



Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
August 25, 2014
Minutes

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on August 25, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. for two Public Hearings immediately followed by a Regular Meeting in the Board Room of the new JISD Administration Building located at 800 College Avenue in Jacksonville, Texas.

Present: Todd Travis, Jeff Horton, Blaine Verhelle, Dean Dublin, Randy McCown, Al Chavira and Cassie Devillier; Superintendent – Dr. Joe Wardell

Absent: None

1. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED 2014-15 BUDGET AND TAX RATE

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. Discussion of Items Pertaining to Proposed 2013-14 JISD Budget and Proposed Tax Rate

Lindy Finley presented the proposed 2014-2015 budget and explained budget allocations. The total budget of \$45,047,303 includes a balanced General Fund budget of \$36,895,794, a balanced Food Service budget of \$2,865,802 and a balanced Debt Service budget comprised of \$5,285,707.

Included in the proposed General Fund Budget is a teacher step increase of \$1000; a 3% salary increase for all staff; the purchase of two new school buses; and a balanced general operating budget.

Ms. Finley reported that the District is proposing a tax rate of \$1.04 for maintenance and operations and an interest and sinking tax rate of \$.355 for a total tax rate of 1.395, which is effectively a 5.55 percent increase in the tax rate.

C. Questions/Comments from Public Regarding Proposed 2014-15 Budget and Tax Rate

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

D. Adjournment of Public Hearing

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON ACCELERATED FUNDING AND SUCCESS RATE

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. Discussion of Items Pertaining to Accelerated Funding and Success Rate

Judy Terry explained that House Bill 5 requires each school district to evaluate the effectiveness of accelerated instruction programs for high school students and to hold an annual public hearing to consider the results of the evaluation.

Ms. Terry reported the following passing rates for the District: 47% for Algebra I, 43% for Biology, 51% for ELA I, 35% for ELA II, and 25% for U.S. History.

C. Questions/Comments from Public Regarding Accelerated Funding and Success Rate

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

D. Adjournment of Public Hearing

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

3. 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. Bond Construction Update

Mr. Marc Rauzi of Claycomb Associates Architects reported the following construction progress:

- JISD Gymnasium Parking
 - North Gym parking 90% installed
 - South Gym parking 25% installed
 - Next: paving and drainage completion, sidewalks, landscaping, lighting
- West Side Elementary
 - Next: pier drilling to proceed, grade beam construction to proceed, site utilities proceeding, building slab pour
- Nichols Intermediate
 - Front drive/parking installed
 - Fine grading and landscaping proceeding
 - Light pole bases installed
 - New building piers installing
 - Site drainage and utilities
 - Next: sidewalks and landscaping, entry canopy, grade beam construction, concrete slabs, structural steel

D. Consider and Adopt Edited JISD Master Facilities Plan as Recommended by JISD 2014 Facilities Committee

Ms. Patsy Whitaker, Chairman of the JISD 2014 Facilities Committee, presented the proposed edited Master Facilities Plan to the Board. A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Al Chavira to adopt the edited JISD Master Facilities Plan with a qualification that the projected timelines may be subject to change.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Verhelle, Dublin, McCown, and Ms. Devillier
 Nays: None

E. Reports / Discussions

1. Report on Preliminary 2013-2014 State Accountability Ratings

Judy Terry presented a chart reflecting the JISD campuses accountability ratings for 2013-2014.

Campus	Ratings	Distinctions	Safeguards*
District	Met Standard	N/A	92%
JHS	Met Standard	1: Academic Achievement in Social Studies 2: Top 25% Closing Performance Gaps	93%
JMS	Met Standard	0	82%
Nichols	Met Standard	0	91%
East Side	Met Standard	0	100%
West Side	Met Standard	1: Academic Achievement in Mathematics 2: Top 25% Student Progress 3: Top 25% Closing Performance Gaps 4: Postsecondary Readiness	100%
Joe Wright	Met Standard	1: Top 25% Closing Performance Gaps 2: Postsecondary Readiness	100%
Fred Douglass	Met Standard	0	100%
*Safeguards consists of 4 criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performance / Participation / Graduation Rate / Federal Special Education Assessments ▪ Must meet 100% of criteria or address in Campus/District Plan 			

2. Discussion of 2014-2015 Basketball Reserved Seating

Dr. Wardell reported that 70 reserved seat season tickets were sold last year for local basketball games and 26 seats were given as complementary season tickets. This is a total of 96 reserved seat tickets out of 228 available seats in the four sections with fold-down seats. This leaves 132 remaining seats available for sale.

Reserved seat ticket packages will be available to purchase at the beginning of the season for \$75 (approximately 20 total home games). After District play begins, the price should be dropped to \$30 (approximately eight home games). Remaining seats will be available to the public at the gate for \$5 (Regular admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students). Reserved seat tickets will also be available for purchase at the gate.

