



**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
August 27, 2012
Minutes**

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on August 27, 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, Todd Travis, Jimmy Brown, Blaine Verhelle, Jeff Horton, Dean Dublin, and Randy McCown; Superintendent – Dr. Joe Wardell

Absent: None

1. Public Hearing to Discuss Proposed 2012-13 Budget and Tax Rate

A. Call to Order – Public Hearing

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 Proposed 2012-13 JISD Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

Lindy Finley presented the proposed 2012-2013 budget and explained budget allocations. The total budget includes a balanced General Fund budget of \$34,621,553, a balanced Food Service budget of \$2,944,900 and a Debt Service budget comprised of \$3,634,334 in total revenues and \$3,770,615 in total expenditures.

Ms. Finley also reported that the District is proposing a total tax rate of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and an interest and sinking tax rate of \$.28 for a total tax rate of \$1.32, which is effectively a 1.08 percent increase in the tax rate.

C. Questions/Comments from Public Regarding Proposed 2012-13 Budget and Tax Rate

Questions and answers were discussed during the presentation. There were no comments or questions from the audience or board members following the presentation.

D. Adjournment of Public Hearing

There being no further business, the public hearing was adjourned.

2. Regular Board Meeting

A. Call to Order – Regular Meeting

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 both flags.

C. Awards / Acknowledgements

1. Presentation by Jacksonville Education Foundation

Mr. Barry Hughes, President of the Jacksonville Education Foundation (JEF) Board of Directors, advised that the JEF is focused on improving the academic performance of students in the Jacksonville Independent School District. He reported:

- 3rd Salutatorian Scholarship will be awarded in May 2013: the scholarship of \$1000 will be paid annually and will be renewed up to 4 years if recipient continues to meet standards
- New scholarship in 2013: for students pursuing a degree or technical certification in health care; funds are available through generosity of new Founding Partner, Marilyn Hendricks Sacket (JHS Class of 1961)
- JEF Classroom Grants: first two grants were awarded at Convocation to Jodye Herring (Nichols Intermediate) and Rhonda Parker (East Side Elementary – ALC); will continue to evaluate this project with regard to focus of improving academics throughout the District
- Fundraising and Convocation with the Stars: Former professional football player Pete Lammons and Emmy award winning actress Margo Martindale, both from Jacksonville, were the Stars of fundraising events and the JISD Convocation. “An Evening with Our Stars” at the home of Cindy and Ricky Richards on August 16th, along with a breakfast with Mr. Lammons and lunch with Ms. Martindale, yielded over \$22,000 for JEF and an attendance of approximately 250 people. On August 17th, the two stars addressed the JISD Staff at Convocation. Additionally, eight new “Influential Indians” were named as a result of donations connected to nominations of these individuals.
- Media Coverage and Awareness: The media coverage of the fundraising events has been great coverage for JEF and have possibly paved the way for future interest and donations.

Mr. Hughes continued by announcing the JEF would like to honor another volunteer group, the JISD Board of Trustees. He presented to each board member a memorial brick, each with a Certificate of Authenticity, from the previous East Side Elementary building that was taken down over the summer. He announced that these are the first bricks to be distributed. The memorial bricks will become part of a future fundraiser for JEF.

D. Bond Construction Update

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

- Jacksonville High School (40.9% complete):
 - Science area foundation being prepped for slab
 - Dining/kitchen roof installed
 - Dining interior drywall and ceilings proceeding
 - MEP rough-in proceeding for addition and renovation
 - Foundation for breezeway and corridor complete

- Office renovation prepared for occupancy
- Temporary student pathway constructed
- Dining sheathing and masonry proceeding
- Next: carton form concrete foundations; dinin renovation ceilings and finishes; addition area sheathing and roofing; addition area masonry; site grading and sidewalks
- Fred Douglass Elementary (64% complete):
 - Site paving 98% (stripling/utility pole relocation remain)
 - Painting and ceilings proceeding
 - Kitchen equipment installation proceeding
 - Interior renovation areas prepared for school
 - Exterior masonry 90%
 - Next: exterior windows; interior doors; painting and finishes; kitchen equipment; HVAC startup
- East Side Elementary – open; completing punch-out phase
- Joe Wright Elementary – open; completing punch-out phase

E. Reports / Discussions

1. Report on Preliminary 2011-2012 AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) Results
 Judy Terry presented the following 2011-12 preliminary AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) results to the Board. (She reminded the Board that the State will not be rating schools and districts for 2011-12.)

