

**JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 27, 2023**  
**310 East 18<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Joshua, Texas**  
**6:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

President Ronnie Galbreath called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 6:43 P.M.

PLEDGE

Loflin Middle School students, Savannah Trammell and James Smith, 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, the quarterly cash & investment report, a copy of the February check register, information from the JISD police department, a calendar of district events, the district and campus climate survey results and a campus presentation from Loflin Middle School.

RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Board recognized parents that participate in the Family Literacy Program and Adult ESL Class. This program promotes at home strategies to engage families in reading as well as participating in activities in listening, speaking, and writing in English. Parents recognized were: Maria Cruz, Adriana Salazar, Yesenia Medrano, Laura Hernandez, Martha Soto, Luisa Cervantes, Kris Gonzalez, Maria Galvan, Marcelina Castro and Rosario Andrade.

The Board recognized members of the Joshua High School Swim Team for advancing to the Regional Swim meet and for one team member advancing to State. Team members recognized were: Samantha Link, Brooklyn Vallejo, Anna Creach, Sophia Bustillos, Ayden Jalali, Eli Hoot, Zach Boydston, and Braxton Galbreath. Donald Palmer advanced to State in the 200 Freestyle and 100 Butterfly. Donald placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Butterfly at the 5A State Meet.

The Board recognized individual award winners of the Joshua High School UIL One Act Play. Cast members recognized were:

- Hope Flowers received an All-Star Technical Medal for her role as Stage Manager;
- Redding Herr received an Honorable Mention All Star Cast Medal for his role as Paul;
- Ava Justice received an All Star Cast Medal for her role as Rosalind; and
- Kennedi Boren received an All Star Cast Medal for her role as Charlotte Hay

The Board recognized the Joshua High School Policy Debate Teams for their accomplishments at the UIL State 5A Policy Debate Tournament in Austin on March 17-18. Both teams advanced to outrounds day 2, qualifying for the TILF scholarship. Cole Anderson won 3rd place Speaker Award for 5A,  
Team: Jaxon Dial and Cole Anderson placed 5th in 5A Policy Debate, and  
Team: Mofoluwake Olajide and Ella Farrell received medals for qualifying as Octofinalists.

The Board recognized the Nichols Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade B Team for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Lonestar 8 season. Players are: Maddie Brown, Kensey Doss, Miranda Flores, Kinley Gibson, Presley Hubbard, Cadence Pool, Klowie Ramsey, Amelia Rigney, Sarahbeth Smith and Madyson Taylor.

The Board recognized the Nichols Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade A Team for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Lonestar 8 with an undefeated season. Players are: Kinlee Alexander, Maddie Allen, Lexi Bunch, Lyndie Freeman, Chloe Knippers, Markie Lain, Joslyn Miller, Hadley Soto and Alexis White.

PUBLIC FORUM - no one signed up for public forum.

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 February 27, 2023 special and regular meetings and March 1, 2023 meeting, Budget Amendments, Accounts Payable and Purchases Over \$50,000. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject B      Consider Candidates for Position Place 5 on the Education Service Center Region XI Board of Directors  
Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Kevin Lee to vote for Jay Thompson for Place 5 on the ESC XI Board of Directors. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject C      Consider Policy Revision to DC (LOCAL) Employment Practices  
Motion by Gene Loflin and second by Nini Wilson to table this item and take no action at this meeting. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject D      Consider Revision to the 2022-2023 Compensation Plan  
Motion by Cody Lee and second by Gene Loflin to approve the revision to the 2022-2023 Compensation Plan. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject E      Consider Resolution Opposing Vouchers, Education Savings Accounts, Taxpayer Savings Accounts and Other Mechanisms that Reduce Public Education Funding  
Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Gene Loflin to approve the resolution opposing vouchers, education savings accounts, taxpayer savings accounts or any other mechanism that reduces public education funding. Motion carried 7-0.

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: District Level Administrators, Principals and Assistant Principals
  - 4. Discussion and Consideration of Candidate(s) for the Position of Superintendent and the Possible Naming of Lone Finalist for Position of Superintendent
  - 5. Discussion and Consideration of Possible Delegation of Authority to Negotiate Superintendent Contract

8:00 P.M. The Board returned to open session.

Superintendent made a recommendation to the Board that all contract recommendations for District Level Administrators, Principals and Assistant Principals be accepted as presented. Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Nini Wilson. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent made a recommendation to the Board to hire Lyndie Conner as the Coordinator of Counseling for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion by Gene Loflin and second by Myra Pruitt. Motion carried 7-0.

Kevin Lee made a motion to name Corey Hickerson as the Lone Finalist for the Superintendent of Schools position, second by Myra Pruitt. Motion carried 7-0.

Hunter Byrd made a motion to delegate authority to negotiate the Superintendent contract to the Board President and Board Vice President, second by Cody Lee. Motion carried 7-0.

The following resignations/retirements were accepted: James Groom, Brandy Hicks, Joshua Portales, Reid Rose and Heather Tate.

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

8:05 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

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Date

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Ronnie Galbreath, President

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Gene Loflin, Secretary