



**Jacksonville Independent School District  
Board of Trustees Public Hearing & Regular Meeting  
November 18, 2013  
Minutes**

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The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on November 18, 2013 for 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. CALL TO ORDER**

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.

**2. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATE AND TEXAS FLAGS**

Todd Travis led both pledges of allegiance to the flags.

**3. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ORDER TO CANVASS THE NOVEMBER 5, 2013 JISD BOND ELECTION AND CERTIFY RESULTS**

Board President, Todd Travis, asked board members Jimmy Brown and James Houser to canvass the November 5, 2013 Bond Election results. After comparing the results certified by the Cherokee County Clerk with the election tally sheets, it was moved by James Houser and seconded by Randy McCown to approve the Order to Canvass and certify the following November 5, 2013 Bond Election results:

BOND PROPOSITION:

FOR = 833

AGAINST = 782

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

Nays: None

**4. 2012-2013 JISD FINANCIAL AUDIT**

Financial Auditor, Rachel Payne of Robinson & Payne, presented the 2012-2013 JISD Financial Audit and discussed various areas of the audit. She reported an unqualified clean audit with no findings.

It was moved by Dean Dublin and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve the 2012-2013 JISD Financial Audit as presented.

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

Nays: None

**5. REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS**

**A. Report on School Nutrition Charge Policy**

JISD Food Service Director, Clay Carter, gave a brief presentation to the Board on the current JISD School Nutrition Charge Policy. He then presented a few changes to the charge policy that the District has implemented recently:

<b>Current Policy and Procedure</b>	<b>New Policy and Procedure</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High School, Middle School, Compass = 0 Charges</li><li>• Nichols = 1 Charge</li><li>• Elementary = 3 Charges</li><li>• Parents notified by Charge slips</li><li>• No a la carte charging</li><li>• After Charge limit is reached Vegetable/Fruit and Milk Tray is provided</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$10.00 Maximum negative balance</li><li>• No a la carte charging</li><li>• Parents are notified with Charge Notices every Tuesday</li><li>• School Messenger Notification</li><li>• After credit limit is reached, Vegetable/Fruit Tray with Milk provided at a cost of \$1.00</li></ul>

**B. LEA Public Report of Progress in Meeting Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements for 2013-2014**

Human Resources Director, Brad Stewart, reported to board members that JISD is currently meeting 100% of the Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements (part of No Child Left Behind) for the 2013-2014 school year.

**6. ACTION**

**A. Consider and Approve Construction Management at Risk as the Project Delivery Method for Construction Projects Listed in Approved November 5, 2013 Bond Measure**

A motion was made by James Houser and seconded by Blaine Verhelle to approve Management At Risk as the project delivery method for construction projects listed in the approved November 5, 2013 bond measure.

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

Nays: None

**B. Consider and Adopt Amendments to Policies**

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and seconded by James Houser to adopt the amendments to BE(LOCAL), DIA(LOCA), FB(LOCAL), and FFH(LOCAL) policies as presented.

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

Nays: None

**C. Consider and Adopt Resolution In Order to Cast Votes for 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 to cast 1525 votes for Brent Stahelin to serve on the Board of Directors of the Cherokee County Appraisal District.

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

Nays: None

**D. Consider and Authorize Lindy Finley to Act as Superintendent Designee/Alternate to Access One or More TEA Web Applications through TEASE and TEAL for Approving Requests Submitted by JISD Staff to TEA**

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and seconded by James Houser to authorize Lindy Finley to act as Superintendent Designee/Alternate to access one or more TEA web applications through TEASE and TEAL for approving requests submitted by JISD Staff to TEA.

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

Nays: None

**E. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and seconded by Randy McCown to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) 2013-2014 District Improvement Plan; 2) 2013-2014 Campus Improvement Plans; 3) minutes from the October 21, 2013 regular board meeting; 4) Investment Report; 5) Financial Reports; 6) Current Amended Budget Report; and 7) ADA Summary Report.

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

Nays: None

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one signed to address the Board.

**F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Wardell reported:

- Enrollment: 4936 students; 166 students more than end of last school year
- October 28: attended Chamber Fall Membership Luncheon; presented Businessman of the Year
- November 8: Central Office Staff Training
- November 12: first game in new gymnasium – Jacksonville Maidens vs Diboll Lady Jacks
- JISD Sports:
  - Indian Football: season ended November 8th against Corsicana
  - Maiden Volleyball: season ended October 29th against Nacogdoches
  - JHS Fall Tennis: Fall season ended with Regionals at Dallas on Oct. 25-26 and hosting the District Tournament on Oct. 31st
  - JHS Cross Country: 1 boys team and 1 girls team advance to compete in the Regional Tournament where the season ended
  - JHS Girls Basketball: playing pre-season scrimmages; beat Robert E. Lee on Nov. 2nd; debuted in new JISD Gymnasium on November 12th against Diboll – lost in last few seconds; will play Athens in new gym on November 22nd before boys' game
  - JHS Boys Basketball: first pre-season scrimmage to be in new JISD gymnasium against Brownsboro on November 22nd

**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 7:20 p.m. until 9:30 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.

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Todd Travis  
Board President

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Jimmy Brown  
Board Secretary