



Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
April 21, 2014
Minutes

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on April 21, 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. BOND CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Dr. Wardell reported to the Board that the District is a month ahead in planning compared to the 2010 bond construction timeline when the new East Side and Joe Wright elementary campuses were planned and built. He added that local subcontracting fairs will be advertised and held in the new few weeks and that bids will be advertised on May 10th with the bid opening scheduled for May 16th.

4. REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS / INFORMATION

A. Report by Jacksonville Education Foundation

The 2013 Annual Report of the Jacksonville Education Foundation (JEF) was presented by JEF Board President, Ms. Julianna Peacock. She reported that 2013 was an exciting and successful year for the JEF and gave a brief report on scholarships, grants, fundraisers, and membership drives that raised a total of \$115,000. Ms. Peacock also reported that JEF had developed an interactive website which would involve more alumni contacts. More Influential Indians were added (bringing the total to 28) and policies were created for the general fund and donations. Ms. Peacock concluded by announcing some major activities that the JEF is planning for the upcoming year including the sponsorship of the JISD Convocation and related fundraising events.

B. Compliance with Community and Student Engagement Due to House Bill 5

Judy Terry reported on a requirement of House Bill 5 that requires school districts to self-evaluate their performance in community and student engagement and assess an accountability rating for each campus based on specific factors. Each district is to create a committee to develop criteria for use in evaluating the district and its campuses. This process includes programs to involve parents and community members. Districts are to submit these ratings to the Texas Education Agency each year and make the ratings available to the public.

C. Report on March 2014 JISD On-Line Auction

Troy Parker reported that total sales for the recent on-line auction were \$13,641. After related fees the District netted a profit of \$12,557 from the auction.

D. 2014 JISD School Board Election

Dr. Wardell reminded the Board of the following details of the upcoming school board election:

- Election Day:
 - Saturday - May 10, 2014
 - 7:00am - 7:00pm
 - Jacksonville Public Library
- Early Voting Dates:
 - April 28 - May 6, 2014 (Monday-Friday only, no weekend days)
 - 8:00am - 5:00pm; new - 7:00am-7:00pm on April 30 & May 1
 - Jacksonville Public Library
- Candidates:

Place 3:	Place 4:
Pamelia Franklin Adams	Ann Chandler
Jimmy Brown	Cassie Devillier
Al Chavira	

6. ACTION

A. Consider and Adopt District Strategic Plan

Following a detailed presentation of the proposed District Strategic Plan by committee member, Ben Peacock, a motion was made by James Houser and a second by Dean Dublin to adopt the District Strategic Plan as presented.

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

Nays: None

B. Consider and Purchase Band Uniforms

A motion was made by James Houser and a second by Blaine Verhelle to approve the purchase of band uniforms from Fred J. Miller Company.

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

Nays: None

C. Consider and Adopt TASB Policy Update 99, Affecting Local Policies

...BDD(LOCAL): Board Internal Organization - Attorney

...BP(LOCAL): Administrative Regulations

...CFEA(LOCAL): Payroll Procedures - Salary Deductions And Reductions

...CK(LOCAL): Safety Program/Risk Management

...DAC(LOCAL): Employment Objectives - Objective Criteria For Personnel Decisions

...EHDC(LOCAL): Alternative Methods For Earning Credit - Credit By Examination Without Prior Instruction

...FFF(LOCAL): Student Welfare - Student Safety

...FFH(LOCAL)

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Dean Dublin to adopt TASB Policy Update 99 excluding the recommended deletion of CFEA(LOCAL) policy.

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

Nays: None

D. Consider and Adopt Amendments to EIF(LOCAL) Policy Reflecting Changes in Graduation Requirements in Compliance with House Bill 5

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Jimmy Brown to adopt amendments to EIF(LOCAL) policy as proposed.

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

Nays: None

E. Consider and Re-Certify Dr. Joe Wardell as District Representative to the Region VII Advisory Council for 2014-2015

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by James Houser to re-certify Dr. Joe Wardell to serve as the District Representative to the Region VII Advisory Council for 2014-2015.

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

Nays: None

F. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by James Houser and a second by Jeff Horton to approve the consent agenda consisting of: 1) minutes from the March 17, 2014 regular board meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Financial Reports; 4) ADA Summary Report; 5) Current Amended Budget Report; and 6) a tax refund request in the amount of \$618.22 for Claire B. Johnson.

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

Nays: None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- **Enrollment:** **4879** students; **109** students **more** than end of last school year
- **March 28-29:** Cherokee County Livestock Show
- **April 1:** attended Jacksonville Education Foundation Board Meeting
- **April 7:** JMS Asst. Principal Patsy Whitaker honored April 7th at Region VII for being selected Assistant Principal of the Year by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals; Ms. Whitaker will be Region VII's nominee for the State Assistant Principal of the Year.
- **April 10:** attended Scholarship Luncheon at Jarvis College in Hawkins
- **April 16-17:** UIL Choir Concert & Sight-Reading at SFA
 - Three JHS choirs competed in UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest at SFA last Wednesday.
 - Non-Varsity Men's Choir and the Varsity Mixed Choir each received an Excellent rating (2) for their stage performance.
 - Non-Varsity Women's Choir received a superior rating (1) in the Concert AND Sight reading portions of the contest and brought home a SWEEPSTAKES trophy!! This is the first sweepstakes trophy for the HS choir program in about 8 years. It was a very exciting day for the choir program!
 - Middle School choirs participated on Thursday: 7th grade girls choir and boys choir each received a 2 (excellent) on stage; 8th grade girls received a superior (1) in the concert portion and brought home a plaque
- **JISD Sports:**
 - **Soccer:**
 - **JHS Girls:** 3rd place in district; lost to Brenham in bi-district playoff
 - **JHS Boys:** 2nd place in district; defeated Brenham in bi-district playoff; defeated Salado @ Tomato Bowl in 2nd round of playoffs; defeated Bryan Rudder at Palestine in 3rd round of playoffs on April 4th; Waller HS on April 8 at Huntsville

- **Golf:** team competed in Regional Tournament in Arlington on April 13th-14th; did not advance to State
- **Baseball:** will play last District game tomorrow (April 22) at Corsicana
- **Softball:** finished 4th in District; bi-district playoff series will be against Ennis – 1st game here on Thursday at 6:00pm; playoff #2 in Ennis on Friday at 6:00pm; if 3rd game – will follow at 8:00pm
- **Track:** 5 boys and 1 girl has advanced from the Area Tournament on April 17th; they will compete Friday and Saturday (April 25-26) in Regional Tournament at UTA Arlington
- **Football:** Indian Maker week of March 24-28; Spring football began March 28th
- **Sports Banquet:** May 12, 2014, 6:00pm (door opens 5:30pm) at JHS Cafeteria

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

No items were offered by board members for future agendas.

9. CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 7:59 p.m. until 9:30 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 Contract Renewals

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

Following Closed Session, the Board of Trustees reconvened to Open Session. A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Dean Dublin to approve the administrative contracts as recommended by the Superintendent and the professional contracts as recommended by Administrators.

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

Nays: None

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Todd Travis
Board President

Jimmy Brown
Board Secretary