



**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
December 14, 2015
Minutes**

The Board of Education of the Jacksonville Independent School District, State of Texas, met on December 14, 2015 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 5:31 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
- C. Board Self Evaluation Instrument

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

There was no action taken by the Board on any items discussed during Executive Session.

D. Acknowledgements / Awards

1. *Empowerment Academy Graduation Presentation*

The Board, audience and family members witnessed the first graduate of the JISD Empowerment Academy receive his diploma from Principal, David Adams.

2. *Fred Douglass Bilingual Program*

Students from the Bilingual Program at Fred Douglass Elementary performed a short presentation on their bilingual program to the Board in both Spanish and English.

3. *JISD Food Service Managers*

Lindy Finley acknowledged Food Service Director, Clay Carter, and his administrative staff including the campus food service managers. She added

that the Food Service Department had just completed a state review with no findings and accredited this report to their hard work and diligence.

4. *Business Office Personnel*

Lindy Finley acknowledged the entire Business Office staff and thanked them for their dedication and hard work. She added that the staff is a major part of why the district enjoys clean audits each year.

5. *Administrative Retirement Acknowledgements*

Dr. Kelly and board members acknowledged the upcoming December 31st retirement for long-time district administrators, Judy Terry and Olen Morton, and thanked them for their many years of dedication and service to JISD.

E. Public Hearing on 2014-15 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR)

1. *Call to Order*

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

2. *Presentation of 2014-15 TAPR*

Lisa Cox explained that the TAPR report is an important part of the accountability process and is a compilation of the various reports given to the Board throughout the year. She presented highlights of the seven sections of the annual report. A copy of the TAPR must be kept or posted at the Central Office; each school library; the public library, and the JISD website.

3. *Public Comments/Questions Regarding TAPR Report*

There were no comments or questions from the audience or board members following the presentation.

4. *Adjournment of Public Hearing*

There being no further discussion of the TAPR, the public hearing was adjourned.

F. Public Hearing on Schools F.I.R.S.T. (Financial Accountability Rating System)

1. *Call to Order*

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

2. *Overview of Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)*

Lindy Finley presented a PowerPoint slide show reflecting the indicators involved in figuring the 2014-2015 F.I.R.S.T. rating for school districts based on 2013-14 data. The F.I.R.S.T. system is implementing changes over a three year period to determining ratings. JISD received a "Superior" rating the prior twelve years, and this type of rating has changed and is now based on seven indicators versus twenty indicators used previously.

3. *FIRST Rating for JISD for 2014-15*

Ms. Finley reported that the F.I.R.S.T. ratings are:

- 16-30 = Passed
- Below 16 = Substandard Achievement

JISD received a perfect 30 and passed.

4. *Public Comments on FIRST Report*

There were no questions from the audience or board members following the presentation. Ms. Finley was acknowledged for her successful financial management of the district.

5. *Adjournment*

There being no further business, the public hearing was adjourned.

G. 2014-15 JISD Financial Audit

1. *Presentation of 2014-2015 JISD Financial Audit*

Financial Auditor, Rachel Payne of Robinson & Payne, presented the 2014-15 JISD Financial Audit and discussed various areas of the audit. She reported an unqualified clean audit with no findings.

2. *Consider and Approve 2014-15 JISD Financial Audit As Presented*

A motion was made by Blaine Verhelle and a second by Cassie Devillier to approve the 2014-2015 JISD Financial Audit as presented.

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

Nays: None

H. Reports / Discussions / Information

1. *Construction Update*

a. *JISD Multipurpose Complex*

Jeff Edwards of Claycomb & Associates Architects gave a brief update on the JISD Multipurpose Complex:

- Slab completed
- Storm sewer on-going
- Steel erection on-going
- Next: steel erection; CMU masonry installation; concrete slab at new corridor; complete site utilities and storm sewer

b. *Howard Cook Field Renovations*

Dr. Kelly reported that sealed bids on the Howard Cook Field renovation project are due soon. They will be opened and analyzed and the Committee will bring a recommendation to the Board for action at the January board meeting.

2. *LEA Public Report of Progress In Meeting Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements for 2015-16*

Brad Stewart reported that T.E.A. has rated JISD at 99.28% in meeting the Highly Qualified Teacher requirements for 2015-16. Within the district, all

campuses are rated at 100% except JHS which has a pending bilingual certification that is expected to be completed this month.

3. *Report on Continuing Education Credit Status of Board Members to be Reported at Last Board Meeting of Calendar Year as Mandated by State*
Mr. Travis reported that all Board members have met and/or exceeded the continuing education requirements for board members with the exception of new board member Micah Hoffpaur who joined the Board in mid-November.
4. *Reminder for Changed January-February Board Meeting Dates*
Board members were reminded that the January and February board meeting dates have been changed to accommodate holidays.
 - January 18th (Monday) changed to January 19th (Tuesday)
 - February 15th (Monday) changed to February 16th (Tuesday)
5. *Discussion of Amending DEC(LOCAL) Policy: Compensation and Benefits – Leaves and Absences*
Tina Stewart informed Board members that JISD Administration is recommending changes in DEC(LOCAL) policy to reflect the number of sick leave days earned by employees:
 - 10 Month Employees – 5 sick leave days per school year
 - 11 Month Employees – 6 sick leave days per school year
 - 12 Month Employees – 7 sick leave days per school year
 - Local unused sick leave days shall accumulate to a maximum of 60 daysBoard members agreed with the recommendation and will take action to amend the local policy at the January board meeting.
6. *Public Auction Update*
Troy Parker reported that the recent online JISD auction earned \$41,375 from the sale of 84 lots which included all but one of the old West Side Elementary portable buildings.

F. ACTION

1. *Discuss and Consider Naming of JISD Gymnasium Located at 811 Farnsworth*
A motion was made by Randy McCown and a second by Jeff Horton to name the JISD Gymnasium located at 811 Farnsworth the John Alexander Gymnasium in honor of former JHS Basketball Coach, John Alexander.
Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Verhelle, Chavira, Hoffpaur and Ms. Devillier
Nays: None
2. *Consider and Approve Signage for JHS Multipurpose Complex*
A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Cassie Devillier to approve the signage as presented for the JHS Multipurpose Complex.
Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Verhelle, McCown, Chavira and Hoffpaur
Nays: None

3. *Consider and Adopt Superintendent Evaluation Instrument*
A motion was made by Blaine Verhelle and a second by Cassie Devillier to adopt the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Horton, McCown, Chavira and Hoffpauir
Nays: None

4. *Consider and Approve Consent Agenda*
A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Blaine Verhelle to approve the consent agenda consisting of: board minutes from the November 11, 2015 Special Meeting and November 16, 2015 Regular Meeting; monthly investment report; monthly financial reports; current amended budget report; ADA summary report; maintenance and technology work orders for September through November 2015; and a donation of \$3650 to the Special Education Department from Mostyn & Moreno Educational Foundation, Inc.
Yeas: Messrs. Travis, McCown, Chavira, Hoffpauir and Ms. Devillier
Nays: None

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board of Trustees.

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 special meeting was adjourned.

Todd Travis
Board President

Blaine Verhelle
Board Secretary