

Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
May 18, 2015
Minutes

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on May 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for Executive Session followed by a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Jacksonville 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. Chad Kelly

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. 5:30 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Executive Session the Board met from 5:30 p.m. until 6:08 p.m. to discuss:

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

3. 6:30 P.M. – RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Todd Travis called to order the Board to convene in Open Session.

4. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES and TEXAS FLAGS

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

5. CONSIDER ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

(This item was taken out of order at the end of the meeting.)

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Dean Dublin to approve the probationary professional contracts as recommended by Dr. Kelly.

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

Nays: None

6. OATH OF OFFICE TO ELECTED TRUSTEES

Notary Public, Yvonne Burgert, administered the Oath of Office to re-elected trustees, Dean Dublin, Todd Travis and Randy McCown. The newly sworn trustees resumed their respective places at the board table.

7. AWARDS / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A. JISD Retirement Awards

Brad Stewart recognized the retiring employees and presented them with crystal retirement awards and thanked them for their dedication and service to JISD.

Retiring employees:

- Dr. Joe Wardell (Superintendent): JISD 6 years; public education 41 years
- Jean Rossiter: JISD 10 years; public education 10 years
- Bobby Redd: JISD 14 years; public education 36 years
- Nancy Heron: JISD 15 years; public education Years
- Bonetta Hodge: JISD 17 years; public education 17 years
- Linda Surface: JISD 17 years; public education 17 years
- Herbert Warren: JISD 21 years; public education 21 years
- Paula Jackson: JISD 21 years; public education 21 years
- Ginny Sanders: JISD 23 years; public education 23 years
- Connie Pope: JISD 27 years; public education 27 years
- Becky Westbrook: JISD 37 years; public education – 37 years
- Keith Croft: JISD 40 years; public education - 44 years

B. “Texas Teacher of the Year” Program Nominees

Judy Terry announced that JISD is again participating in T.E.A.’s “Texas Teacher of the Year” program through Region VII. The Teacher of the Year for each campus is:

- Jacksonville High School – Kim Clater
- Jacksonville Middle School – Amber Danner
- Nichols Intermediate – C’Aaron Stephens
- Fred Douglass Elementary – Theresa Pollard
- East Side Elementary – Charlotte Odom
- Joe Wright Elementary – Alejandro Quintero
- West Side Elementary – Bill Hopkins
- Compass Center – Kerri Antes

From this list, the District may choose one elementary level teacher and one secondary teacher. Mrs. Terry announced the teachers selected to submit for nomination to Region VII:

- Secondary Level – Kim Clater, Jacksonville High School
- Elementary Level – Charlotte Odom, East Side Elementary

Mr. Barry Hughes of the Jacksonville Education Foundation congratulated all of the campus Teachers of the Year and presented them with plaques and checks from the Foundation in appreciation of their service to the students of JISD.

C. JISD Employee of the Year Awards

Brad Stewart announced that this the first year that JISD has solicited nominations for Employee of the Year. Nominations were taken in three categories: Auxiliary Staff, Paraprofessional Staff, and Non-Teaching Professional. After receiving many nominations, committees were form and the following employees were chosen for their respective awards:

- Paraprofessional of the Year: LuShunda Sanders, Teacher's Aide, Compass Center
- Auxiliary Employee of the Year: Juanita Manzano, Head Custodian, Jacksonville Middle School
- Non-Teaching Professional of the Year: Judy Terry, Associate Superintendent, JISD Administration

D. West Side Elementary Named Title I Award School by Texas Education Agency

Tina Stewart announced that West Side Elementary was named a Title I High Progress Award School by the Texas Education Agency. The West Side Campus administrators were presented with a bouquet of balloons and congratulated. Dr. Kelly explained that high progress schools are identified for the top 25% in annual improvement by achieving the top quartile (top 25%) of performance on the STAAR progress measure in relation to a comparison group of similar schools. West Side Elementary has received this award for several consecutive years.

8. REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OFFICERS

A motion was made by Al Chavira and a second by Dean Dublin to nominate Todd Travis as Board President, Jeff Horton as Board Vice President, and Blaine Verhelle as Board Secretary.

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

Nays: None

9. BOND and CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

A. Nichols Intermediate Campus

Jeff Edwards of Claycomb Associates Architects gave a brief update to the Board on the Nichols Intermediate construction project:

- 100% complete

B. West Side Elementary

Jeff Edwards of Claycomb Associates Architects gave a brief update to the Board on the new West Side Elementary campus construction project:

- (64.1% complete)
- Exterior masonry nearing completion
- Roofing installed, coping remains
- Interior metal studs and gyp board
- MEP rough-in
- Exterior doors and windows
- Mechanical unit installed
- Next: stucco, complete interior metal studs and drywall, complete MEP rough-in, exterior window completion, set gym equipment

C. Jacksonville ISD Multipurpose Complex

Lee Lewis Construction will be conduct a Vendor Fair to allow local vendors to attain information on the Multipurpose Complex construction project so they may have the opportunity to offer bids to participate in the project. The Fair is scheduled for May 27th. LLC will open bids for this project on June 2nd and

anticipates bringing a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) to the Board for action at the June 15th board meeting.

D. Mauldin Field

Dr. Kelly reported that he expected the geological reports back on the proposed Mauldin Field project but has not received them. More will be reported at the June board meeting.

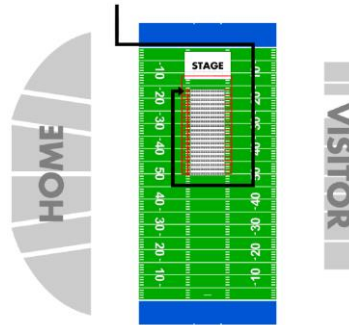
10. REPORTS / INFORMATION / DISCUSSIONS

A. Loss Prevention Grant Awarded to JISD by TASB Risk Management Fund

Ms. Heidi Gadan of TASB announced to the Board that Jacksonville ISD was selected by the TASB Risk Management Fund to receive a Loss Prevention Grant for the sixth consecutive year. Ms. Gadan presented the district with a plaque.

B. Discussion of 2015 JHS Graduation Ceremony

JHS Principal, Karen Kubara, presented to the Board plans for the 2015 Graduation Ceremony. In order to ease crowding at the Tomato Bowl, a plan was devised to also utilize the visitor side seating and still provide visitors with an accessible view to the graduates and ceremony.



C. Review of Safety Entry Access at JMS and Nichols Intermediate Campuses

Dr. Kelly presented pictures of the front and rear entrances to Jacksonville Middle School while explaining a proposed method to install secure entries. He further explained that a similar method is proposed to be installed at the Nichols Intermediate entry for the same purpose.

D. Report on Summer 2015 Maintenance Projects

Maintenance Supervisor, Tommy Wade, presented to the Board the summer projects planned for the summer of 2015 at the various campuses.

E. CTE (Career & Technical Education) Department Presentation

JHS Principal, Karen Kubara, and Assistant Principal, James Wright, presented an update on the JHS CTE Program. Some of these highlights are:

- 40 CTE Courses currently offered
- CTE Programs of Study: Agriculture Sciences including Animal Science, Plant Science and Ag Mechanics; Audio-Video Production; Health Science; Small Engine Technology; Culinary Arts; Education and Training; Business and Finance
- Student CTE Growth: 807 students in 2015 compared to 310 students in 2013

- Offering Dual Credit Opportunities for: Health Science, Advanced Welding, BIM 2, and Computer Maintenance
- Approximately 300 students will receive industry certifications this spring.
- Offering in Fall of 2015: Career Prep, Pharmacy Tech Certification, NCCER, College & Career Readiness Advisor

11. ACTION

A. Consider and Approve Engagement of Robinson and Payne as External Auditors for the District's 2014-15 Financial Audit

A motion was made by Cassie Devillier and a second by Jeff Horton to approve the engagement of Robinson & Payne as external auditors for the District's 2014-2015 Financial Audit.

