



**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
October 21, 2013
Minutes**

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on October 21, 2013 for a Public Hearing immediately followed by a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the new JISD Administration Building located at 800 College Avenue in Jacksonville, Texas.

Present: Todd Travis, Jeff Horton, Jimmy Brown, James Houser, Blaine Verhelle, 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, Todd Travis, 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. 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 2011-2012 F.I.R.S.T. rating for school districts.

C. FIRST Rating for JISD for 2010-11

Ms. Finley reported that JISD received the highest financial rating of “Superior” for the eleventh consecutive year. 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 2011-2012 school year and that the recently completed 2012-2013 school year is currently under financial audit and will receive a rating this time next year.

D. Public Comments on FIRST Rating

There were no comments or questions from the audience or board members following the presentation.

E. Adjournment of Public Hearing

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

2. REGULAR MEETING

A. Call to Order – Regular Meeting

Board President, Todd Travis, 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

Todd Travis led both pledges of allegiance to the flags.

C. Awards / Acknowledgements

1. Principals' Month – Acknowledgement of JISD Principals

Superintendent, Dr. Joe Wardell, announced that Governor Rick Perry had named October as Principals Month beginning last year. He thanked each of the following principals, and Board President Travis presented each principal with an engraved personal trophy reflecting the JISD 2013-2014 theme of "Home of Champions":

- Tammy Jones, Principal – Jacksonville High School
- David Adams, Principal – Compass Center
- Lisa Cox, Principal – Jacksonville Middle School
- Holly Searcy, Principal – Nichols Intermediate School
- Dr. Amber Penn, Principal – Fred Douglass Elementary School
- Jodi Alderete, Principal – East Side Elementary School
- Cindy Slovacek, Principal – Joe Wright Elementary School
- Sandi Jones, Principal – West Side Elementary School

2. Recap of JEF Influential Indian Follow-Up – Convocation

Dr. Wardell gave a report on the meeting of the Jacksonville Education Foundation held October 8th celebrating the Influential Indian awards and donations. A brief composite video of the 2013 JISD Convocation was shown at the JEF meeting, and Dr. Wardell presented this video for viewing by the Board and audience at the board meeting.

D. Reports / Discussions

1. Bond 2013 Facts Presentation

Dr. Wardell announced that he had given twenty-one factual presentations in the last few weeks to JISD staff as well as several community organizations in an effort to educate voters on the bond proposal. He then gave a brief bond presentation at the board meeting.

2. Discussion: Proposal to Change January Regular Board Meeting from January 20, 2014 (Holiday) to January 27, 2014 and Discuss Date for Winter Board Retreat

After discussion, the Board agreed that the regular January board meeting will be held on January 27, 2014 at the regular time. Also, the Board set the Winter Board Retreat and Superintendent Evaluation for January 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the JISD Board Room.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider and Approve Appointment of 2013-14 Textbook Selection Committee

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and seconded by Dean Dublin to approve the appointment of the 2013-14 Textbook Selection Committee as presented.

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

Nays: None

2. Consider and Adopt 2013 Certified Tax Roll

A motion was made by James Houser and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the 2013 Certified Tax Roll as presented.

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

Nays: None

3. Consider and Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of \$0.50 per WADA To Join Other Members of the Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coalition for the Purpose of Speaking with One Voice in the Litigation of Public School Finance Matters Essential to the Fair Treatment of Texas Taxpayers and Public School Children

A motion was made by James Houser and seconded by Randy McCown to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the expenditure of \$0.50 per WADA to join other members of the Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coalition for the purpose of speaking with one voice in the litigation of public school finance matters essential to the fair treatment of Texas taxpayers and public school children.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Horton, Brown, Verhelle, and Dublin

Nays: None

4. Consider and Adopt Resolution Granting Adjunct Faculty Status to County Extension Faculty

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the Resolution granting adjunct faculty status to County Extension faculty members.

