



**Jacksonville Independent School District  
Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
May 21, 2012  
Minutes**

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The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on April 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for a Regular Meeting in the Little Theater of the Jacksonville Middle School located at 1541 Pine Street, Jacksonville, Texas.

Present: James Houser, Dale Jamerson, Joe Casey, Jimmy Brown, Todd Travis (arrived 6:37 p.m.), Blaine Verhelle, Jeff Horton, Dean Dublin, and Randy McCown; 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. Canvass May 12, 2012 JISD

Mr. Houser requested two board members, Jimmy Brown and Blaine Verhelle, to open the election envelope and canvass the May 12, 2012 JISD School Board Election results. Messrs. Brown and Verhelle verified that the Return Sheet and Tally Sheet reflected the following results:

<b>Place 1</b>	<b>Early Voting</b>	<b>Election Day</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Jeff Horton	352	228	<b>580</b>
Ken Smith	138	88	226
<b>Place 5</b>			
Dale E. Jamerson	225	173	398
Dean Dublin	281	159	<b>440</b>
<b>Place 6</b>			
Todd Travis	324	205	<b>529</b>
Al Chavira	179	122	301
<b>Place 7</b>			
Joe Casey	169	118	287
Randy McCown	232	219	<b>562</b>

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Jimmy Brown to accept and certify the results of the May 12, 2012 JISD School Board Election as presented.

**Yeas:** Messrs. Houser, Jamerson, Casey and Verhelle

**Nays:** None

4. Oath of Office to Elected Trustees  
Texas State Representative, Chuck Hopson, administered the Oath of Office to the two newly-elected board members, Messrs. Dean Dublin and Randy McCown. The Oath to the two re-elected board members, Messrs. Todd Travis and Jeff Horton, was accidentally omitted during the course of the meeting and will be administered at the beginning of the June regular board meeting.

[Arrival of Todd Travis]

5. Reorganization of Board Officers  
It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to appoint James Houser as Board President, Todd Travis as Board Vice President, and Jimmy Brown as Board Secretary.  
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Travis, Brown, Dublin and McCown  
Nays: None

6. Awards / Acknowledgements
  - A. TASB Media Honor Roll Awards to:
    1. Quinten Boyd
    2. The Cherokeean Herald
    3. Marivel Resendiz
    4. Jacksonville Daily Progress
    5. Kelly Gooch
    6. 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 six TASB Media Honor Roll Awards. Quinten Boyd accepted the awards for himself and The Cherokeean Herald; Marivel Resendiz accepted the awards for herself and the Jacksonville Daily Progress; and Kelly Gooch accepted her award and the award for The Tyler Morning Telegraph.

- B. "Texas Teacher of the Year" Program  
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 – Virgie Lacey
  - Jacksonville High School – Ben Peacock
  - Jacksonville Middle School – Tammy Cross
  - Nichols Intermediate – Susan Vierkant
  - East Side Elementary – Abbie Kelley
  - Joe Wright Elementary – Lisa King
  - West Side Elementary – Jana McCall
  - Fred Douglass Elementary – Ashley Rooks

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 – Abbie Kelley, East Side Elementary School
- Secondary Level – Ben Peacock, Jacksonville High School

C. Recognition of Jacksonville Education Foundation Board of Directors

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:

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

D. 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.

7. Bond Construction Update

Brian Rose of Pogue Construction updated the Board on the bond construction progress:

- Joe Wright Elementary (69.9% complete):
  - Gymnasium and Dining Drywall Installed
  - Commons Area Drywall 85% for Bulkheads and Ceilings
  - Library Storefront Installed
  - Classroom Millwork Proceeding
  - Ceramic Floor Tile for Classroom Toilets 95%
  - Exterior Stucco Starting
  - Masonry at Entry Columns 90%
  - Next: completion of casework; library and administration drywall; ceilings for Areas A, B & C; exterior grading and retaining walls; and flooring for classrooms.
- East Side Elementary (63.4% complete):
  - Roofing 90% Complete

- Exterior Stucco Proceeding at 75%
- Interior Drywall Nearing Completion
- Interior Painting Proceeding
- Exterior Storefront at Library 95%
- Classroom Windows Installed
- Mechanical Units installed on the Roof
- Kitchen Cooler and Freezer Installed
- Kitchen Wall Tile Installed
- Ceramic Wall Tile in Commons Started
- B Classroom Ceiling and Lights Started
- Administration Casework Started
- Next: ceramic and quarry tile installation; stage floor installation; remaining ceilings; finish flooring; and classroom casework.
- Jacksonville High School (7.9% complete):
  - Underground Site Utilities Being Installed
  - Grade Beams are Proceeding
  - Stepped Floor Beams being Formed
  - Next: steel columns and beams installations; carton form setup and concrete foundations; steel joist and decking installations; and additional utility rough-ins.
- Fred Douglass Elementary School (14.2% complete):
  - Grade Beams Installed
  - Pier Drilling nearing completion
  - 75% of the Parent Drive Installed
  - Site Utility Installations Underway
  - Next: foundation and building steel deliveries; steel columns and beams; steel floor decking and concrete; steel roof joists; and additional utility rough-ins.

