



**Jacksonville Independent School District  
Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
October 27, 2014  
Minutes**

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

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

**1. PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOLS F.I.R.S.T. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM**

**A. Call to Order**

Board Vice President, Jeff Horton, announced that a quorum was present, that the hearing was duly called, and that notice of the meeting 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 2012-2013 F.I.R.S.T. rating for school districts.

**C. FIRST Rating for JISD for 2012-13**

Ms. Finley reported that JISD received the highest financial rating of “Superior” for the twelfth 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 2012-2013 school year and that the recently completed 2013-2014 school year is currently under financial audit and will receive a rating this time next year.

**D. Public Comments on FIRST Report**

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**

Board Vice President, Jeff Horton, 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 Flags**

Jeff Horton led both pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

## **C. Bond Construction Update**

Mr. Jeff Edwards of Claycomb Associates Architects reported the following construction progress:

- JISD Gymnasium Parking – substantially complete
- West Side Elementary – 18.1% *completed*
  - Elementary Carton Form Slab Area A 98%
  - Elementary Carton Form Slab Area B 50%
  - Elementary Grade Beams Area C 100%
  - Elementary Steel Delivery Started
  - Building Utilities Aea C 40%
  - Next: concrete slab Area B & C; structural steel erection; roof joists and decking; site drives
- Nichols Intermediate – 30.1% *completed*
  - Classroom Wing Exterior Studs Installing
  - Classroom Wing 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Slab Installed
  - Classroom Wing Roof Deck Installing
  - Band Hall Structural Steel Erected
  - Band Hall Roof Deck Installing
  - MEP Rough-In Started
  - Next: classroom wing sheathing; masonry walls at Band Hall; brick veneer; MEP rough-in; roof installation

## **D. Awards / Acknowledgements**

### **1. Principals Month – Acknowledgement of JISD Principals**

Jeff Horton and Dr. Wardell presented each principal with a personalized gift while acknowledging and thanking them for their hard work on behalf of the JISD students.

## **E. Reports / Discussions**

### **1. Board Meeting Schedule Through December**

- a. November Regular Meeting Cancelled
- b. November 11<sup>th</sup>: Special Meeting (Superintendent/CEO Search Planning – Open Session)
- c. December 2<sup>nd</sup>: Special Board Meeting – 6:30pm (Superintendent/CEO Search – Open Session: following 2:00pm Community Involvement Sessions)
- d. December 9<sup>th</sup>: Special Board Meeting, 6:30pm (Superintendent/CEO Search – Leadership Qualifications and Characteristics Report – Open Session)
- e. December 15<sup>th</sup>: Regular Board Meeting, 6:30pm

Mr. Horton explained that the November-December board schedule has changed since the publication of the board agenda packet. Following is the amended scheduled:

- November Regular Meeting Cancelled
- November 11<sup>th</sup>: Special Board Meeting – 6:30pm (Superintendent/CEO Search – Open Session: following 2:00pm Community Involvement Sessions)
- December 9<sup>th</sup>: Special Board Meeting, 6:30pm (Superintendent/CEO Search – Leadership Qualifications and Characteristics Report – Open Session)
- December 15<sup>th</sup>: Regular Board Meeting - 6:30pm

## F. ACTION ITEMS

### 1. Consider and Approve Contract with Claycomb & Associates to Provide Architectural and Engineering Services for Additions and Renovations to JHS and Mauldin Field and to Provide Estimated Pricing for Items on the Master Facilities Plan Adopted by the Board on 08-25-14

A motion was made by Randy McCown and a second by Cassie Devillier to approve the contract with Claycomb & Associates to provide architectural and engineering services and estimated pricing for the JHS girls' athletic facilities only.

Yeas: Messrs. Horton, Verhelle, Dublin and Chavira

Nays: None

### 2. Consider and Approve Appointment of 2014-15 Textbook Selection Committee

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Blaine Verhelle to approve the appointed 2014-15 Textbook Selection Committee as presented.

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

Nays: None

### 3. Consider and Adopt 2014 Certified Tax Roll

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Blaine Verhelle to adopt the 2014 JISD Tax Roll as certified by the Cherokee County Appraiser.

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

Nays: None

### 4. Consider and Adopt Amendments to AE(LOCAL) Policy: *Educational Philosophy*

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Randy McCown to adopt amendments to AE(LOCAL) policy as presented.

Yeas: Messrs. Horton, Verhelle, Chavira and Ms. Devillier

Nays: None

### 5. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Blaine Verhelle and a second by Cassie Devillier to approve the consent agenda consisting of 1) board minutes from September 15, 2014 regular board meeting; 2) Investment Report; 3) Financial Reports; 4) Current Amended Budget Report; and 5) ADA Summary Report.

Yeas: Messrs. Horton, Dublin, McCown and Chavira

Nays: None

## G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board of Trustees.

## H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wardell reported:

- Enrollment: **4979** students – **112** students **more** than end of last school year
- September 16: addressed Jacksonville Literacy Council
- September 18: attended UIL District Meeting at Lindale
- September 23: attended Jacksonville Education Foundation Executive Committee meeting
- October 2: attended Region 7 Teacher of the Year Ceremony in Kilgore; JISD Elementary TOY Molly Thrash, and Secondary TOY - Carol Cummins, were introduced.

- October 6: Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally on Commerce St. in front of Tomato Bowl – over 1000 people participated (including all campuses, Board of Trustees) participated in Parade and Pep Rally; thanks to Kim Clater and Karen Kubara for a great job in organizing the event
- October 7: attended Jacksonville Education Foundation Board Meeting
- October 18:
  - JHS Varsity Band received a 1 (Superior Rating) in UIL Marching Contest
  - JHS Charmers – one of 12 East Texas Drill Teams to participate in pre-game activity celebrating 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kilgore Rangerettes at Kilgore Junior College football game
- October 21: Vision 20/20 Banquet (funded by JEF grant) for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. 206 people attended this event. There will be a banquet for the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders in the Spring. The Juniors and Seniors will take a bus trip to SFA on November 11<sup>th</sup> and to UT Tyler on November 20<sup>th</sup> where they will receive a tour of the campuses and a catered lunch. The students are excited about the upcoming trips.
- **JISD 2014 Sports:**
  - Football: have completed in District against Ennis; Corsicana, Lindale, Nacogdoches (5 OTs), and Whitehouse; coming up this week is John Tyler; next week will be last district game against Lufkin
  - Volleyball: will end season tomorrow (Oct. 28) hosting Corsicana
  - Tennis: concluded Fall Season on October 9<sup>th</sup> against John Tyler
  - Cross Country: competed in District Meet on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Lufkin; JHS Boys' team earned 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and JHS Girls's team earned 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Girls in the Top 10 included Kayley Yates in 6<sup>th</sup> place and Tempestt Silvers in 10<sup>th</sup> Place. Boys in the Top 10 included Braulio Garcia in 10<sup>th</sup> Place. Our JV Girls finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place; Hailey Spear coming in at 1<sup>st</sup> Place.

Both varsity teams qualified for the Regional Meet this Saturday:

- November 1, 2014 – Regional Cross Country Meet
- Lynn Creek Park, Grand Prairie
  - 10:00am – JHS Girls
  - 10:30am – JHS Boys

#### **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 7:05 p.m. until 8:05 p.m. to discuss:

1. Legal Matters, Student Discipline and Other Items for Closed Session
2. 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.

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Todd Travis  
Board President

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Blaine Verhelle  
Board Secretary