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

Nays: None

5. Consider and Adopt Resolution in Order to Make Nominations to the Board of Directors of the Cherokee County Appraisal District

A motion was made by James Houser and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the Resolution nominating Brent Stahelin to the Board of Directors of the Cherokee County Appraisal District.

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

Nays: None

6. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Jeff Horton and seconded by James Houser to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) minutes from the September 16, 2013 regular meeting; 2) investment report; 3) financial reports; 4) ADA summary report; 5) donation from Goodwill Industries of East Texas, Inc. of \$1140 from the tax-free weekend.

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

Nays: None

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wendy Smith signed up to address the Board. She gave a brief explanation of a recent event involving her daughter and the JISD lunch program. In conclusion, she expressed her desire to see changes in some of the lunch program policies.

Dr. Wardell stated that a study of current lunch program policies are being examined and a report will be presented at the November board meeting.

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- Enrollment: 4948 students – 178 students more than end of last school year
- September 18: attended Region 7 Teacher of the Year Award Ceremony
- JISD Nominees: Elementary Level – Sergio Camarillo, Joe Wright Elementary
Secondary Level – Kerry Palmquist, Jacksonville Middle School
- September 19: hosted Kiwanis Club meeting at new JISD Administration Building
- September 23: attended Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
- September 25: gave bond presentation to JMS staff
- September 26: spoke at Literacy Council Banquet held at Jacksonville College Library
- September 27: gave bond presentation to Central Office staff
- October 1:
 - gave bond presentation to Jacksonville Education Foundation Board
 - gave bond presentation to Band Booster Club at JHS
- October 2:
 - gave bond presentation to Catholic Church Senior Group
 - gave bond presentation to West Side Elementary Staff
- October 8:
 - gave bond presentation to First Baptist Church Senior Group
 - attended JEF Influential Indians Foundation Follow-Up
- October 14:
 - gave bond presentation to Fred Douglass Elementary staff
 - gave bond presentation to JHS staff
- October 15:
 - gave bond presentation to Lions Club
- October 16:
 - gave bond presentation to Rotary Club
 - gave bond presentation to East Side Elementary staff
- October 17:
 - gave bond presentation to Jacksonville Leadership Institute – toured ES, WS, NI, JHS
 - gave bond presentation Central Baptist Church Seniors Group
 - gave bond presentation to Kiwanis Club
 - attended Chamber After Hours at Animal Medical Clinic
- October 18:
 - gave bond presentation to JISD Transportation Dept.
 - gave bond presentation to JISD Maintenance, Technology & Custodial depts.
 - gave bond presentation to Compass Center staff
- Bond Support from Community:
 - Resolution from Jacksonville College Board
 - Resolution from Jacksonville Education Foundation Board
 - Resolution from Chamber of Commerce Board
- JHS Band: earned all "1's" at UIL Marching Contest over weekend (Oct. 19)
- JISD Sports:
 - Indian Football: played pre-district games against Carthage(H), Palestine(A), Gilmer(H), Henderson(A), Marshall(A), Nacogdoches(H), and Whitehouse(A)
 - Maiden Volleyball: began district play on September 27th, have 3 games remaining against Corsicana, John Tyler and Nacogdoches – will not progress to playoffs
 - JHS Fall Tennis: will compete in final district play this week in Kilgore; Regionals at Dallas on Oct. 25-26; hosting District Tournament on Oct. 31
 - JHS Cross Country: will be hosting District Meet on October 24th; Regional Meets will be scheduled in November
- Dr. Leslie George: Dr. George has been hired by Tyler ISD as Executive Director of Special Education; her last day with JISD will be November 1st

G. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

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

H. CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 7:49 p.m. until 9:28 p.m. to discuss:

- A. Legal Matters, Student Discipline and Other Items for Closed Session
- B. Hiring, Termination/Retirement, or Transfer of Professional Personnel

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

No action was taken by the Board upon any items discussed during closed session.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Todd Travis
Board President

Jimmy Brown
Board Secretary