5. Reports / Discussions / Information

A. 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 with a Chief and two officers and then grew to a total of five officers in 2002-03 by means of a Cops-In-Schools Grant. The Department currently consists of four full-time officers who have 72 years of combined experience. He emphasized that the main function of his department is to provide safety and security for the staff and students of JISD and listed specific duties that officers perform daily to maintain safe and secure campuses. The JISD Police Department also oversees student attendance issues and explained that the number of attendance cases filed had decreased significantly this year as compared to the previous years due to a change in legislation. This change excludes school districts from filing attendance cases on students age 18 years and older.

B. Discuss Date, Time, and Location for Summer Board Retreat

Mr. Houser discussed with board members a possible date for the Summer Board Retreat for board members to discuss board operating procedures, board code of conduct and other related policies. It was decided to hold the Retreat on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at the JISD Board Room located at the JISD Administration Building.

9. ACTION

- A. Consider and Approve Engagement of Robinson and Payne as External Auditors for the District's 2011-12 Financial Audit

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve the engagement of Robinson and Payne as external auditors for the District's 2011-12 financial audit.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Travis, Brown, Dublin and McCown

Nays: None

- B. Consider and Approve Application to T.E.A. for General Waiver for 2012-2013 School Year for

1. Staff Development Days
2. Reading/English Language Arts and Mathematics Staff Development
3. Early Release Days
4. Modified Schedule for State Assessment Testing Days
5. Timeline for Accelerated Instruction

It was moved by Todd Travis and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve the application to T.E.A. for a General Waiver for the 2012-2013 school year.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Brown, Horton, Dublin and McCown

Nays: None

- C. Consider and Remove Health and Technology Credits from JHS Graduation Requirements

It was moved by Blaine Verhelle and seconded by Jeff Horton to approve the removal of the ½ credit of Health and 1 credit of Technology Application from the JHS Graduation Requirements effective in 2012-13 for incoming freshman.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Travis, Brown, Dublin and McCown

Nays: None

- D. Consider and Approve Interlocal Agreement with Region 10 ESC for the 2012-13 Multi-Regional Child Nutrition Cooperative Purchasing Program

It was moved by Blaine Verhelle and seconded by Jeff Horton to approve the Interlocal Purchasing Agreement with Region 10 ESC for 2012-13 as presented.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Travis, Brown, Dublin and McCown

Nays: None

- E. Consider and Re-Certify Dr. Joe Wardell as District Representative to the Region VII Advisory Council for 2011-2012

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to re-certify Dr. Joe Wardell to serve as the District Representative to the Region VII Advisory Council for 2012-2013.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Travis, Brown, Dublin and McCown

Nays: None

- F. Consider and Approve Wording for Dedication Plaques for New Construction

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the wording for the dedication plaques for the new JISD construction as presented but with the following changes:

- a) move *Todd Travis* under *James Houser, Board President*, and give title of *Board Vice President*;
- b) move *Jimmy Brown* under *Todd Travis* and give title of *Board Secretary*;
- c) and alphabetize remaining board member names.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Brown, Verhelle, Dublin and McCown

Nays: None

G. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Todd Travis and seconded by Jeff Horton to approve the consent agenda consisting of: 1) minutes from April 16, 2012 Regular Board Meeting and April 19, 2012 Special Board Meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Business Reports; 4) ADA Summary Report; 5) donation of \$1000 by First Choice Real Estate to JHS Athletic Department to be designated for football; and 6) donation of 39 engines by Briggs & Stratton Corporation to JHS CTE Department Valued at \$8947.

Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Brown, Verhelle, Dublin and McCown

Nays: None

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell did not make a report at this board meeting.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

Board member, Jeff Horton, requested an item to be placed on a future agenda regarding a discussion of district policy regarding movies shown in classrooms.

13. CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 8:37 p.m. until 9:37 p.m.

A. Hiring, Termination/Retirement, or Transfer of Professional Personnel

B. Legal Matters, Student Discipline, and Real Property

14. 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.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

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James Houser  
Board President

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Jimmy Brown  
Board Secretary