On game days those parents/fans who attend 9th Grade/Junior Varsity games at the high school and pay \$4 for admission and get a stamp on their hand may purchase a reserved seat ticket for \$1. Also, reserved ticketholders will receive free entry to the 9th Grade/Junior Varsity game/s.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider and Adopt Proposed 2014-15 Budget and Compensation Plan

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the 2014-2015 Budget and Compensation Plan as presented.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Dublin, McCown, Chavira, and Ms. Devillier
 Nays: None

2. Consider and Approve Ordinance Adopting a Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of \$1.04 and an Interest and Sinking tax Rate of \$.355 for a Total Rate of \$1.395, Which is Effectively a 5.55 Percent Increase in the Tax Rate

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Cassie Devillier that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 1.395, which is effectively a 5.55 percent increase in the tax rate.

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

Nays: None

3. Consider and Adopt Resolution Approving Commitment of General and Special Revenue Funds Unassigned Fund Balances

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the Resolution Approving Commitment of General and Special Revenue Funds Unassigned Fund Balances.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Horton, McCown, Chavira, and Ms. Devillier

Nays: None

4. Consider and Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Tyler Junior College for a Technical Dual Credit Program

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Jeff Horton to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Tyler Junior College for a Technical Dual Credit Program.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Verhelle, McCown, Chavira, and Ms. Devillier

Nays: None

5. Consider and Approve New Human Resources Director, Brad Stewart, to Sign/Validate Employee Service Records

A motion was made by Randy McCown and a second by Blaine Verhelle to approve the Shared Services Agreement with Tyler Regional Day School Program for the Deaf for 2014-15.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Horton, Dublin, Chavira, and Ms. Devillier

Nays: None

6. Consider and Adopt TASB Policy Update 100, Affecting Local Policies

.....CKE(LOCAL): *Safety Program/Risk Management - Security Personnel*

.....CPC(LOCAL): *Office Management - Records Management*

.....CRD(LOCAL): *Insurance and Annuities Management - Health and Life Insurance*

.....DCB(LOCAL): *Employment Practices - Term Contracts*

.....DCD(LOCAL): *Employment Practices - At-Will Employment*

.....DCE(LOCAL): *Employment Practices - Other Types of Contracts*

.....FDA(LOCAL): *Admissions - Interdistrict Transfers*

.....FL(LOCAL): *Student Records*

.....GBAA(LOCAL): *Information Access - Requests for Information*

.....GKB(LOCAL): *Community Relations - Advertising and Fund Raising in the Schools*

A motion was made by Cassie Devillier and a second by Dean Dublin to adopt TASB Policy Update 100 as presented.

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

Nays: None

7. Consider and Adopt Amendments to GKD(LOCAL) Policy: *Community Relations – Nonschool Use of School Facilities*

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Randy McCown to adopt the amendments to GKD(LOCAL) policy as presented.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Verhelle, Dublin, Chavira, and Ms. Devillier

Nays: None

8. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Jeff Horton to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) minutes from July 28, 2014 Budget Workshop/Regular Board Meeting/Summer Board Retreat; 2) Investment Report; 3) Finance Reports; 4) Current Amended Budget Report; and 5) Budget Amendment #14-08.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Verhelle, McCown, Chavira and Ms. Devillier

Nays: None

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board of Trustees.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- **Enrollment – 1st Day:** Enrollment: 4872 students – 5 students **more** than end of last school year
- **July 29:** Facilities Committee meeting for final draft of proposed JISD Master Facilities Plan
- **August 6:** Kickoff 2014-15 Administrative Staff Meeting
- **August 12:** Welcome New Teachers, JMS campus
- **August 14th:** JEF Hosted *Evening with the Stars*, 5:30-7:00pm at Castle on the Lake honoring LeeAnne Womack and Billy Guinn; raised approximately \$33,000
- **August 15th:**
 - 7:00am - Star Breakfast honoring Billy Guinn at Sadler's Restaurant
 - 8:30am - JISD Convocation at JISD Gymnasium
 - 12:00 noon - Lunch honoring LeeAnne Womack at home of Senator Robert and Donna Nichols
- **August 18:**
 - Staff-wide staff development at JHS campus
 - POWWOW at 6:30pm at Tomato Bowl
- **August 20:** Football Kickoff Luncheon in Tyler at Harvey Hall – sponsored by Tyler Chamber of Commerce; Senior, Carter McCown received scholarship for JHS
- **JISD 2014 Fall Sports:**
 - Football: Varsity - first home pre-district game is this Friday, August 29th, hosting Pine Tree; first Varsity District game will be September 26th at home against Ennis
 - Volleyball: first home pre-district game is this Friday, August 29th, hosting Palestine; first Varsity district game will be September 12th at John Tyler

I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

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

J. CLOSED SESSION

In Closed Session the Board met from 8:10 p.m. until 8:59 p.m. to discuss:

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

K. 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.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Todd Travis
Board President

Blaine Verhelle
Board Secretary