



**Jacksonville Independent School District**  
**Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Meeting**  
**October 15, 2012**  
**Minutes**

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The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on October 15, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for a Public Hearing immediately followed by 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 ON SCHOOLS F.I.R.S.T. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM

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 meeting had been posted for the time and in the manner as required by law.

B. Overview of Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)

Lindy Finley, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, presented a Power Point slide show reflecting the certain indicators involved in figuring the 2010-2011 F.I.R.S.T. rating for school districts. For each indicator she explained the question and the District's rating.

C. FIRST Rating for JISD for 2010-11

Ms. Finley reported that JISD received the highest financial rating of "Superior", a rating that the District has achieved the past ten years. Included and considered in the F.I.R.S.T. report are a copy of the superintendent's current contract and a summary of financial disclosures pertaining to the superintendent and school board. Ms. Finley further explained that this rating is for the 2010-2011 school year and that the recently completed 2011-2012 school year is currently under financial audit and will receive a rating this time next year.

E. Adjournment

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

2. REGULAR 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

Mr. Houser led the pledges of allegiance to both flags.

C. Awards / Acknowledgements

1. Principals Month – Acknowledgement of JISD Principals

Mr. Houser read a proclamation by Governor Rick Perry naming October 2012 as Principals Month. Superintendent, Dr. Joe Wardell, thanked each of the following principals and presented them with a plaque:

- Tammy Jones, Principal – Jacksonville High School
- Kimberly Wilson, Principal – Compass Center
- Lisa Cox, Principal – Jacksonville Middle School
- Laurie Greathouse, Principal – Nichols Intermediate School  
(Ms. Greathouse could not be present; Asst. Principal, Dawn Bauer, accepted the plaque for Ms. Greathouse)
- Dr. Amber Penn, Principal – Fred Douglass Elementary School
- Holly Searcy, Principal – East Side Elementary School
- Brad Stewart, Principal – Joe Wright Elementary School
- Sandi Jones, Principal – West Side Elementary School  
(Ms. Jones could not be present.)

D. Reports / Discussions

1. Bond Construction Update

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

- Fred Douglass Elementary (90.1% complete):
  - Site grading and landscaping nearing completion
  - Service courtyard awaiting brick delivery in November
  - Gymnasium 90% pending flooring and bleachers
  - Balance of Library furniture delivered
  - Tack and markers boards 95%
  - Next: classroom projectors and interactive; whiteboards installing; lockers 10 days to 2 weeks; bleachers; Gym floors
- Jacksonville High School (67.6% complete):
  - Dining Room is now in service
  - Transition construction to connector and band
  - Work at main Entrance/Lobby nearing completion
  - Science Lab Classroom wing stud framing started
  - Temporary paths for students reworked
  - Next: roofing and dry-in of Science Labs; demolition start for Band Hall; foundation for connector; mechanical units for Science Labs; MEP rough-in for Science Labs
- East Side Elementary
  - Canopy installation proceeding
  - Continuing with punch list and landscaping
- Joe Wright Elementary
  - Continuing with punch list and landscaping

2. Hazardous Route Report: 2012-2013 Update

JISD Transportation Director, Mark Turney, updated the Board on a few changes in hazardous routes for the 2012-2013 school year. Policy defines hazardous transportation routes for school districts in the following manner: *“A hazardous condition exists where no walkway is provided and students must walk along or cross a freeway or expressway, an underpass, an overpass or a bridge, an uncontrolled major traffic artery, an industrial or commercial area, or another comparable condition”*. When any change

occurs in these routes, the District is required to update the Board of Trustees for informational purposes.

3. Discussion: Proposal to Change November Regular Board Meeting from November 19, 2012 to November 12, 2012  
Following a brief discussion among board members, it was decided to move the November board meeting to November 12<sup>th</sup>.
4. Discussion: Proposal to Change January Regular Board Meeting from January 21, 2013 (Holiday) to January 28, 2013 and Discuss Date for Winter Board Retreat  
Following a brief discussion among board members, the January board meeting will be held January 28<sup>th</sup> and the Winter Board Retreat (to conduct the annual Superintendent Evaluation) will be held January 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### E. ACTION

