



**Jacksonville Independent School District  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
November 12, 2012  
Minutes**

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The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on November 12, 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. 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:

o Jacksonville High School (74.3% complete):

- Science Addition roofing dried-in
- Science Addition masonry complete
- Science Addition entrance canopies installed
- Science Addition interior drywall proceeding
- MEP rough-in for Science addition proceeding
- Band Hall demolition complete
- Band Hall new stud wall construction proceeding
- Band Hall aluminum doors installed
- Band Hall mechanical units being installed
- Connector hall foundation proceeding
- Next: Science Addition tape/bed/texture/paint; Science Addition ceramic tile; Science Addition casework delivery; completion foundation for connector hall; structural steel for connector hall; Band Hall drywall and finishes; MEP rough-in for Band Hall

o East Side Elementary, Joe Wright Elementary, and Fred Douglass Elementary campuses are all proceeding with punch list items.

4. Consider and Approve 2011-2012 JISD Financial Audit

Financial Auditor, Rachel Payne of Robinson & Payne, presented the 2011-2012 JISD Financial Audit and discussed various areas of the audit. She reported an unqualified clean audit with no findings.

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the 2011-2012 JISD Financial Audit as presented.

**Yeas:** Houser, Brown, Verhelle, Dublin, and McCown

**Nays:** None

5. Reports / Discussions

A. LEA Public Report of Progress in Meeting Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements for 2012-2013

Human Resources Director, Nancy Lee, reported to members that JISD is currently meeting 99.28% of the Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements (part of No Child Left Behind) for the 2012-2013 school year. She added that the District is currently following a plan to attain 100% by January.

B. Update on T.E.A. Snapshot Visit Scheduled for January 2013

Judy Terry informed board members that a Snapshot Visit from the Texas Education Agency is scheduled for January 28-29, 2013. The District Snapshot provides districts with a profile of their current capacity to support student success on all campuses. The snapshot allows leaders to move the discussion of school improvement from the individual campus to the district level.

The District Snapshot examines all levels of district operations for a comprehensive analysis and understanding of the current district status in its role of supporting student achievement, by including:

- o surveys of campus and district leaders
- o interviews with stakeholders
- o observations of practice in action
- o analysis of performance and demographic data
- o analysis of district policy, procedures, and protocols.”

6. ACTION

A. Consider and Approve 2011-2012 JISD Financial Audit

It was moved by Randy McCown and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve the Integrated Improvement as presented.

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

**Nays:** None

B. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Blaine Verhelle and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the consent agenda consisting of: 1) 2012-2013 District Improvement Plan; 2) 2012-2013 Campus Improvement Plans; 3) minutes from October 15, 2012 Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting; 4) Investment Report; 5) Business Reports; 6) Current Amended Budget; 7) ADA Summary Report; and 8) donation to Jacksonville High School Theater Department by Lon Morris College of goods valued at \$6500.

**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:

- Enrollment to-date: 4849 students; enrollment 49 students more than end of last school year
- Refinancing of 1998 and 2005 Bonds:
  - Locked in rates on October 16<sup>th</sup> – closing will be November 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Initial Target Savings = \$240,697
  - Actual Net Savings = \$327,607 (appx. \$62,000/year for next five years)
- Texas Department of Agriculture: JISD has been certified by the TDA to receive an additional 6-Cents reimbursement for lunches served under the National School Lunch Program. This approval was based on documentation submitted by the District to show compliance with the new meal patterns implemented by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. JISD will be subject to random Validation Reviews to validate the submitted information for Certification.
- Security Cameras: will be installing new and improved security cameras at JHS, JMS, Compass, Nichols, Fred Douglass, and West Side campuses
- October 16:
  - presented update to Golden Jubilee at First Baptist Church
  - attended Jacksonville Education Foundation Leadership Committee
- October 22: attended Chamber meeting regarding the hunger program proposed by Super Gallo
- October 29: Annual Chamber Fall Membership Luncheon – received honor of being named “Outstanding Businessman of the Year” from the Chamber
- November 6: Jacksonville Education Foundation Board Meeting @ Fred Douglass Elementary
- JISD Sports:
  - Indian Football: district play has ended; Indians will play Lancaster at Forney in 1<sup>st</sup> Round Playoffs this Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm
  - Maiden Volleyball: season completed:
    - All District 1<sup>st</sup> Team = 1
    - All District 2<sup>nd</sup> Team = 1
    - All District Honorable Mention = 4
  - JHS Fall Tennis: hosted District Tournament on November 1<sup>st</sup>; did not advance to Regionals
  - JHS Cross Country: 8 runners competed in Regional Meet on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in Arlington; did not advance to second round; season completed
  - JHS Indians/Maidens Basketball: have begun pre-district play

## 10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

Board member, Jimmy Brown, requested that the new Compass Center principal, Ms. Kimberly Wilson, give a report to the Board at the next board meeting.

## 11. CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 7:40 p.m. until 8:52 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

The Board of Trustees reconvened open session to take action on the following item:

It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Todd Travis to authorize the Superintendent or in his absence, the Board President appoint a representative to move forward with investigating the purchase of property from Lon Morris College. The Superintendent is directed to follow through on the required Phase I environmental testing and explore options on bidding/purchasing appropriate property from the College for the benefit of JISD.

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

Nays: None

13. 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