



**Regular Meeting  
JISD Board of Trustees  
March 20, 2017  
Minutes**

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The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on March 20, 2017 for an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. 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, Randy McCown, Al Chavira, Cassie Devillier, and Micah Hoffpauir; Superintendent: Dr. Chad Kelly

Absent: None

**1. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:30PM**

The Board met in executive session from 5:31 p.m. until 6:03 p.m. discussing matters pursuant to Texas Government Codes 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.0821.

- A. Hiring, Termination/Retirement, or Transfer of Professional Personnel
- B. Legal Matters, Student Discipline, and Real Property

**2. REGULAR MEETING - 6:30PM**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

An announcement was made by the Board President that a quorum is present and that notice of the meeting was posted for the time and manner required by law.

**B. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO UNITED STATES and TEXAS FLAGS**

Board President, Todd Travis, led the pledges of allegiance to the United State and Texas flags.

**C. ACTION RELATIVE TO ITEMS CONSIDERED DURING CLOSED SESSION**

No action was taken on items discussed in Executive Session.

**C. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / AWARDS**

1. *Presentation from Joe Wright STEM Academy*

Cindy Slovacek, the principal at Joe Wright Elementary, gave a brief description about their STEM program. She then introduced the instructional strategist, Monica Gaskin, and 6 of the STEM club students for their presentation. They put together a powerpoint to show the Board and brought several of their projects that they have completed this year. They did an awesome job and really showed how successful the STEM program is at Joe Wright Elementary.

2. *Empowerment Academy Graduates*

Dr. Kelly announced that there are fifteen students graduating from the Empowerment Academy. Principal, T.J. Rucker stated that each of the following graduates have met the requirements for graduation:

- Manuel Borjas
- Clinton Collins
- Ashley Frias
- Ludie Galvan
- Johnny Lacy
- Jordy Lopez
- Miguel Luna
- Margarita Mena
- Uziel Morales
- Ashley Norred
- Bailee Reyes
- Elijah Smith
- Vicki Sotelo
- Vincent Wells
- Taylor Williams

The graduates received their diplomas and were congratulated by the Board of Trustees, Dr. Kelly, Mr. Rucker, and their teachers in attendance.

**3. *Recognize Lindy Finley***

Dr. Kelly recognized Lindy Finley for her Commitment to Excellence Award that she received in Austin at the Annual TASBO Conference. The video of her interview along with her speech after receiving the award was played for the Board.

**4. *AXA Representatives will Present a \$3,000 Check to Jacksonville Education Foundation in Honor of Lindy Finley's Commitment to Excellence Award***  
AXA Representative, Bryant King and TASBO Executive Director, Tracy Ginsburg, presented Lindy Finley with a \$3,000 check for receiving the Commitment to Excellence Award at the TASBO Annual Conference. Lindy donated the money to the Jacksonville Education Foundation and named James Houser and Mike Pope as Influential Indians.

**5. *Recognizing the Instructional Technology Department***

Dr. Kelly recognized the Instructional Technology Department for their hard work on the Technology Showcase. The ladies recognized were: Lynn Bullock, Katie Lasseter and Elizabeth Brents.

**6. *Region 7 Recognized West Side Elementary***

Glenda Hinsley, Assistant Director of Federal Programs from Region 7, presented the Title I Part A High Progress School Recognition award to Geoff Sherman, the principal of West Side Elementary.

**E. REPORTS / DISCUSSION / INFORMATION**

**1. *Discussion of Summer Board Training Options***

*SLI San Antonio: June 15-17, 2017 (Marriott Rivercenter)*

*SLI Fort Worth: June 22-24, 2017 (Omni Fort Worth)*

Following a brief discussion of the upcoming events offering training for the continuing education of board members, the Board decided to attend the TASB Summer Leadership Institute in San Antonio on June 15-17, 2017.

**2. *May 6, 2017 School Board Election Update***

Dr. Kelly gave an update on the upcoming JISD School Board and Bond Election. There are 2 contestants running for both Place 3 and Place 4. Place 3: Al Chavira and Michael J. Traylor, and Place 4: Cassie Devillier and Dean Dublin. Early voting will be April 24th – May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Jacksonville Public Library and Election Day is May 6<sup>th</sup> at the same location.

**3. *Purchases Exceeding \$50,000***

Troy Parker presented to the board that there were no single-item purchases this month that exceeded \$50,000.

**4. *Baseball Lighting Update and Timeline***

Troy Parker updated the board on the new baseball lighting system. He stated that all of the poles are up and functional on manual. They are waiting on the remote controls for the lights to be finished which should be this week.

**F. ACTION**

**1. *Consider and Adopt Proposed 2017-18 JISD School Calendar***

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Cassie Devillier to adopt the 2017-18 JISD School Calendar as presented.

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

Nays: None

**2. *Consider and Certify Dr. Chad Kelly as District Representative to the Region***

A motion was made by Micah Hoffpauir and a second by Al Chavira to certify Dr. Chad Kelly as District Representative to the Region

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

Nays: None

**3. *Consider and Approve Consent Agenda***

A motion was made by Blaine Verhelle and a second by Todd Travis to approve the consent agenda consisting of the board minutes from the February 27, 2017 board meeting; monthly investment report; monthly financial reports; monthly current amended budget report; and monthly ADA summary report.

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

Nays: None

**G. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one signed to address the Board.

**H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS**

There was a discussion of adopting 9 week periods instead of 6 week periods for the 2017-2018 school year.

**I. CLOSED SESSION CONTINUATION, IF NEEDED**

There was no need to continue closed session at this meeting.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Todd Travis, President

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Blaine Verhelle, Secretary