



**Jacksonville Independent School District
Board of Trustees Public Hearing/Regular Meeting
August 28, 2017
Minutes**

A Regular Meeting including public hearings of the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville ISD was held Monday, August 28, 2017, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Board Room, JISD Administration Bldg., 800 College Avenue, Jacksonville, Texas.

Present: Todd Travis, Jeff Horton, Blaine Verhelle, Randy McCown, Michael Traylor, Dean Dublin, and Micah Hoffpauir; Superintendent: Dr. Chad Kelly
Absent: None

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. Level 3 Grievance Hearing Brought by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Arrington Concerning an Employee at Nichols Intermediate School
- B. Hiring, Termination/Retirement, or Transfer of Professional Personnel
 - 1. Monthly Professional Personnel Report
 - 2. Complaint to SBEC on Abandonment of Contract By Stephanie Harry
- C. Legal Matters, Student Discipline, and Real Property
- D. Superintendent Compensation and Contract Modifications

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 Make a Complaint to SBEC on Abandonment of Contract by Stephanie Harry*

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Blaine Verhelle to authorize Superintendent to make a complaint to SBEC on abandonment of contract by Stephanie Harry.

Yeas: Travis, McCown, Traylor, Hoffpauir and Dublin

Nays: None

2. *Consider and Approve Superintendent Compensation and Contract Modifications*

A motion was made by Micah Hoffpauir and a second by Randy McCown to approve Superintendent compensation in the amount of \$173,500 and contract modifications to Chapter 21 as presented.

Yeas: Travis, Traylor, Dublin, Horton and Verhelle

Nays: None

D. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS PROPOSED 2017-18 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 2017-18 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate*

Lindy Finley reported a proposed total budget for 2017-18 of \$50,109,181 which is composed of the General Fund budget (80%), the Food Service budget (6%) and the Debt Service budget (14%).

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 \$.425 for a total tax rate of 1.465, which is effectively a 8.57 percent increase in the tax rate.

Ms. Finley also explained the compensation plan that all pay grades increased 3% of the midpoint. Then she went over the Capital Outlay in Budget being; 2 buses, upgrade to fuel pump system, new mower and technology replacement on some projectors, document cameras and interactive boards. There will also be a few one time purchases: classroom/network management system, lighting for the auditorium, district radio system – Digital, and a maintenance truck.

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

There were no questions on the proposed 2017-18 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.

E. 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 101 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.

F. REPORTS / DISCUSSION / INFORMATION

1. *Report on Preliminary 2016-17 State Accountability Ratings*

Lisa Cox reported that the preliminary State Accountability Ratings have been released and the final ratings will come towards the end of the semester, which will be presented to the Board for the Annual Report. The A-F rating system has been voted out and now there are 7 possible distinctions that the district and each campus can receive. The 2016-17 JISD Distinctions include: 2 for East Side Elementary, 1 for Fred Douglass Elementary, 1 for West Side Elementary, 3 for Joe Wright Elementary, 1 for JMS and 2 for JHS.

2. *Purchases Exceeding \$50,000*

Troy Parker reported to the Board that there were no single-item purchases made this month that exceeded \$50,000.

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

There were no donations for board approval.

H. ACTION

1. *Consider and Adopt Proposed 2017-18 Budget*

A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Michael Traylor to adopt the proposed 2017-18 budget as presented.

Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Verhelle, McCown, Dublin and Hoffpaur

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 .425 for a Total Rate of 1.4650, Which is Effectively a 8.57 Percent Increase in the Tax Rate*

A motion was made by Micah Hoffpaur and a second by Dean Dublin to approve the Ordinance adopting a Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of 1.04 and an Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of .425 for a Total Tax Rate of 1.4650, which is effectively a 8.57 percent increase in the Tax Rate as presented.

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

Nays: None

3. *Consider and Adopt Resolution Approving Commitment of General and Special Revenue Funds Unassigned Fund Balances*
A motion was made by Blaine Verhelle and a second by Dean Dublin to adopt the Resolution Approving Commitment of General and Special Revenue Funds Unassigned Fund Balances as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Horton, McCown, Traylor and Hoffpaur
Nays: None

4. *Consider and Approve Budget Amendment #17-05*
A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Micah Hoffpaur to approve Budget Amendment #17-05 as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Verhelle, McCown, Traylor and Horton
Nays: None

5. *Consider and Approve JHS Attendance Incentive Plan for 2017-18*
A motion was made by Micah Hoffpaur and a second by Dean Dublin to approve the JHS Attendance Incentive Plan for 2017-18 as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Horton, McCown, Traylor and Verhelle
Nays: None

6. *Consider and Approve JMS Attendance Incentive Plan for 2017-18*
A motion was made by Michael Traylor and a second by Blaine Verhelle to approve the JMS Attendance Incentive Plan for 2017-18 as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Horton, McCown, Dublin and Hoffpaur
Nays: None

7. *Consider and Approve the 2017-18 JISD Student Code of Conduct*
A motion was made by Jeff Horton and a second by Michael Traylor to approve the 2017-18 JISD Student Code of conduct as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Travis, Verhelle, McCown, Dublin and Hoffpaur
Nays: None

8. *Consider and Approve the Tests that JISD is Prepared to Use to Determine Student's Mastery of Essential Knowledge and Skills Based on EHDB(LOCAL)*
A motion was made by Dean Dublin and a second by Blaine Verhelle to approve the tests that JISD is prepared to use to determine the mastery of knowledge and skills based on EHDB(LOCAL) policy as presented.
Yeas: Messrs. Travis, McCown, Hoffpaur, Horton and Traylor
Nays: None

9. *Consider and Approve Consent Agenda*
A motion was made by Blaine Verhelle and a second by Dean Dublin to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the July 17, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, July 24, 2017 Budget Workshop and August 7, 2017 Special Meeting; monthly investment report; monthly financial reports; Current Amended Budget

Report; ADA Summary Report; tax refund request to John Holman in the amount of \$816.97; required safety audits by the Texas Education Code for the 2014-2017 cycle.

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

Nays: None

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed to address the Board.

J. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – BOARD MEMBERS

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

K. CLOSED SESSION CONTINUATION, IF NEEDED

No continuation of closed was needed.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Todd Travis, President

Blaine Verhelle, Secretary