

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

April 17, 2023

310 East 18th Street

Joshua, Texas

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

President Ronnie Galbreath called the meeting to order at 5:32 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, Nini Wilson, Kevin Lee, Hunter Byrd, Cody Lee and Myra Pruitt.

BOARD WORKSHOP

- A. Superintendent Reports
- B. Agenda Items
- C. School Budget
- D. Safety Update
- E. Data for Board Goal 1.2 Action Plan
- F. Review of District's Monthly Activities

REGULAR MEETING - OPENING CEREMONIES

President Galbreath called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

PLEDGE

Ninth Grade Campus students, Aubreigh Peveto and Brody Turner, led the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the District Vision Statement.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

The Board Members received information on enrollment, attendance, an 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 March check register, information from the JISD police department, a calendar of district events, the spring benchmark report, campus parent survey results, a transfer report, discussion of districtwide intruder detection audit report findings, discussion of safety and security audit results, discussion of curriculum department updates and a campus presentation from Ninth Grade Campus and New Horizon HS.

RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Board recognized the State Powerlifting Meet Winners and Qualifiers. Jacob Simpkins – State Champion in the 181 Weight Class. The City of Joshua's Mayor, Scott Kimbell, read a Proclamation announcing that April 17, 2023 as "Jacob Simpkins Day". Also recognized was Braylen Galbreath – State Qualifier in the 165 Wight Class, Kendall Criner – 4th Place in the 105 Wight Class, and Maddi Valles – 5th Place in the 198 Wight Class.

The Board recognized Joshua High School students, Kaylee Cox and Tibor Hollmann for their accomplishments at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America State Leadership Conference. Kaylee Cox placed 3rd in State in the baking and pastry competition, which qualified her for Nationals in July. Tibor Hollmann received a Silver medal for the Etiquette Family and Consumer Sciences Assessment.

The Board recognized Tibor Hollmann for winning an individual title for his business plan at Arkansas Tech University's High School Business Challenge.

The Board recognized bilingual students that placed in the top three spots at the District Spanish Spelling Bee. The 3rd Place winner was Sergio Venegas, a 3rd grade student at Caddo Grove Elementary, the 2nd Place winner was Emma Garcia, a 4th grade student at Elder Elementary, and the 1st Place winner was Tristan Cervantes, a 5th grade student at Elder Elementary. Both Emma and Tristan competed in the Regional Spanish Spelling Bee competition.

PUBLIC FORUM

Stephanie Duncan addressed the board about testing. She handed out a packet to each board member outlining how many tests students have to take. Ms. Duncan thanked the board. She spoke about how many tests students have to take and expressed a concern over the time teachers have to teach in their classrooms. She asked the Board members to consider lowering the number of tests students take and feels that when more time can be spent teaching, the love of learning will be apparent in the test scores. Ms. Duncan gave the board in their handout three proposed testing changes.

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 the March 27 special and regular meetings, Budget Amendments, Accounts Payable and Purchases Over \$50,000. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject B Consider Shared Services Agreement for the Crowley Regional Day School Program for the Deaf for the 2023-2024 School Year
Motion by Gene Loflin and second by Nini Wilson to approve the shared services agreement. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject C Consider Approving the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification, 2023-2024
Motion by Kevin Lee and second by Hunter Byrd to approve the instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject D Consider Policy Revision to DC (LOCAL) Employment Practices
Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Gene Loflin to take no action on this item. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject E Announce Board Member Training Credits
President Ronnie Galbreath announced that Ronnie Galbreath, Hunter Byrd, Cody Lee, Kevin Lee, Gene Loflin, Myra Pruitt and Nini Wilson completed hours based on assessed need and framework for school board development.
Ronnie Galbreath- 15.00 hours completed
Hunter Byrd – 34.50 hours completed (first year board member)
Cody Lee – 11.00 hours completed
Kevin Lee- 11.00 hours completed
Gene Loflin- 15.00 hours completed
Myra Pruitt- 15.00 hours completed
Nini Wilson – 19.50 hours completed

7:22 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
 - 3. Contract Recommendations: Professional Staff Contracts and Extensions
 - 4. Discussion and Consideration of Candidate(s) for the Position of Superintendent
- D) Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings

OPEN SESSION - 8:26 P.M. The Board returned to open session.

Interim Superintendent Jeff Adams made a recommendation to approve the Professional Staff Contracts and Extensions as presented, in addition to a recommendation to renew a teachers Probationary Contract for a Fourth Term. Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Gene Loflin. Motion carried 7-0.

Board President made a recommendation to hire Corey Hickerson for the Position of School Superintendent. Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Cody Lee. Motion carried 7-0.

The following resignations/retirements were accepted: Pehyton Dangerfield, Chelsea Kolvig, Melinda Massie, Kylie Maxfield, Krystal McGee, Sheryl Moncrief, Jennifer Sabolchick, Amy Shough, Tyron Simon, Brandon Vojinovic and Jason Wallace.

Motion made by Myra Pruitt and Second by Cody Lee to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

8:27 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

Date

Ronnie Galbreath, President

Gene Loflin, Secretary