



# Minutes of Regular Meeting and Public Hearings Board of Trustees August 29, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

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A Regular Meeting including public hearings of the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville ISD was held Monday, August 29, 2016, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room, JISD Administration Bldg., 800 College Avenue, Jacksonville, Texas.

## 1. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:30PM

The Board met in executive session from 5:30 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Codes 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.082, 551.0821

### A. Hiring, Termination/Retirement, or Transfer of Professional Personnel

#### 1. Monthly Professional Personnel Report

### B. Legal Matters, Student Discipline and Real Property

## 2. REGULAR MEETING - 6:30PM

### A. CALL TO ORDER

An announcement was made by the 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

#### 1. *Consider and Authorize Superintendent to Negotiate and Contract for the Purchase of Real Property*

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Blaine Verhelle to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and contract for the purchase of real property located at 646 East Rusk in Jacksonville, Texas.

Yeas: Travis, McCown, Chavira, Hoffpauir and Ms. Devillier

Nays: None

### D. OATH OF OFFICE FOR JISD POLICE CHIEF BILL AVERA

Board members and attendees were directed to the District Education Center of the JISD Administration Building where the oath of office for the new JISD Police Chief, Bill Avera, was administered by Judge Janice Stone.

### E. RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board and attendees remained in the District Education Center for the recognition and acknowledgement of three district departments whose personnel were instrumental in preparing the campuses and facilities over the summer for the 2016-17 school year.

1. *JISD Technology Department*

Dr. Kelly introduced and recognized Technology Director, Hedda Alexander, for a job well done throughout the district over the summer to prepare for 2016-17. Ms. Alexander then introduced and gave credit to her department and thanked them for the job they do. All were presented with certificates of recognition.

2. *JISD Maintenance Department*

Brad Stewart introduced Maintenance Director, Tommy Wade, and recognized him for a wonderful job in preparing the campuses and facilities for the new school year. Mr. Wade then introduced and recognized each member of his department and thanked them for their hard work. All were presented with certificates of recognition.

3. *JISD Custodial Department*

Brad Stewart introduced Custodial Director, Mike Pope, and thanked him for a great job in preparing the campuses and facilities for 2016-17. Mr. Pope then introduced and recognized each member of his department and thanked them for their hard work over the summer. All were presented with certificates of recognition.

F. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

1. *Cook Field Renovation Project*

Architect, Marc Rauzi, reported that the Cook Field renovation project is 98% complete. Approximately \$2 million has been expended with approximately \$70,000 left to expend on the project. Field goal posts and play clocks have been installed and the concrete paving and track surface installations are complete. Landscaping and final grading are ongoing, and the district will be installing the irrigation system and fencing to complete the project.

G. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED 2016-17 BUDGET AND TAX RATE

1. *Call to Order - Public Hearing*

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

2. *Discussion of Items Pertaining to Proposed 2016-17 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate*

Lindy Finley reported a proposed total budget for 2016-17 of \$47,602,868 which is composed of the General Fund budget (81.3%), the Food Service budget (6.2%) and the Debt Service budget (12.5%).

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 1.25 percent increase in the tax rate. She explained that the increase is not actually in the tax rate, which will remain the same as last year, but is caused by an increase in property values.

3. *Questions/Comments from Public Regarding Proposed 2016-17 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate*

There were no questions on the proposed 2016-17 budget and tax rate.

4. *Adjournment - Public Hearing*

There being no further discussion of the proposed budget and tax rate, the public hearing was adjourned.

H. PUBLIC HEARING ON ACCELERATED FUNDING AND SUCCESS RATE

1. *Call to Order - Public Hearing*

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

2. *Discussion of Items Pertaining to Accelerated Funding and Success Rate*

Lisa Cox 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. Cox reported there were 52 more EOC tests passed over the summer and that seniors who have not passed will have another opportunity in December.

3. *Questions/Comments on Accelerated Funding and Success Rate*

There were no questions on the Accelerated Funding and Success Rate.

4. *Adjournment - Public Hearing*

There being no further discussion of the accelerated funding and success rate, the hearing was adjourned.

