



**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
August 31, 2015
Minutes**

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on August 31, 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, Blaine Verhelle, Dean Dublin, Randy McCown, Al Chavira and Cassie Devillier; Superintendent: Dr. Chad Kelly

Absent: None

1. 5:30 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION

In Executive Session the Board met from 5:31 p.m. until 6:27 p.m. to discuss:

- A. Call to Order – Executive Session
- B. Legal Matters, Student Discipline and Other Items for Closed Session
- C. Hiring, Termination/Retirement, or Transfer of Professional Personnel
 - 1. Complaint to SBEC on Abandonment of Contract – Season Caughlin
- D. Adjournment – Executive 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

A motion was made by Randy McCown and a second by Blaine Verhelle to authorize the Superintendent to file a complaint to SBEC on abandonment of contract by Season Caughlin.

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

Nays: None

D. Recognition and Acknowledgements

- 1. **TASB Leadership:** Mr. Paul Bingham, a member of the TASB Leadership Board and TASB Leadership Alumni Association, congratulated JISD Board President, Todd Travis, on his completion of and graduation from the TASB Leadership Academy. He presented Mr. Travis with a certificate and announced that he is now a lifetime member of the TASB Leadership Alumni.

2. **JISD Lead Custodians:** Associate Superintendent, Lindy Finley, complimented and thanked the group of custodians for their accomplishments at the JISD facilities. A certificate of recognition by the Board was presented to each member of the group.
3. **JHS Participants – Texas Boys State:** JHS Assistant Principal, Ben Peacock, address the audience explaining the Texas Boys State program sponsored through the American Legion. The two representatives from JHS, Bryan De La Rosa and Evan Murphy, briefly highlighted their experience at the event. A certificate of recognition by the Board was presented to the two students.
4. **JHS Cheerleaders and Charmers:** JHS Principal, Karen Kubara, reported on the achievements over the summer of both the JHS Cheerleaders and Charmers. All of these students attended the board meeting and were presented with certificates of recognition from the Board.

E. Public Hearing to Discuss Proposed 2015-16 Budget and Tax Rate

The board president called the hearing to order. Lindy Finley presented the proposed 2015-2016 budget and explained budget allocations. The total budget of \$46,887,472 includes a balanced General Fund budget of \$37,656,165, a balanced Food Service budget of \$2,878,500 and a balanced Debt Service budget comprised of \$5,251,807.

Included in the proposed General Fund Budget is an increase for entry level teachers of \$1,500 resulting in a first year teacher annual salary of \$36,500. All teachers currently employed will receive a minimum increase of \$1,280 annually (a 3% increase of the mid-point of the current scale). Also included is a 3% salary increase of the midpoint for each pay grade for other professional, paraprofessional, secretaries and auxiliary staff. The starting rate for bus drivers was increased to \$13.25.

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 5.95 percent increase in the tax rate.

F. Public Hearing on 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 that 72 more students passed the summer EOC.

G. 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:

- (99% complete)

- Ahead: punch list (complete in next 3 weeks); trophy cases

E. REPORTS / INFORMATION / DISCUSSIONS

1. Report on Preliminary 2014-15 Accountability Ratings

Lisa Cox presented a chart reflecting the JISD campus accountability ratings for 2014-15.

Campus	Ratings	Distinctions	Safeguards*
District	Met Standard	N/A	91%
JHS	Met Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Achievement in Mathematics • Top 25% Closing Performance Gaps • Postsecondary Readiness 	95%
JMS	Met Standard	0	81%
Nichols	Met Standard	0	72%
East Side	Met Standard	0	100%
West Side	Met Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Achievement in Mathematics • Top 25% Closing Performance Gaps 	100%
Joe Wright	Met Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 25% Closing Performance Gaps • Postsecondary Readiness 	100%
Fred Douglass	Met Standard	0	100%
Compass Center	Not Rated	N/A	N/A

*Safeguards consists of 4 criteria:

- Performance / Participation / Graduation Rate / Federal Special Education Assessments
- Must meet 100% of criteria or address in Campus/District Plan

2. Establish Board Goals and Superintendent Performance Goals for 2015-2016

After a brief discussion, board members decided to establish goals at the September board meeting.

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 Proposed 2015-16 Budget

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Cassie Devillier to adopt the 2015-2016 Budget as presented.

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

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 5.95 Percent Increase in the Tax Rate

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Dean Dublin that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 1.3950, which is effectively a 5.95 percent increase in the tax rate.

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

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 Dean Dublin to adopt the Resolution approving commitment of general and special revenue funds unassigned fund balances.

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

Nays: None

4. Consider and Authorize Superintendent to Enter Into A Contract with Claycomb Associates Architects to Provide Architectural and Engineering Services for Additions and Renovations to Mauldin Field

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Al Chavira to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Claycomb Associates Architects to provide architectural and engineering services for additions and renovations to Mauldin Field.

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

Nays: None

5. Consider and Adopt Amendments to DEC(LOCAL) Policy: Compensation and Benefits – Leaves and Absences

A motion was made by Cassie Devillier and a second by Randy McCown to adopt the amendments to DEC(LOCAL) policy as presented.

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

Nays: None

6. 2015-2016 Application For Expedited Modified Schedule State Assessment Testing Days Waiver

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Jeff Horton to approve the application to T.E.A. for an expedited modified schedule for state assessment testing days for 2015-2016..

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

Nays: None

7. Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Blaine Verhelle to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the July 27, 2015 budget workshop and regular meeting; monthly investment report; monthly financial reports; Budget Amendment 15-06; Current Amended Budget Report, and tax refund request in the amount of \$572.71 to Lyn and Michael Ousley..

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Horton, McCown, 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