



**Jacksonville Independent School District  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
March 18, 2013  
Minutes**

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The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on March 18, 2013 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  
Principals: Tammy Jones – JHS, Lisa Cox – JMS, Kimberly Wilson – Compass Center, Laurie Greathouse – Nichols Intermediate, Sandi Jones – West Side Elementary, Brad Stewart – Joe Wright Elementary, Holly Searcy – East Side Elementary, and Dr. Amber Penn – Fred Douglass Elementary

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 Architects and Brian Rose of Pogue Construction updated the Board on the bond construction progress at the Jacksonville High School campus:

- Band Hall wall finishes nearing completion
- Band Hall flooring started
- Band Hall acoustical panels installing
- Band Hall drive and dock installed
- Science Addition nearing completion (punch list ongoing)
- Connector Hall exterior masonry 95% complete
- Connector Hall steps and ramps proceeding
- Connector drywall installing
- Connector interior masonry proceeding
- Connector roof installed 95%
- Site grading for Band Area
- Next: Connector interior wall finishes; Connector suspended ceiling; Connector interior floor finishes; Band Hall floor finishes; Band Hall ceiling tiles; punch list

4. MAY 11, 2013 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

A. Consider and Approve Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 11, 2013 JISD School Board Election; and

It was moved by Todd Travis and seconded by Dean Dublin to approve as presented the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 11, 2013 JISD School Board Election.

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

Nays: None

- B. Consider and Adopt the Order to Cancel the May 11, 2013 JISD School Board Election Based on Unopposed Candidates  
It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Dean Dublin to adopt the Order to Cancel the May 11, 2013 JISD School Board Election Based on Unopposed Candidates.  
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Travis, Brown, Verhelle, and McCown  
Nays: None

5. REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

- A. SHAC (School Health Advisory Committee) Report  
JISD Head Nurse, Stephanie Wofford, gave a report to the Board on the current health curriculum that has been established for the students by SHAC. She updated the Board on the District's programs in the areas of health and physical education; nutrition and health services; healthy and safe school environment; staff wellness promotion; and parent and community involvement. Ms. Wofford advised board members that the free health curriculum program currently used by the District has been discontinued. The District will need to purchase a new health program for installation into the curriculum for 2013-2014.
- B. Region 7 Board of Directors Election  
Dr. Wardell advised board members that Places 3 and 5 on the Board of Directors of the Region 7 Education Service Center which are up for election in 2013 each had one unopposed candidate. No ballot will be sent and the election will be cancelled. The following candidates will be certified as having been elected: Dr. Jane Ann Morrison – Place 3, Mr. James G. Partin – Place 5.
- C. Discussion on Board Training Available for 2013  
Mr. Houser reminded the Board that, prior to the board meeting, each board member had received information on available mandatory training for board members in 2013. The options were the TASB Summer Leadership Institute South in San Antonio on June 6-8, the TASB Summer Leadership Institute North in Fort Worth on June 13-15, and the TASA/TASB Annual Convention in Dallas on September 27-29. All seven board members and the superintendent stated a preference to attend the conference in Fort Worth.

6. ACTION

- A. Consider and Adopt Proposed 2013-2014 JISD Calendar  
It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the proposed 2013-2014 JISD Calendar as presented.  
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Travis, Brown, Dublin, and McCown  
Nays: None
- B. Consider and Certify that JISD Will Use the 2013-2014 Instructional Allotment to Satisfy 100% of TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) Curriculum  
It was moved by Dean Dublin and seconded by Jeff Horton to certify that JISD will use the 2013-2014 instructional allotment to satisfy 100% of the TEKS curriculum.  
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Travis, Brown, Verhelle, and McCown  
Nays: None

- C. Consider and Adopt Resolutions for Nominations to the TASB 2013 Media Honor Roll
1. Quinten Boyd of the Cherokeean Herald
  2. The Cherokeean Herald
  3. Jo Anne Embleton of the Jacksonville Daily Progress
  4. Jay Neal of the Jacksonville Daily Progress
  5. Jacksonville Daily Progress
  6. Kelly Gooch of the Tyler Morning Telegraph
  7. Tyler Morning Telegraph
- It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Randy McCown to adopt the Resolutions, as presented, for nominations to the TASB 2013 Media Honor Roll.  
Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Travis, Brown, Verhelle, and Brown  
Nays: None

- D. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda
- It was moved by Jimmy Brown and seconded by Todd Travis to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) minutes from the February 18, 2013 Regular Meeting; 2) investment report; 3) financial reports; 4) ADA Summary Report; 5) Current Amended Budget Report; 6) Maintenance Work Order Report; 7) Technology Work Order Report; 8) donation from Dr. Rosemary Chance to JISD libraries of new books valued at \$18,682.44; 9) tax refund to James Michael Tarrant in the amount of \$1121.83; and tax refund to Homerzell Thompson in the amount of \$523.09
- Yeas: Messrs. Houser, Verhelle, Horton, Dublin, and McCown  
Nays: None

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- o Enrollment to-date: **4833** students; enrollment – **33** students **more** than end of last school year
- o February 2 Choir Solo/Ensemble Contest - Whitehouse
  - 22 medals for superior performance
  - 2 Ensemble Groups received a total of 14 medals for superior rating
  - 8 students qualified to advance to the Texas State Solo/Ensemble at UT, Austin
- o February 8 Band Solo/Ensemble Contest - SFA:
  - 65 JHS Band Students competed
    - 32 won first division medals
    - 19 JHS students qualified for State Solo/Ensemble Contest
  - 100 JMS Band Students competed
    - 78 won first division medals
- o February 19-22: attended TASBO Annual Conference in San Antonio
- o March 4-5: Staffing Meetings with Principals for 2013-2014
- o March 7: unable to attend SUPERN Consortium meeting in White house – sent Judy Terry
- o March 11-16: Spring Break
- o Closing on Lon Morris Property: rescheduled from March 7<sup>th</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup>
- o ALC Reading Garden Groundbreaking: set for 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>
- o JISD Sports:
  - Indian Basketball: lost to McKinney North High School in Regional Quarter Finals
  - Maiden Basketball: lost in Bi-District Playoffs against Mansfield Summit High School
  - JHS Indian Soccer: currently in district play in 3<sup>rd</sup> place
  - JHS Maiden Soccer: currently in district play in 2<sup>nd</sup> place

- JHS Maiden Softball: began district play March 12<sup>th</sup>
- JHS Indian Baseball: began district play March 11<sup>th</sup>
- JHS Tennis: competed in A&M Tournament; Jacksonville Invitational Tournament; Tyler Lee Tournament; All Saints – Tyler; Ennis
- JHS Golf: currently playing tournaments; won Jacksonville tournament
- JHS Track & Field: competed at Chapel Hill and Bullard
- JHS Powerlifting: 5 girls qualified with 2 girls competed in Regional competition at Wills Point
- JHS Career and Technology Department: Free Tomato Plant Give-A-Way program starting this week; the CTE Department delivered tomato plants to the Board meeting for the Trustees

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

There were no items offered for future agendas by any board member.

10. CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 7:18 p.m. until 7:41 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

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve the recommendation of the superintendent on personnel.

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

Nays: None

12. STATE MANDATED TEAM OF EIGHT TRAINING

Judy Terry, certified TASB training provider, conducted the mandatory teambuilding board training. The training included Board interaction with the campus principals and was centered on State testing requirements and the impact those requirements have on JISD.

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