



**Jacksonville Independent School District  
Board of Trustees Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
December 15, 2014  
Minutes**

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The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on December 15, 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: Todd Travis, Jeff Horton, Dean Dublin, Al Chavira and Cassie Devillier;  
Superintendent – Dr. Joe Wardell

Absent: Blaine Verhelle, Randy McCown

**1. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2013-2014 TEXAS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT (TAPR)**

**A. Call to Order**

Board President, Todd Travis, 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. Presentation of 2013-14 TAPR**

Judy Terry explained that the TAPR report is the replacement for the AEIS report given in previous years. She added that it is an important part of the accountability process and is a compilation of the various reports given to the Board throughout the year. She briefly reviewed the Table of Contents and offered the very detailed report to those who would like to take the report to review details. A copy of the TAPR must be kept or posted at the Central Office; each school library; the public library, and the JISD website.

**C. Public Comments/Questions Regarding TAPR Report**

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

**D. Adjournment of Public Hearing**

There being no further discussion of the TAPR, the public hearing was adjourned.

**2. REGULAR MEETING**

**A. 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.

**B. Pledges of Allegiance to Flags**

Todd Travis led both pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

### **C. Acknowledgements / Awards**

Judy Terry announced that the winner of the 2014 JISD Christmas Card contest is East Side student, Oscar Rosas, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class of Ms. Valerie Faison Swinney.

### **D. 2013-2014 JISD Financial Audit**

1. Presentation of 2013-2014 JISD Financial Audit  
Financial Auditor, Rachel Payne of Robinson & Payne, presented the 2013-2014 JISD Financial Audit and discussed various areas of the audit. She reported an unqualified clean audit with no findings.
2. A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Dean Dublin to approve the 2013-2014 JISD Financial Audit as presented.  
Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Chavira and Ms. Devillier  
Nays: None

### **E. Reports / Discussions**

#### **1. Bond Construction Update**

Mark Rauzi of Claycomb Associates Architects gave a brief update to the Board on the current bond construction.

- West Side Elementary
  - Concrete slab complete
  - Parent drive concrete poured 40%
  - Structural steel erection for Area A started
  - Building utilities 92%
  - Area B steel on-site
  - Area A joist and decking
  - Next: structural steel erection; rtoof joists and decking; site drives and parking; exterior studs
- Nichols Intermediate
  - Classroom wing air barrier installing
  - Classroom wing interior studs 99%
  - Classroom wing MEP rough-in 65%
  - Band Hall CMU walls erected
  - Band Hall brick veneer installing
  - Main entry canopy columns installed
  - Next: building additions roofing; brick veneer at Band Hall and Classroom; mechanical unit placement; exterior windows and doors

#### **2. Report on Continuing Education Credit Status of Board Members to be Reported at Last Board Meeting of Calendar Year as Mandated by State**

Todd Travis reported that all JISD board members have met their annual continuing education requirements with the exception of Tier 2 - Team of 8 training that is tentatively scheduled for April 2015 to include the newly hired superintendent.

#### **3. Report on Leadership TASB**

Todd Travis gave a brief report on his recent experience in Leadership TASB. The latest meeting was in Austin where the group of 36 members visited the State Capitol Building and the University Interscholastic League offices. Mr. Travis was able to meet briefly with Senator Nichols and a representative from Travis Clardy's office.

**4. Reminder for January-March Board Meeting Dates**

Board members discussed their upcoming calendar of 14 board meetings from January through March of 2015 and the various events of the superintendent search timeline.

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Consider and Approve Memorandum of Understanding for College Preparatory Mathematics and English Language Arts Courses with Tyler Junior College**

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Cassie Devillier to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for College Preparatory Mathematics and English Language Arts Courses with Tyler Junior College as presented.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Horton, and Chavira

Nays: None

**2. Consider and Approve 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 Jeff Horton and a second by Dean Dublin 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, Chavira and Ms. Devillier

Nays: None

**3. Consider and Approve Vendor Selection to Supply Furniture and Equipment for the New West Side Elementary Campus and Nichols Intermediate Additions**

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Jeff Horton to approve Lone Star Furnishings to provide furniture and equipment for the new West Side Elementary and Nichols Intermediate additions.

Yeas: Messrs. Horton, Chavira and Ms. Devillier

Nays: None

**4. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Cassie Devillier and a second by Jeff Horton to approve the consent agenda including the 2014-15 JISD District Improvement Plan and 2014-15 Campus Improvement Plans; board minutes from the October 27, 2014 regular meeting and November 11, 2014 special meeting; monthly investment report; monthly finance reports; current amended budget report; ADA summary report; maintenance work order quarterly report; technology work order quarterly report; donation from Magneto Power to JHS CTE Department of 12 engines for a total value of \$2100; donation from Mostyn Moreno Educational Foundation to JISD Special Education Department in the amount of \$3600; donation from Klein Products of Texas to JHS CTE Department of A-36 plate steel valued at \$1288; and a tax refund request from Donald and Barbara Dick in the amount of \$1736.13 correcting

the tax refund approved at the November 11, 2014 JISD special board meeting.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Dublin and Chavira

Nays: None

#### **G. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one signed to address the Board of Trustees.

#### **H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Wardell reported:

- Enrollment: 4938 students – 71 students more than end of last school year
- Halloween Day (Oct. 31) – all elementary campuses presented a Book Character Parade; JHS had a “Zombie Day” and staff (dressed as zombies) performed dance to “Thriller”
- Veterans Day (Nov. 11) – both East Side Elementary & West Side Elementary presented Veterans Day Programs on Tuesday (Nov. 11) evening; students at Nichols Intermediate posting letters from veterans
- November 12<sup>th</sup>:
  - o Beam Signing: West Side students visited New West Elementary construction site and sign their names on a steel beam
  - o Vision 20/20 College Plan: interested Juniors and Seniors will be taken by bus to visit the Stephen F. Austin State University campus and receive a catered lunch at SFA
- November 18<sup>th</sup> – attended a Town Hall Meeting for Travis Clardy at the Norman Center
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> – attended Investment Training at Region 7 in Kilgore
- December 4<sup>th</sup> – attended SUPERNet Consortium meeting in Tyler
- Upcoming Christmas Break: Students released early on December 18<sup>th</sup> – staff out on December 19<sup>th</sup>; staff returns January 5<sup>th</sup> – students return January 6<sup>th</sup>
- Sports:
  - o Football: completed 2014 season in Lufkin on November 7<sup>th</sup>
  - o Volleyball: ended season on October 28 hosting Corsicana
  - o Tennis: concluded Fall Season on October 9<sup>th</sup> against John Tyler
  - o Cross Country: both girls and boys teams competed in Regional Cross Country Meet on November 1, 2014 in Grand Prairie. The girls placed 13<sup>th</sup> out of 24 teams; boys placed 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 40 teams. This ends the season for our Cross Country Indians/Maidens.
  - o Basketball:
    - Boys: played first pre-season game on November 21<sup>st</sup> in Brownsboro; first district game will be December 19<sup>th</sup> at Corsicana
    - Girls: November 4<sup>th</sup> pre-season play began with a scrimmage against Tyler Lee; first district game was December 9<sup>th</sup> at Nacogdoches – host Whitehouse tomorrow (16<sup>th</sup>)
  - o Soccer:
    - Boys: pre-season play begins January 6<sup>th</sup>
    - Girls: pre-season play begins January 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **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 7:20 p.m. until 7:58 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