



**Jacksonville Independent School District  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
April 15, 2013  
Minutes**

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The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on April 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. for a Regular Meeting in the Board Room of the new JISD Administration Building located at 800 College Avenue, 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. Mr. Houser welcomed everyone to the newly acquired building located at 800 College Avenue which will become the new JISD Administration Building. Although the meeting was being held at this location, he explained that the District's administrative offices have not officially moved.

2. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATE AND TEXAS FLAGS

James Houser led the pledges of allegiance to both flags.

3. BOND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Matt Clower of Pogue Construction updated the Board on the bond construction progress at the Jacksonville High School campus:

- Band Hall Wall Finishes 98%
- Band Hall Flooring 98%
- Band Hall Acoustical Panels Installed
- Science Addition Nearing Completion (Punch List Ongoing)
- Connector Hall Interior Finishes 80%
- Connector Hall Steps and Ramps Installed
- Connector Acoustical Panels 95%
- Connector Interior Cast Stone Proceeding
- Connector Ceiling Installed
- Exterior Stair Installation
- Next: Connector Interior Floor Finishes; Punch List

4. AWARDS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A. Title I, Part A 2012-13 State Distinguished Schools: Fred Douglass Elementary, West Side Elementary

Tina Stewart reported that the Texas Education Agency recently named 211 schools in Texas as Distinguished Performance Title I, Part A Schools. Two of these schools are Fred Douglass Elementary and West Side Elementary of Jacksonville ISD. These selections are based on the following criteria:

- Title I, Part A Campus for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13
- 40% or more low-income in 2012-13

- Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2011 and 2012
- Spring 2011 Exemplary
- Spring 2010 Exemplary or Recognized
- Spring 2009 Exemplary or Recognized

5. REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS

A. Report by Jacksonville Education Foundation

The 2012 Annual Report of the Jacksonville Education Foundation (JEF) was presented by JEF Board President, Mr. Barry Hughes. He reported on the activity of the accounts of the organization and reported an ending balance for 12/31/2012 of \$38,476.17. Mr. Hughes reported that 2012 was an exciting and successful year for the JEF. Mr. Hughes gave a brief report on scholarships, grants, fundraisers, and membership drives and activities that the JEF is planning for the upcoming year.

6. ACTION

A. Consider and Adopt 2013-2014 JISD Student Dress Code

It was moved by Blaine Verhelle and seconded by Jeff Horton to adopt the 2013-2014 JISD Student Dress Code as proposed.

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

Nays: None

B. Consider and Adopt Resolution Extending Depository Contract for Funds of Jacksonville ISD Under Texas Education Code, Chapter 45, Subchapter G, School District Depositories for the 2013-2015 Biennium

It was moved by Dean Dublin and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the Resolution as presented extending the Depository Contract for Jacksonville ISD with Austin Bank for the 2013-2015 biennium.

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

Nays: None

C. Consider and Adopt Resolution To Sell Surplus Real Property Formerly Known as Joe Wright Elementary School

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the Resolution to secure an appraisal on the surplus real property and authorize the District to execute related documents.

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

Nays: None

D. Consider and Re-Certify Dr. Joe Wardell as District Representative to the Region VII Advisory Council for 2013-2014

It was moved by Blaine Verhelle and seconded by Todd Travis to re-certify Dr. Joe Wardell to serve as the District Representative to the Region VII Advisory Council for 2013-2014.

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

Nays: None

E. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: 1) minutes from the March 18, 2013 regular

meeting; 2) investment report; 3) financial reports; 4) ADA summary report; 5) Budget Amendment #13-06 and current amended budget; and 6) tax refund request in the amount of \$2429.29 from Jerry & J.C. Cason, Jr.

