

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
December 18, 2023
310 East 18th Street
Joshua, Texas
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

President Ronnie Galbreath called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. A quorum was present and the notice of the meeting had been posted in the manner and for the time required by law. Other members present were Gene Loflin, Kevin Lee, Cody Lee, Hunter Byrd and Myra Pruitt. Nini Wilson was absent.

BOARD WORKSHOP

- A. Superintendent Reports
- B. Agenda Items
- C. School Budget
- D. Safety Update
- E. Review of District's Monthly Activities
- F. Monthly Data for Board Goal Action Plan 3.5

REGULAR MEETING - OPENING CEREMONIES

President Galbreath called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE

North Joshua Elementary School students, Mira Ott and Ife Olukotun, led the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the District Vision Statement.

The Board enjoyed a special performance by the North Joshua choir.

PUBLIC HEARING- opened 6:43 P.M.

A Public Hearing was conducted to give opportunity for consultation and comment on the College, Career and Military Readiness Plan. Hearing closed at 6:50 P.M.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

The Board Members received information on enrollment, attendance, and ADA report, a report from the child nutrition department, a property tax collection summary, monthly financial reports, a monthly and year to date status of special revenue funds summary, a quarterly cash and investment report, a copy of the November check register, information from the JISD police department, a calendar of district events, the fall athletic scorecard and a campus presentation from North Joshua Elementary School.

RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Board recognized the Joshua varsity volleyball team for their incredible season, where they hit many milestones. This year they had the highest finish in the Granbury Tournament in program history losing to the state champions in the semi-finals. They had the highest district finish in 11 years and had the winningest season in program history at 27-19. This team also made another playoff berth, making it the 5th appearance in 6 seasons. The varsity players recognized were: Cloey Dress, Trinity Smith, Payton Koller, Evi Walker, Tyler Pool, Kyndall Bethell, Tabitha Irvin, Kymber Brooks, Ashlynn Porter, Natalia Belisle, Kallie Connelly, Gabriella Maldonado, Addison Litke, Morgan Collier, Reagan Koller and Braedyn Holland.

The Board recognized members of the Spirit of Joshua band for making history at the Region 30 TMEA All Region Band auditions. The band had 32 members earn seats (up from 23 as the previous high). Making the freshman band were Ian Bauer, Mathew Carter, Mariana Dominguez, Demetrius Folsom, Tobias Hollman, Lucas Hutto, Aubree Moore, Daniella Reyes, Zoe Smith, and Amaya Washington. Making the Concert Band were Allison, Boyanton, Julian Bustamante, Kellan Flanigan, Arfan Hossain, Thandeka Kabo, Caden Moran, Austin Rees, Lauren Rogers, Jacob Pena, Stetson

Turnbeaugh, and Addison Zelazny. Making the Symphonic Band were Esther Aguirre, Luke Breedlove, Joey Buhl, Martin Castillo, Jaxon Dial, Layton Haydin, Riley Husch, Noah Johnson, Melody Sanchez, Nickolas Smith, and Shane Waits. In addition, seven members are moving on to the area round to compete for a seat in the TMEA All State Band. They are Luke Breedlove, Joey Buhl, Jaxon Dial, Layton Haydin, Riley Husch, Nickolas Smith, and Shane Waits.

Joshua ISD Police Officer, Twila Belmares, was issued a Certificate of Commendation from Chief Hoschar. Commander Larry Sparks from Burleson Police Department's S.T.O.P. Special Crimes Unit, attended the meeting to inform the Board of Officer Belmares' acts of compassion and kindness he witnessed during a difficult situation involving an injured canine in front of Caddo Grove Elementary School.

PUBLIC FORUM – Greg Cooper addressed the board regarding the Central Appraisal District vote from last month's meeting. He thanked the board for the choice they made on how and who to allocate their votes for.

PUBLIC COMMENT – no one signed up for public comment.

SUBJECTS:

- Subject A Consider Consent Agenda Items
Motion by Myra Pruitt and Second by Cody Lee to approve the minutes of November 13, 2023, November 16, 2023 and November 29, 2023 meetings, Budget Amendments, Accounts Payable and Purchases Over \$50,000. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject B Consider Financial Audit for the 2022-2023 School Year
Motion by Gene Loflin and second by Kevin Lee to approve the 2022-2023 school year Financial Audit Report as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject C Consider TASB Update 122 Affecting Local Policies: CQB (LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES CYBERSECURITY; CSA (LOCAL): FACILITY STANDARDS SAFETY AND SECURITY; DC (LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES; EHB (LOCAL): CURRICULUM DESIGN SPECIAL PROGRAMS; EHBC (LOCAL): SPECIAL PROGRAMS COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS; EHBCA (LOCAL): COMPENSATORY SERVICES AND INTENSIVE PROGRAMS ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION; FEA (LOCAL): ATTENDANCE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE; FFAC (LOCAL): WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES MEDICAL TREATMENT; FFB (LOCAL): STUDENT WELFARE CRISIS INTERVENTION; FL (LOCAL): STUDENT RECORDS
Motion by Hunter Byrd and second by Myra Pruitt to approve the revisions to Joshua ISD local policies recommended in Update 122. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject D Consider Approval of the U.S. Department of Labor 2023 Prevailing Wage Rates for Johnson County for District Construction Projects
Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Cody Lee to approve this item and adopt the U.S. Department of Labor's Prevailing Wage Rates for Johnson County, Texas as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject E Consider Approval of the Teachworthy Elevate Memorandum of Understanding
Motion by Kevin Lee and second by Hunter Byrd to approve the Teachworthy Elevate Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried 6-0.

7:11 P.M. The board convened in a closed session to discuss items authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.001-551.084.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A) Consultation with the Board's Attorney
- B) Discussion of Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property
- C) Discussion of Personnel to Consider Compensation, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Contract Extensions, Resignations, Dismissal, and/or Leave of Absence Requests
 - 1. Resignation/Retirement
 - 2. Employment
- D) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests an open hearing, including:

1. Consider seeking sanctions against teacher's certification for contract abandonment.

9:00 P.M. The Board returned to open session to act on items discussed in Executive Session.

A. Consider Employee's Resignation Without Good Cause and Proposed Complaint to the State Board of Educator's Certification for Abandonment of Contract

Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Gene Loflin to accept Superintendent Hickerson's recommendation and that:

1. The Board makes a finding that good cause did not exist under Texas Education Code section 21.210 for Jamie Alford's resignation of her probationary contract for the 2023-2024 school year;
2. The Administration and Board did not consent to her resignation;
3. Jamie Alford has failed to perform her contract; and
4. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to file a complaint with the State Board of Education Certification to seek sanctions for her abandonment of her contract.

Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Hickerson announced the following resignations were accepted: Zoe Griffin and Seth Rivard.

Motion made by Myra Pruitt and Second by Cody Lee to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

9:02 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

Date

Ronnie Galbreath, President

Gene Loflin, Secretary