



BOARD NOTES - May 21, 2007

The JISD Board of Trustees met for a **Special Meeting to Canvass** at 5:00pm and a **Regular Meeting** on May 21, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafetorium of Fred Douglass Elementary School. All board members were present for the meetings.

SPECIAL MEETING TO CANVASS

Board President, Dr. Larry Folden, called the meeting to order and announced that the meeting had been called to Canvass the results of the May 12, 2007 JISD School Board Election. Dr. Folden asked board members James Houser and Dale Jamerson to canvass and verify the results. With Tally Lists and the Return Sheet balancing, the following results that were originally announced on May 12, 2007 were made official:

PLACE 1		PLACE 2	
Jim Tarrant, Jr.	548	Ken Smith	75
James (Jimmy) Lee Huggins	78	Sarah J. Robinson	246
Robert Douglas	257	Pat McCown	448
		Don B. Gateley	152

There being no further business in this Special Meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING

The JISD Board of Trustees met in a Regular Meeting at 6:30p.m. Prior to the swearing in of the two new board members, Jim Tarrant and Pat McCown, Dr. Folden presented exiting board members, Roy Darby and Sean McRight, with a plaque of appreciation and thanked them for their dedication and service. The new board members were then administered the Oath of Office by Notary Public, Connie Pope, and took their places at the Board table.

Preliminary TAKS Results

Judy Terry presented to the Board the preliminary 2006-2007 TAKS results. Based on these preliminary results, the District and campuses are projected to be rated as follows:

	Projected Rating	Reading / L. Arts	Writing	Math	Science	Social Studies
District*	Acceptable	89%	92%	72%	66%	87%
East Side Elem.	Recognized	96%	97%	88%	n/a	n/a
West Side Elem.	Recognized	96%	100%	92%	n/a	n/a
Fred Douglass	Acceptable	83%	80%	82%	n/a	n/a
Joe Wright Elem.	Acceptable	83%	96%	79%	n/a	n/a
Nichols Inter.	Acceptable	90%	n/a	86%	68%	n/a
Middle School	Acceptable	83%	92%	71%	69%	83%
High School	Acceptable	87%	n/a	63%	66%	91%
Compass Center*	*different standard - must pass 45% of tests given					

*When compared to the 2005-2006 results, 79% of the 359 areas showed improvement.

Acknowledgements

- Retiring employees were recognized and presented with retirement awards as well as those employees receiving certificates and monetary incentives for 5 year increments of service to JISD.
- Carol Shields and Lynne Bullock presented the 21st Century Teaching Award for May 2007 to Jacksonville Middle School and complimented Principal, Lisa Hancock, and her staff for using technology to teach their students. Dr. Folden presented Ms. Hancock with a framed certificate and thanked her and her staff for their contribution to teaching students.

Action

- Reorganization of the Board: nominations were heard for the full slate of Larry Folden for President, Pat McCown for Vice President, and Joe Casey for Secretary. The Board voted unanimously to approve this reorganization.
- approved the following vendor bids for the following products for the 2007-08 school year:
Milk – Oak Farms; Bread – Flower’s Bakery; Ice Cream – Borden’s
- approved Letter of Engagement of Auditor from Robinson & Williams for 2007-08 Fiscal Year
- approved Troy Parker as JISD Record Management Officer
- approved Resolution with TexPool Adding Troy Parker as an authorized representative
- approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Health & Human Services Commission to participate in the MAC Program
- approved purchase of carpet and/or tile from Winn Tile Company in the amount of \$122,255.05 for Fred Douglass Elementary, East Side Elementary, and JHS
- approved purchase of replacement toilet partitions from Rocky Duron Company in the amount of \$30,053 for partial replacements at Fred Douglass Elementary, East Side Elementary, West Side Elementary, Joe Wright Elementary and Central Office
- approved Easement and Right of Way Agreement with TXU
- approved District to sell the residential duplex structure to be removed from JISD property adjacent to Joe Wright Elementary School
- set Budget Workshop for June 18, 2007 at 5:00pm to precede 6:30 p.m. regular June board meeting
- set June 5, 2007 at 6:00pm at 2610 Aqua Vista for Summer Board Retreat
- approved professional personnel recommendations from Superintendent

Reports

- Jan Hill reported to Board members that the District is purchasing Renaissance software for AR programs and Follett software for school libraries for the District. She added that these programs are being purchased with federal funds and do not require approval from the Board; however, local policy dictates that the Board be advised of purchases over \$25,000.
- Superintendent’s Report:
 - Mr. Bird reported that the following JISD teachers were selected by radio station KOOI to receive Golden Apple Teacher Awards at a banquet held May 11, 2007. 106 teachers from the East Texas area were selected from nominations from students, parents and co-workers.
 - Kandie Bruckner – Social Studies @ JHS
 - Patricia Harrison – Science @ JMS
 - Gloria Pinuelas – PK @ West Side Elementary
 - Brandi Norris – 1st Grade @ West Side Elementary

- Mr. Bird also announced that Jordan Burdine, JHS student, has entered the Expo Makeover Your Classroom Essay Contest and won \$500 for herself and \$1000 for her English classroom headed by Betty Gracie.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (OPEN FORUM)

A parent from Joe Wright Elementary School addressed the Board with concerns about the recently adopted Standardized Dress Code and how it is affecting some parents. She stated that she and other parents have questions about which local retailers will be stocking the required clothing and about the prices. Additionally she inquired if the District would be giving any financial help to those in need to help buy the required clothing. Although it is not policy to respond in Open Forum one board member asked if he may address the issue as an individual parent regarding availability and pricing of the clothing. He stated that he had already gone shopping at local retailers for his three children and found clothing meeting the requirements at very inexpensive prices. He added that he would be happy to visit with her in the future on an individual basis to share clothing availability and pricing information. Mr. Bird added that the District is not able to help parents financially but hopes that donations will come in from the community to help some parents sustain initial costs.

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