	State (2010-11 ratings)	Federal (2011-12 AYP)
District	Acceptable	Does Not Meet AYP
JHS	Acceptable	Meets AYP
JMS	Acceptable	Does Not Meet AYP
Nichols	Recognized	Meets AYP
East Side	Acceptable	Meets AYP
West Side	Exemplary	Meets AYP
Fred Douglass	Exemplary	Meets AYP
Joe Wright	Recognized	Meets AYP

As noted in the chart, Ms. Terry pointed out that the Jacksonville Middle School campus and the District did not meet AYP requirements for 2011-12. She added that 71.4% of the districts in Texas did not meet AYP requirements as well. JISD will be in Stage 3 of intervention due to the Special Education cap. JMS did not meet AYP for the first year so they are not in any stage of intervention.

2. Update on CTE Activities

Kyle Lock, Career & Technical Education Director at JHS, presented a recap of the CTE Department activities to the Board:

- Certifications: 4 new certification programs are being added bringing the total to 14; 512 certifications have been issued
- World Microsoft Technology Competition: Gabriela Tavera (CTE student) who earned 8th place worldwide for Excel 2007 in the Microsoft Office competition; Chuck Silvertooth (CTE teacher) who was named and recognized as the North America Teacher of the Year at the Microsoft competition for advancing technology certifications

- FFA Area Camp: FFA officer team attended the Area IX Camp and studied leadership
- FFA State Convention: 18 members attended the state convention in Corpus Christi with Ag teachers; 4 members received the Lone Star Degree (highest); Brackston McKnight received a plaque for being a state finalist as a Star Lone Star FFA Degree in Agribusiness; Jordan Spradlin competed in barrel racing with her horse
- Certified Veterinary Assistants: several students have logged several volunteer hours toward certification; Crystal Leon and Ciana Rains have logged over 600 hours of internship and will take exam soon to become CVA
- Keep Jacksonville Beautiful: several FFA members painted city trash receptacles around town; students will be constructing additional trash bins to be placed in the city during the 2012-13 school year.

F. ACTION

1. Consider and Adopt Proposed 2012-13 Budget
It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the 2012-13 Budget as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Travis, Brown, Dublin, and McCown
Nays: None
2. Consider and Approve Ordinance Adopting a Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of \$1.04 and an Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of \$.28 for a Total Rate of \$1.32, which is effectively a 1.08 percent increase in the tax rate
It was moved by Blaine Verhelle and seconded by Todd Travis that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 1.3200, which is effectively a 1.08 percent increase in the tax rate.
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Brown, Horton, Dublin and McCown
Nays: None
3. Consider and Adopt Resolution Approving Commitment of General and Special Revenue Funds Unassigned Fund Balances
It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the Resolution Approving Commitment of General and Special Revenue Funds Unassigned Fund Balances as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Travis, Brown, Dublin, and McCown
Nays: None
4. Consider and Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the SUPERNet Consortium
It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Dean Dublin to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the SUPERNet Consortium as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Travis, Verhelle, Horton, and McCown
Nays: None

5. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Blaine Verhelle and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of: 1) minutes from the July 30, 2012 Budget Workshop and Regular Board Meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Business Reports; 4) Current Amended Budget Report; 5) Budget Amendment #12-08; 6) donation of \$1000 from Jacksonville Education Foundation to JISD for Teacher Grant to Jodie Herring at Nichols Intermediate School; 7) donation of \$1000 from Jacksonville Education Foundation to JISD for Teacher Grant to Rhonda Parker at East Side Elementary School; 8) donation of \$750 from Jacksonville Education Foundation to JISD for convocation expenses; 9) donation of \$2275 from Nichols Intermediate PTO to Nichols Intermediate School for the purchase of calendars/planners for all Nichols students; and 10) tax refund of \$2649.77 to Citimortgage Inc. for property in name of Sidney and Dolly Riley to allow for a 100% disabled veterans exemption.

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

Nays: None

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- o Enrollment to-date: 4771 students; enrollment 29 students less than end of last school year
- o August 8th: Kick-Off Administrative Staff Meeting
- o August 9th: Radio Interview – Update on New Construction
- o August 9th & 13th: Toured board members through new construction/renovations
- o August 14th: attended UIL District 16-4A Meeting in Tyler
- o August 15th: New Employee Brunch @ Central Baptist Church
- o August 16th: Jacksonville Education Foundation Reception for Pete Lammons and Margo Martindale
- o August 17th: JISD Convocation @ Central Baptist Church
- o August 20th: POWWOW @ Tomato Bowl
- o August 21st: met with new Jacksonville Daily Progress Editor, Amy Pearson
- o August 23rd: attended "Meet the Teacher" at two new elementary campuses
- o August 26th: presented update on new construction at Peoples Church for "Back to School Sunday"

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

There were no items suggested by board members for future board agendas.

11. CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 8:05 p.m. until 8:47 p.m.

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

12. 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.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

James Houser
Board President

Jimmy Brown
Board Secretary