I. REPORTS / DISCUSSION / INFORMATION

1. *Annual JISD Transportation Report*

Mark Turney and Jonathan Lewis gave an update on the JISD Transportation Department. Information included number of routes as well as number of riders and drivers. Also included were costs, age of buses, improvements made in 2015-16, and goals for 2016-17

2. *Campus Grading Procedures*

Lisa Cox reported on JISD grading procedures including:

- Progress Reports and Report Cards – issued in accordance with the Texas Administrative Code
- Minimum grade requirements for elementary, intermediate, middle and high schools
- How grades are averaged
- Retest eligibility
- Complaint procedure regarding grades

3. *Report on Preliminary 2015-16 State Accountability Ratings*

Lisa Cox reported that preliminary State Accountability Ratings have been released

and that the district and all campuses met and exceeded the index targets. Final ratings will be released in December and presented to the Board.

J. DONATIONS OF \$1000 AND OVER, IF NEEDED

There were no donations for board approval.

K. ACTION

1. *Consider and Adopt Proposed 2016-17 Budget*

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Micah Hoffpaur to adopt the proposed 2016-17 budget as presented.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Verhelle, 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 1.3950, Which is Effectively a 1.25 Percent Increase in the Tax Rate*

A motion was made by Cassie Devillier and a second by Randy McCown to approve the Ordinance adopting a Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of 1.04 and an Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .355 for a Total Tax Rate of 1.3950, which is effectively a 1.25 percent.

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

Nays: None

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

A motion was made by Cassie Devillier 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 Hoffpaur

Nays: None

4. *Consider and Approve Budget Amendment #17-01*

A motion was made by Micah Hoffpaur and a second by Jeff Horton to approve Budget Amendment #17-01 as presented.

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

Nays: None

5. *Consider and Adopt Resolution to Approve Director of Accounting to Sign on Depository Account at Depository Bank*

A motion was made by Cassie Devillier and a second by Randy McCown to adopt the Resolution to approve the Director of Accounting to sign on the depository account at the depository bank.

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

Nays: None

6. *Consider and Adopt Amended Superintendent Evaluation Instrument to Include Updated Superintendent Goals for 2016-17*

A motion was made by Blaine Verhelle and a second by Cassie Devillier to adopt the amended Superintendent Evaluation instrument to include the updated Superintendent's Goals for 2016-17.

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

Nays: None

7. *Consider and Approve JHS Attendance Incentive Plan for 2016-17*

A motion was made by Blaine Verhelle and a second by Cassie Devillier to approve the JHS Attendance Incentive Plan for 2016-17 as presented.

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

Nays: None

8. *Consider and Approve JMS Attendance Incentive Plan for 2016-17*

A motion was made by Cassie Devillier and a second by Blaine Verhelle to approve the JMS Attendance Incentive Plan for 2016-17 as presented.

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

Nays: None

9. *Local Board Policy Action*

a. Consider and Adopt TASB Policy Update 105 Affecting Local Policies

...BJCF(LOCAL): Superintendent - Nonrenewal

...BQ(LOCAL): Planning and Decision-Making Process

...CLB(LOCAL): Buildings, Grounds, and Equipment Management - Maintenance

...CLE(LOCAL): Building, Grounds, and Equipment Management - Flag Displays

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

...DBA(LOCAL): Employment Requirements and Restrictions - Credentials and Records

...DBB(ILOCAL): Employment Requirements and Restrictions - Medical Examinations and Communicable Diseases

...DFBB(LOCAL): Term Contracts - Nonrenewal

...DFFA(LOCAL): Reduction in Force - Financial Exigency

...DFFB(LOCAL): Reduction in Force - Program Change

...EHBD(LOCAL): Special Programs - Federal Title I

...FDC(LOCAL): Admissions - Homeless Students

A motion was made by Cassie Devillier and a second by Jeff Horton to adopt TASB Policy Update 105 with a slight wording change to CPC(LOCAL) policy.

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

Nays: None

b. *Consider and Adopt TASB Policy Update 106 Affecting EHBAF(ILOCAL) Policy: Special Education - Video/Audio Monitoring*

A motion was made by Micah Hoffpauir and a second by Cassie Devillier to adopt TASB Policy Update 106 as presented.

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

Nays: None

10. *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 minutes from the July 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and July 27, 2016 Special Board Meeting; monthly investment report; monthly financial reports; Budget Amendment #16-06; and Current Amended Budget Report.

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

Nays: None

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

M. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

There were no items offered by board members for future meetings.

N. CLOSED SESSION CONTINUATION, IF NEEDED

No continuation of closed was needed.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Todd Travis, President

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Blaine Verhelle, Secretary