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

Nays: None

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

## 8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- Enrollment to-date: **4819** students; enrollment – **19** students **more** than end of last school year
- March 20<sup>th</sup>: Groundbreaking Ceremony at East Side for Applied Learning Center new Reading Garden; will have Grand Opening on May 15<sup>th</sup>
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>: attended Cherokee County Livestock Show to view JHS competition
- JMS One Act Play UIL Competition: JMS cast won 4<sup>th</sup> overall with 8<sup>th</sup> graders placing 1<sup>st</sup>; One Act Play cast won District competition
- JHS Career & Technology:
  - Kaitlyn Hutson, a junior at JHS, recently placed as the high point individual for the FFA Invitational CDE contest, held at Stephen F. Austin State University. A member of the Land judging team, Kaitlyn placed first individually out of 144 competitors with a score of 257 out of a possible 300 points.
  - May 10<sup>th</sup>: FFA Banquet at 6:00pm, JHS Cafeteria
  - May 16<sup>th</sup>: JHS CTE Banquet at 6:00pm, JHS Cafeteria (first time for banquet)
- JHS Choir: 8 students will compete in State Solo/Ensemble Contest at UT Austin in late May
- JHS Band: 19 students will compete in State Solo/Ensemble Contest at UT Austin in late May
- JMS Band: The JMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade band competed last week in the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest at Hallsville Junior High - received a Superior rating (1<sup>st</sup> division) on stage and an Exceptional Rating (2<sup>nd</sup> division) in Sight Reading. Out of 20 bands, JMS was 1 of 5 to earn the 1<sup>st</sup> Division.
- JHS Charmers: Spring Show April 12-13 at 7:00pm, JHS Auditorium
- JISD Sports:
  - Keevie Mathis named Academic All State at 4A Level by Texas Girls' Coaches Association
  - JHS Girls' Tennis: District Champs in Both Singles and Doubles at District Tournament hosted by JHS on April 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>
  - JHS Indian Soccer: season ended with loss to Waco University HS in 2<sup>nd</sup> round playoff
  - JHS Maiden Soccer: season ended with loss to College Station HS in 1<sup>st</sup> round playoff
  - JHS Maiden Softball: just started 2<sup>nd</sup> round of District schedule (currently 1-4 district)
  - JHS Indian Baseball: just started 2<sup>nd</sup> round of District schedule (currently 1-3 district)
  - JHS Tennis: have competed in season tournaments; District Meet set for April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>
  - JHS Golf: District Tournament was March 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>; 1 student (Cameron Brown) from JHS Boys' Team will be competing in the Regional Tournament as a medalist on April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>
  - JHS Track & Field: have competed in season tournaments; District Meet scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>
  - JHS Football: The Indian Maker (boot camp) held recently in preparation for Spring Football. The varsity team began March 18<sup>th</sup> and continued until they had a perfect day; Spring ball will run April 25<sup>th</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup> and the Inter-squad Football Spring Game will be Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm at the Tomato Bowl. JHS's D.D. Franklin will play in FCA Heard of A Champion Bowl Game on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm at Rose Stadium in Tyler
  - JHS Athletic Banquet: May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm, JHS Cafeteria
- JISD On-Line Auction: held through AuctioneerExpress on March 11<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>; netted more than \$60,000

Upcoming:

- JHS Athletic Banquet: May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm, JHS Cafeteria
- May 13: JHS Awards Program at 6:00pm, JHS Cafeteria
- May 23: JHS DAP & Texas Scholar Program Banquet at 6:00pm, JHS Cafeteria

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 7:13 p.m. until 9:07 p.m.

- A. Hiring, Termination/Retirement, or Transfer of Professional Personnel
- B. Legal Matters, Student Discipline, and Real Property
- C. Superintendent's Recommendations Regarding Contract Renewal Status of Administrators, Including Principals
- D. Administrative Recommendations Regarding Professional Term Contract Renewals

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

It was moved by Randy McCown and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve the:

- a) Superintendent's Recommendations Regarding Contract Renewal Status of Administrators, Including Principals; and
- b) Administrative recommendations regarding professional term contract renewals

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

Nays: Todd Travis

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Board President

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Jimmy Brown  
Board Secretary