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

Nays: None

B. Consider and Decide Impact to JISD of Proposed Universal Academy Charter School in Tyler

A motion was made by Cassie Devillier and a second by Jeff Horton that a decision was made that the proposed Universal Academy Charter School in Tyler will have no impact on Jacksonville ISD.

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

Nays: None

C. Consider and Approve Dr. Chad Kelly for the Length of His Term as Superintendent as the District Officer Authorized to Submit ADC and Consolidated Electronic Application for e-Grants

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Al Chavira to approve Dr. Chad Kelly for the length of his term as Superintendent as the District officer authorized to submit ADC and consolidated electronic applications for e-grants.

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

Nays: None

D. Consider and Approve 2014-2015 Application for Low Attendance Waiver

A motion was made by Cassie Devillier and a second by Blaine Verhelle to approve the 2014-2015 Application for Low Attendance Waiver.

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

Nays: None

E. Consider and Approve Interlocal Agreement with Region 10 ESC for 2015-2016 Multi-Regional Child Nutrition Cooperative Purchasing Program

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Blaine Verhelle to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Region 10 ESC for the 2014-2016 Multi-Regional Child Nutrition Cooperative Purchasing Program as presented.

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

Nays: None

F. Consider and Adopt Amendment to BE(LOCAL) Policy

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

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

Nays: None

G. Consider and Adopt TASB Policy Update 102 Affecting Local Policies:

- 1. CDA(LOCAL): Other Revenues – Investments**
- 2. DBB(LOCAL): Employment Requirements and Restrictions – Medical Examinations and Communicable Diseases**
- 3. DEA(LOCAL): Compensation and Benefits – Compensation Plan**
- 4. DEAA(LOCAL): Compensation Plan – Incentives and Stipends**
- 5. DEAB(LOCAL): Compensation Plan – Wage and Hour Laws**
- 6. DEE(LOCAL): Compensation and Benefits – Expense Reimbursement**
- 7. DFFA(LOCAL): Reduction In Force – Financial Exigency**
- 8. DHE(LOCAL): Employee Standards of Conduct – Searches and Alcohol/Drug Testing**
- 9. FNC(LOCAL): Student Rights and Responsibilities – Student Conduct**
- 10. FO(LOCAL): Student Discipline**

A motion was made by Blaine Verhelle and a second by Dean Dublin to adopt TASB Policy Update 102 with additional amendments to DEE(LOCAL) policy

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

Nays: None

H. Consider and Approve 2015-2017 JISD Tech Plan

A motion was made by Cassie Devillier and a second by Blaine Verhelle to approve the 2015-2017 JISD Tech Plan as presented.

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

Nays: None

I. Consider and Adopt Resolution Approving Immediate Implementation of Senate Bill 149

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Al Chavira to adopt the Resolution Approving Immediate Implementation of Senate Bill 149 with a change of a date from June to October regarding the eleventh grade graduating committee.

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

Nays: None

J. Consider and Change the Dates for the July 2015 and August 2015 Regular Board Meetings: July 20th to 27th, August 17th to 31st

A motion was made by Cassie Devillier and a second by Dean Dublin to change the July board meeting from the 20th to the 27th and the August board meeting from the 17th to the 31st.

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

Nays: None

K. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Randy McCown to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the April 20, 2015 Regular Meeting and May 7, 2015 Special Meeting; monthly investment report; monthly financial reports; ADA Summary Report; Current Amended Budget Report; and tax refund requests for:

- Arthur S. and Katie E. Moses for \$3138.75
- Ramos Fulgencio for \$1244.62
- City of Jacksonville for \$1079.02.

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

Nays: None

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board of Trustees.

13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Todd Travis
Board President

Blaine Verhelle
Board Secretary