1. Consider and Adopt 2012 Certified Tax Roll  
It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the 2012 Certified Tax Roll as presented.  
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Travis, Brown, Dublin, and McCown  
Nays: None
2. Consider and Adopt TASB-Initiated Localized Update 95 Affecting Local Policies:
  - AB(LOCAL) – District Name
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  - DFBB(LOCAL) - Term Contracts, Nonrenewal
  - DFE(LOCAL) - Termination of Employment, Resignation
  - DGBA(LOCAL) - Personnel-Management Relations – Employee Complaints/  
Grievances
  - EIE(LOCAL) - Academic Achievement, Retention and Promotion
  - FNG(LOCAL) - Student Rights and Responsibilities, Student and Parent Complaints / Grievances
  - GF(LOCAL) - Public ComplaintsIt was moved by Dean Dublin and seconded by Todd Travis to adopt Policy Update 95 as presented.  
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Brown, Verhelle, Horton, and McCown  
Nays: None
3. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda  
It was moved by Todd Travis and seconded by Randy McCown to approve the consent agenda consisting of: 1) minutes from September 17, 2012 Regular Board Meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Business Reports; 4) Current Amended Budget; and 5) ADA Summary Report.  
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Brown, Verhelle, Horton, and Dublin  
Nays: None

#### F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

## G. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- **Enrollment to-date:** **4861** students; enrollment – **61** students **more** than end of last school year
- **September 18:** attended Region 7 Teacher of the Year Awards – two JISD nominees announced at JISD May board meeting:
  - Elementary – Abbey Kelley (East Side Elementary)
  - Secondary – Ben Peacock (JHS)
- **October 2:** Jacksonville Education Foundation Board Meeting
- **October 5:** conference calls with underwriter and Moody's regarding refunding of 1998 and 2005 issue bonds
- **October 8:** Student Holiday/Staff Development Day – report card pick-up & parent conferences at all campuses; JHS Showcase at 3:30pm; JHS hosted Chamber After Hours
- **October 9:** JHS Cafeteria open for dining
- **Districts Visiting JISD:** (Bilingual programs, Blue Ribbon Schools, Applied Learning, etc.)
  - Chapel Hill ISD
  - Nacogdoches ISD
  - Rusk ISD
  - Carlisle ISD
  - Hallsville ISD
  - Scheduled to come: Pine Tree ISD, Tyler ISD, Texarkana ISD
  - Last year: Nacogdoches ISD, Athens ISD, Palestine ISD, Kilgore ISD, Pine Tree ISD

- **Hosted Speaker on Bullying and Social Media Issues:**

- Weldon Floyd, Regional Information Technology Specialist
  - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
  - Tuesday, Oct. 9, 6:00pm @ First United Methodist Church (public invited)
  - Wednesday, Oct. 10, 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> periods @ JMS
  - Great information for students/parents
- **"No Excuses University" – San Diego:** (Sandi Jones, Laurie Greathouse) – Week of Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>)

The No Excuses University Network is a network of schools actively promoting a comprehensive model of college readiness to all students the moment they begin elementary school. Every No Excuses University (NEU) has a well-defined process for identifying and creating the following exceptional systems: culture of universal achievement; collaboration; standards alignment; assessment; data analysis; and interventions. Every NEU campus works diligently to expose students to powerful college symbolism by hanging flags and banners on every door and forging close partnerships between classrooms and universities - heard in the college chants that exist at each grade level. West Side Elementary was the first school in Northeast Texas and one of the first 100 schools in the nation to be accepted in NEU.

Next week, the No Excuses University National Conference is being held in San Diego, California, and West Side is presenting a breakout session on how a National Blue Ribbon school provides targeted interventions using limited funds and staff as well as creative planning. Sandi Jones will present various forms of data providing a framework to ensure that there are No Excuses for our college bound students. Nichols Intermediate was accepted in NEU in September and Ms. Greathouse is attending the conference also.

- **JISD Sports:**

- **Indian Football:** won first District game past Friday against Nacogdoches - will play Whitehouse in Tomato Bowl this Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> (Pink Out night)
- **Maiden Volleyball:** plays in Lindale tomorrow (Tuesday – Oct. 16) and hosts Whitehouse this Friday – then one last district game vs Corsicana on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>
- **JHS Fall Tennis:** Regionals in Dallas Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> (TBA); in Lufkin on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>; hosting District tournament on November 1<sup>st</sup>
- **JHS Cross Country:** hosing District met on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>; Regional Meet in Arlington on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>; State Meet is Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

No items for future agendas were requested by any board members.

I. CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 7:40 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

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

B. Legal Matters, Student Discipline, and Real Property

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

It was moved by Todd Travis and seconded by Dean Dublin to authorize the Board President and Superintendent to negotiate the purchase of property and bring to the Board the final terms for any purchase for final Board approval.

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

Nays: None

K. 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