



**Jacksonville Independent School District  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
July 27, 2015  
Minutes**

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The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on July 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. for a Budget Workshop followed by an Executive Session at 6:00 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, Dean Dublin, Randy McCown, Al Chavira and Cassie Devillier; Superintendent: Dr. Chad Kelly

Absent: Blaine Verhelle

**1. 5:00 PM – BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**A. CALL TO ORDER – BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Board President, Todd Travis, announced that a quorum was present, that the Budget Workshop was duly called, and that notice of the workshop had been posted for the time and in the manner as required by law.

**B. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS PERTAINING TO 2015-16 JISD BUDGET**

Lindy Finley presented the proposed 2015-2016 budget and explained budget allocations. Ms. Finley presented a general fund budget of \$38,771,220.

Included in the proposed General Fund Budget is a teacher scale increase with a beginning teacher salary of \$36,500. Also proposed is a 3% salary increase for all other staff.

Ms. Finley proposed 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 5.55 percent increase in the tax rate.

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

Following the discussion on the preliminary budget for 2015-2016, the workshop was adjourned.

**2. 6:00 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In Executive Session the Board met from 6:01 p.m. until 6:28 p.m. to discuss:

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

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

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

**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. CONSIDER ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No action was taken by the Board on any item discussed in closed session.

**D. BOND and CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

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

- (79.7% complete)
- Interior ceramic tile installing
- Interior paint finishes nearing completion
- Exterior windows and glazing installed
- KalWall panels and skylights installed
- Kitchen equipment startup
- Ceiling grids tile installing
- Gym flooring installed
- Next: interior casework installation; gym bleacher installation; completion of paint and ceramic tile; landscaping and irrigation; roofing trip; interior finishes

**E. REPORTS / INFORMATION / DISCUSSIONS**

**1. JISD Transportation Department Annual 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 2014-15, and goals for 2015-16.

**2. Community and Student Engagement Report as Required by HB5**

Judy Terry reported that House Bill 5 requires all districts to evaluate and rate their district and campus performance annually in community and student engagement. JISD appointed a district committee which established criteria and rated each campus and the district in nine different areas. These ratings were submitted to TEA through PEIMS in June and will be made public in August.

**3. Discussion of District Issued Textbooks**

Board members were advised that the social studies textbook is up for adoption this year and that the District intends to buy several textbooks to keep in the library for student checkout purposes rather than purchasing a textbook per student. This decision was made due to current curriculum being based on TEKS rather than textbooks. Board members indicated that they support this decision.

**F. ACTION**

**1. Consider and Adopt 2015-2016 JISD Student Code of Conduct**

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Dean Dublin to adopt the 2015-2015 Student Code of Conduct.

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

Nays: None

**2. 2015-2016 PDAS (Professional Development Assessment System)**

**a. Consider and Approve PDAS Appraisers for 2015-2016**

**b. Consider and Adopt PDAS Calendar for 2015-2016**

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Randy McCown to approve the 2015-2016 list of PDAS appraisers as presented and adopt the 2015-2016 PDAS Calendar as presented.

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

Nays: None

**3. Consider and Approve Interlocal Purchasing Agreement Between JISD and Choice Partners**

A motion was made by Cassie Devillier and a second by Jeff Horton to approve the interlocal purchasing contract with Choice Partners as presented.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Dublin, McCown and Chavira

Nays: None

**4. Consider and Approve Memorandum of Understanding Effective July 31, 2014 through July 31, 2015 Between Rusk State Hospital and JISD Regarding Transportation for Emergency Evacuation**

There was no action taken on this item at this time due to pending requests for further information.

**5. Consider and Set August 31, 2015 as the Date and 6:30 p.m. as the Time for a Public Hearing to Discuss Proposed 2015-16 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate**

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Dean Dublin to set August 31, 2015 as the date and 5:30pm as the time for a Public Hearing to discuss proposed 2015-16 budget and proposed tax rate

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

Nays: None

**6. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Al Chavira and a second by Jeff Horton to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the June 15, 2015 regular meeting, monthly investment report, month financial reports, ADA Summary Report, Current Amended Budget Report, and tax refund request in the amount of \$4902.53 to Lakeshore Partnership Investments.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Dublin, McCown 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.

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Todd Travis  
Board President

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Blaine Verhelle  
Board Secretary