



**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
January 22, 2018
Minutes**

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on January 22, 2018 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. 5:30 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Executive Session the Board met from 5:30 p.m. until 6:25 p.m.

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

2. 6:30 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING

A. Call to Order – Regular Meeting

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 United States and Texas Flags

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

C. Action, If Needed, Relative To Items Considered During Executive Session

No action was taken in regard to items discussed in closed session.

D. Acknowledgements / Recognition

1. Empowerment Graduation Ceremony

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

- Chaquanna White
- Clemente Perez
- Rosa Perez
- Eric Duran
- Juan Leyva
- Mario Munoz
- Lizbeth Tavera
- Jai Johnson
- Winter Hammons
- Johanna Reno

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

2. *Board Appreciation Month: Recognition of 2017-18 JISD Board of Trustees*
In appreciation of the 2017-2018 JISD Board of Trustees, Dr. Kelly presented them with a picture from the Tomato Bowl groundbreaking and a small bucket of Tomato Bowl grass. He thanked them for their service to the students of JISD and to the community.

E. REPORTS / DISCUSSION / INFORMATION

1. *Bond Construction Update*
Shane Johnson and J.D. from Jackson Construction presented a brief update. They received some competitive proposals last Thursday, January 18th. All 155 bids are being analyzed and tracking to be under budget. They will have their first meeting with Claycomb and Dr. Kelly on Wednesday, January 31st, to accept the GMP. There also might be a possible delay with overhead power lines at the CTE Facility. They are working with Oncor and it might be the middle of March before they begin.
2. *Annual CTE (Career & Tech Education) Report*
Jeffrey Boyd presented the board with the Annual CTE (Career & Technology Education) Report. He briefly explained what courses made up the CTE program and informed the Board of the growth of each class from the previous year to this school year. They are excited to get the renovations started and completed for the CTE facility. This will help the program flourish even more than it is now.
3. *UIL Elementary Academic Competition*
Lisa Cox reported on the results of the UIL Elementary Level Competition that was held on January 10th. This is the 3rd year for them to hold this competition for 2nd-5th grade. The four JISD elementary campuses competed against each other in spelling, creative writing, ready writing, oral reading, storytelling, dictionary skills, number sense, music memory, art, social studies, listening skills and chess. The overall UIL winner was East Side Elementary and second place, being only 5 points behind, was Fred Douglass Elementary.
4. *Election Dates for May 2018 School Board Election*
Calah Moake reported on dates pertinent to the 2018 School Board Election.

Dates for the May 2018 election are:

- Date of Election: May 5, 2018, 7am-7pm, Jacksonville Public Library
- Early Voting Period: April 23 - May 1, 2017, 8am-5pm. Jacksonville Public Library
- Board Places Up for Election: Places 5, 6 and 7 (all 3 years)
- Candidate Application Period: January 17 – February 16, 2018; 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday

5. *Review Policy FMH(LOCAL) Relating to Student Activities Commencement*
This policy lists what is required of students to be able to participate in commencement activities. They are given the option to complete a project instead of taking the EOC test after several attempts to pass the test. They are able to take the EOC a total of 10 times, starting Freshman year. However, completing this project does not allow the student to walk the stage with their fellow classmates. They begin the project the Spring of their Senior year and have to complete all necessary work to be able to graduate. The Board discussed considering an alternate Graduation in August for graduates who completed the project but did not pass the EOC. There will be further review over this policy.

F. ACTION

1. *2018 JISD Trustee Election*
 - a. *Consider and Adopt Order to call Trustee Election for May 5, 2018*
 - b. *Consider and Approve Joint Election Agreement with City of Jacksonville for May 5, 2018 Election in Compliance with Texas Election Code 271.002 and 271.003.*
A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Dean Dublin to adopt the Order to Call a Trustee Election for May 5, 2018 and to approve the joint election agreement with the City of Jacksonville for the May 5, 2018 election as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Travis, McCown, Traylor, Verhelle, and Hoffpauir
Nays: None
2. *Consider and Adopt Resolution of Annual Review of JISD Investment Policy*
A motion was made by Blaine Verhelle and a second by Michael Hoffpauir to Adopt the Resolution of Annual Review of JISD Investment Policy as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Horton, McCown, Traylor, Dublin, and Travis
Nays: None
3. *Consider and Approve Consent Agenda*
A motion was made by Micah Hoffpauir and a second by Michael Traylor to approve the consent agenda consisting of: minutes from the December 18, 2017 regular meeting; monthly investment report; monthly finance reports; ADA Summary Report; Current Amended Budget Report; tax refund request to Eric Lewis in the amount of \$586.00; tax refund request to Melvin Freida in the amount of \$1,393.45; and tax refund request to Melvin Freida in the amount of \$1,554.29..
Yeas: Messrs. Travis, McCown, Dublin, Verhelle and Horton
Nays: None

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were 3 ladies that signed the public comments sheet: Jennifer Swedoski, Susan Mouser and Jennifer Lenke. They all signed up to speak about IGC; graduation. Jennifer Swedoski is the Head of the English Department, EOC Coordinator, at JHS. She stated that the IGC projects are difficult for the students, more difficult than the actual EOC exam and they are not allowed to instruct the

students. She also explained that every student must pass 5 EOC tests to be able to graduate but they are only allowed to complete 2 IGC projects.

Susan Mouser teaches Seniors at JHS and stated that the project is not a blow-off for these students, it is embarrassing for them. She also explained that most of these students do not have the skills to take tests.

Jennifer Lenke teaches, English is a 2nd Language class, at JHS. She teaches immigrants and stated that these are some of the hardest working students but do not have the skills that they need to take exams.

H. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

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

Todd Travis
Board President

Blaine Verhelle
Board Secretary