



**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
January 27, 2014
Minutes**

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on January 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. for a Regular Meeting in the Board Room of the JISD Administration Building located at 800 College Avenue, Jacksonville, Texas.

Present: Todd Travis, Jimmy Brown, James Houser, Blaine Verhelle, Jeff Horton, 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

Mr. Travis led the pledges of allegiance to both flags.

3. RECOGNITION OF JISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Board Appreciation Month)

A. Current 2013-2014 JISD Board Members

To show their appreciation, each campus made a presentation to their liaison board member of various gifts ranging from posters and gift baskets. Also, Dr. Wardell presented each board member with a framed certificate thanking them for their service to the students of JISD and the community.

B. Prior JISD Board Members

To show appreciation, a Reception was held just prior to the regular board meeting for all board members, past and present, who were available to attend. The prior board members were given a guided tour through the new JISD Administration Building and concluded the tour in the Board Room where all prior board members and their guests were invited to attend the meeting to be recognized. Board President Travis introduced each prior board member and gave a brief report on their years of service.

[A brief adjournment was called for a group photograph to be taken of all past and present board members in attendance.]

[Upon resuming the regular board meeting, Mr. Travis announced that the following two action items would be taken out of sequence to accommodate presenters from out of town.]

[Action Item #5.A. – Out of Sequence]

< 5. A. Review the Bond Sales Results and Adopt the Order Authorizing the Issuance of School Building Bonds, Series 2014 and Take All Necessary Action Thereof

Mr. Doug Whitt of Southwest Securities presented the bond sales results to the Board. A motion was made by James Houser and a second by Dean Dublin to

adopt the Order Authorizing the Issuance of the Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2014.

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

Nays: None

[Action Item #5.C. – Out of Sequence]

< 5. C. Consider and Approve Design Plans for New West Side Elementary Campus and Renovations/Additions for Nichols Intermediate Campus As Presented and Authorize the Architects to Proceed Into The Design Development Phase

Mr. Jeff Edwards of Claycomb & Associates presented the design plans for Bond 2013 construction to the Board for discussion and approval. A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by James Houser to approve the design plans for the new West Side Elementary Campus and the renovations/additions for the Nichols Intermediate Campus as presented and to authorize the architects to proceed into the Construction Documents Phase.

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

Nays: None

4. Reports / Discussions / Information

A. Report on JISD Athletics

JISD Athletic Director, Chris Taber, gave a brief report to the Board on district athletics. He reported on Fall and Spring sports. Coach Taber also reported on the number of students participating in athletics for both middle and high schools, and also reported a few concerns of the Athletic Department such as academics, Little League programs, facilities, and participation. Ways in which Coach Taber will be striving to improve the JISD athletic programs are through study halls, coach mentoring programs, involvement with Little League programs, updating of facilities, expectations (contracting with student athletes), and educating our parents.

B. Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle Award - JISD Awarded Gold Certificate for Financial Transparency

Dr. Wardell explained that the Comptroller of Public Accounts has awarded JISD a Gold Certificate in the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle for the 3rd year in a row for financial transparency. The Texas Comptroller's Office launched this program in December 2009 to recognize local governments across Texas that are striving to meet a high standard for financial transparency online.

C. May 10, 2014 School Board Election - Upcoming Filing Dates

Mr. Travis reminded the Board and audience that the filing period to run for Places 3 and 4 on the school board is January 29th through February 28th for the May 10, 2014 election. During this period, filing will take place at the JISD Administration Building from 8:00am to 4:00pm on Monday through Thursday and 8:00am to 3:30pm on Fridays. On the final filing day of February 28th, the deadline will be 5:00pm.

D. Discuss Change of February Regular Board Meeting Date from 17th (Holiday) to 24th

Dr. Wardell stressed to the Board that February 17th will be a holiday unless it has to be used for a bad weather make-up day. Since that would be the usual day for

the regular monthly board meeting, the February meeting has been moved to February 24th.

5. ACTION

A. *[Item #5.A. taken out of sequence after agenda item #3.B.]*

B. Consider and Hire Construction Manager-At-Risk for Bond Construction Projects

A motion was made by James Houser and a second by Blaine Verhelle to hire Lee Lewis Construction Company as the Construction Manager-At-Risk for the 2013 Bond construction projects.

