

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
November 13, 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 Nini Wilson, Kevin Lee, Cody Lee, Hunter Byrd and Myra Pruitt. Gene Loflin 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 6:28 P.M.

PLEDGE

Elder Elementary School students, Alexis Dang and Caleb Richards, led the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the District Vision Statement.

RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Board recognized the first Joshua ISD Special Olympic Bowling Team for all of their hard work the past few months in preparation for the Area Special Olympic Bowling Tournament that was held on October 25. The athletes that participated are below:

Under 15 Boys: Athan Spratley finished 4th

Under 15 Boys Ramp Bowlers: Evan Vawter and Jaxon Lee finished 1st

Over 15 Boys: Jaxon Spratley 1st, Bryan Luce 2nd and Garrett Cox 3rd

Over 18 Boys Ramp Bowlers: Tyler Goetz 1st

Over 15 Girls Ramp Bowlers: Jasmine Perez 1st

Over 15 Girls: Miranda Campbell 1st and Cady Anderson Stroud 2nd

Coaches and Volunteers: Cinnamon Geddie, Nicole DeTommaso, Wendy King, Reggie McElroy, Shana McCollough and Sharon Clay. The board also recognized Michael Flowers from Pin Center Bowling Alley in Cleburne for donating the lanes for these students to practice.

The Board recognized Corben Langley, a fifth grader from Plum Creek Elementary, for winning the District Spelling Bee on October 27, 2023.

The Board recognized the Staples Elementary Jr. Safety Patrol for their service on their campus. The group was chosen and recognized for their character, integrity, their ability to show compassion and concern for their fellow classmates. The fifth graders recognized were: Matthew Goggans, Mila Weaver, Riley Fricke, Debra Lanzara, Bri Batchelor, Izeah Rivera, Carter Wyatt, Logan Green, Nathan Chacon, Manavi Choate, Logan Harlin and sponsor Lori Jones.

The Board recognized the Loflin Middle School girls 7th grade cross country team for winning 1st place in the Lone Star 8 district championship on October 4, 2023. The athletes recognized were: Brynlynn Carroll, Alyssa Steenbergen, Teagan Maxey, Kolbi Clark, Carmen Daniel, Grace Gleason, Heidi Mallewick and Coach Haley Robertson.

The Board recognized the Loflin Middle School boys 7th grade cross country team for winning 2nd place in the Lone Star 8 district championship on October 4, 2023. The athletes recognized were: Mason Turner, Mark Davenport, Judah Molina, Paolo Perez, Jaxon Reeves, Eli Brown, Levi Velasquez, Keaton Wortham.

PUBLIC HEARING- opened 6:44 P.M.

A Public Hearing was conducted to distribute the 2023 Final School First Rating report that explains the district's financial accountability performance for each of the 20 indicators. The district received an Above Standard rating of 88 out of 100 possible points. Hearing closed at 6:53 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 copy of the October check register, information from the JISD police department, a calendar of district events, and a campus presentation from Elder Elementary School.

PUBLIC FORUM - no one signed up for public forum.

PUBLIC COMMENT – see Subject H.

SUBJECTS:

- Subject A Consider Consent Agenda Items
Motion by Myra Pruitt and Second by Nini Wilson to approve the minutes of October 16, 2023 and October 30, 2023 meetings, Budget Amendments, Accounts Payable and Purchases Over \$50,000. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject B Consider Special Called Board Meeting
Motion by Kevin Lee and second by Hunter Byrd to approve a special called board meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 10:30 am for the purpose of canvassing the votes from the November 7, 2023 election. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject C Consider Proclamation 2024 Textbook Committee
Motion by Cody Lee and second by Myra Pruitt to approve the textbook committee members as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject D Consider Resolution Regarding Review of Investment Policy & Strategy
Motion by Hunter Byrd and second by Nini Wilson to approve the resolution regarding review of Investment Policy and Strategy. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject E Consider List of Qualified Brokers Authorized to Engage in Investment Transactions with the District
Motion by Nini Wilson and second by Myra Pruitt to approve the list of qualified brokers authorized to engage in investment transactions with the district as presented. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject F Consider Resolution Regarding Approval of Independent Sources of Investment Training
Motion by Kevin Lee and second by Cody Lee to approve the resolution regarding approval of independent sources of investment training. Motion carried. 6-0.
- Subject G Consider Participation in Region 10 Education Service Center Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative for SY 2024-2025
Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Cody Lee to approve the Region 10 ESC Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment – During the workshop, Greg Cooper spoke to the board members about the Central Appraisal District Board of Directors vote. He asked the board to consider giving Joshua ISD votes to Paul Jones, John Wood and Duaine Goulding.

Public Comment – During the workshop, Craig Hundley spoke to the board members about being involved in trying to help with the high appraisal values in Johnson County and feels there needs to be a balance between the citizens and the appraisal district. He asked the board to consider giving Joshua ISD votes to Paul Jones, John Wood and Duaine Goulding.

Public Comment - During the workshop, Paul Jones spoke to the board members about the Central Appraisal District Board. He is a nominee and shared that his goals are balance, accountability and transparency if he is elected to the CAD Board of Directors. He would like to be considered along with John Wood and Duaine Goulding.

- Subject H Consider Resolution Affirming the Casting of Votes for Election of the 2024-2025 Central Appraisal District of Johnson County Board of Directors
Motion by Nini Wilson and second by Huntter Byrd to approve casting 394 votes to John Wood. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject I Consider Revision to 2023-2024 Compensation Plan
Motion by Cody Lee and second by Myra Pruitt to approve the revisions to the 2023-2024 compensation plan. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject J Consider Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
Motion by Huntter Byrd and second by Kevin Lee to approve the memorandum of understanding with Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. 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.

7:59 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 Kevin Lee and second by Myra Pruitt 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 Faviola Carinci's resignation of her probationary contract for the 2023-2024 school year;
 - 2. The Administration and Board did not consent to her resignation;
 - 3. Faviola Carinci 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: Kayla Johnson and Heather Rush Chestnut.

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

8:01 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

Date

Ronnie Galbreath, President

Gene Loflin, Secretary