12: attended JHS Groundbreaking Ceremony
- April 17: Fred Douglass Elementary Groundbreaking at 5:30pm
- JISD Spring Sports (since 03/19/12 Board meeting):
  - JHS Basketball
    - Girls – did not make playoffs this year
    - Boys – made it to Area playoffs (2<sup>nd</sup> round)
  - JHS Soccer – season over
    - Girls – lost in first round of playoffs
    - Boys – lost in second round of playoffs
  - JHS Power Lifting: Spring season – competed in Regional Meet at Canton with one girl (Mackenzie Morton) competed in State Tournament in Corpus Christi on March 16<sup>th</sup>
  - JHS Tennis: some JHS representatives playing in regional tournament today & tomorrow
  - JHS Golf: competed in district meet with one girl participating (finished last) and boys finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place; golf season over
  - JHS Softball: in district play – playing Pine Tree and Hallsville this week
  - JHS Baseball: in district play – playing Hallsville and Nacogdoches this week
  - Boys/Girls Track: competed in district meet – Girls earned 7<sup>th</sup> place; Boys earned 6<sup>th</sup> place; season over

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 7:13 p.m. until 8:04 p.m.

- A. Hiring, Termination/Retirement, or Transfer of Professional Personnel
- B. Legal Matters, Student Discipline, and Real Property

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

There was no action taken on any items discussed in Closed Session.

12. 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