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

Nays: None

C. *[Item #5.C. taken out of sequence after agenda item #5.A also out of sequence.]*

D. Consider and Adopt Resolution of Annual Review of JISD Investment Policy

A motion was made by Blaine Verhelle and a seconded by James Houser to adopt the Resolution of Annual Review of JISD Investment Policy as presented.

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

Nays: None

E. Consider and Approve Vendor Bid #14001 for Custodial Supplies and Related

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by James Houser to approve the vendor bids as recommended by District administrators for custodial supplies and related materials.

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

Nays: None

F. Consider and Approve Finalization of Superintendent Evaluation Which Took Place

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Jeff Horton to approve the finalization of the Superintendent Evaluation which took place January 21, 2014.

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

Nays: None

G. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by James Houser and a second by Blaine Verhelle to approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of: 1) minutes of December 16, 2013 regular meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Finance Reports; 4) ADA Summary Report; 5) Budget Amendment #14-04; 6) tax refund application in the amount of \$780.13 to Servin Socorro; 7) tax refund application in the amount of \$13,641.52 to GME, Inc.; 8) tax refund application in the amount of \$719.22 to Pepin Lester

Yeas: Messrs. Travis,

Nays: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- **Enrollment:** 4906 students; 136 students **more** than end of last school year
- **January 16:** CO Personnel received CPR training
- **January 21:** attended Partners In Progress meeting at Chamber
- **January 22-23:** JISD Committee interviews for Construction Manager-At-Risk for bond construction projects
- **January 27:** attended Chamber of Commerce 89th Annual Banquet; Chamber magazine unveiled with a portion of the Jacksonville High School student bond on the cover
- **Update – Districts Visiting JISD Campuses:**
- December: Chapel Hill ISD to Fred Douglass Elementary campus
- December & January: Bullard ISD visited East Side Elementary twice to see ALC and is scheduled to this week
- **Nichols Intermediate School:** named by the Texas Comptroller's Office to the 2013 Texas Honor Circle; this award recognizes school districts and campuses that have achieved significant student growth while keeping spending relatively low compared to peer schools.
- **JHS Charmers:**
 - This past Saturday the Charmers competed at the Gussie Nell Davis Classic! Our team competing against area drill teams and dance studios that were from all over Texas and Louisiana.
 - earned 23 awards
 - Won Sweepstakes – received a 90 or above in 3 different categories from each judge
 - Won Gussie Nell Davis Award of Excellence
 - Won Judges Award for every team dance and officer dance that they entered
 - Won Bigtime Sportsmanship Award: The Cherokee Charmers were named the recipient based off of their class and sportsmanship towards other teams and directors.
 - Won Overall Academic Champion - overall team GPA of 3.562 - team maintained an A average while working the long practice hours that competition requires
 - Won Best of the Best – Charmers were the top scoring competitor and won the top rank out of the entire competition. This is the highest honor the girls could have received.
- **JISD Sports:**
 - **Basketball:**
 - **JHS Girls:** District play began January 3rd against in Whitehouse, then competed against John Tyler, Lindale, Corsicana, Nacogdoches, John Tyler, and then Whitehouse again this past Friday at home
 - **JHS Boys:** District play began January 10th at Lindale, then competed against Corsicana, Nacogdoches, John Tyler, and Whitehouse this past Friday at home
 - **Soccer:**
 - **JHS Girls:** have been competing in pre-season scrimmages and tournaments through January – first District game on February 7th vs Nacogdoches at home
 - **JHS Boys:** have been competing in pre-season scrimmages and tournaments through January (took 1st Place in Palestine Tournament) – first District game on February 7th at Nacogdoches
 - **Tennis:** playing pre-season tournaments - Spring season began January 22nd
 - **Powerlifting:** Season began January 22nd

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

Board member, Jeff Horton, suggested that an update be given to the Board by the new Director of College & Career Readiness, Karen Kubara, on programs offered for the Career & Technical Department at JHS. JHS Principal, Tammy Jones, responded

that school districts are currently awaiting clarification of House Bill 5 recently passed by the Texas Legislature to see how it will affect the curriculum and graduation requirements. A report will be made to update the Board once these factors are known.

9. CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 8:44 p.m. until 9:29 p.m.

A. Hiring, Termination/Retirement, or Transfer of Professional Personnel

B. Legal Matters, Student Discipline, and Real Property

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

There was no action taken by the Board on any items considered during Closed Session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Todd Travis
Board President

Jimmy Brown
Board Secretary