

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Meeting
January 16, 2023
310 East 18th Street
Joshua, Texas
4:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

President Ronnie Galbreath called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM. 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, Nini Wilson and Myra Pruitt. Huntter Byrd was absent.

4:33 pm The Board convened in a closed session, prior to the Level III appeal hearing for Stephanie Arredondo, to meet with the attorney to discuss the procedural steps and legal requests involved with the Level III appeal hearing, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

4:45 pm The Board convened in open session for the purpose of hearing a Level III appeal filed by Stephanie Arredondo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stephanie Arredondo led a prayer.

Georgia Head addressed the board about the Instagram "Fight Channel" that showed videos of JISD students fighting. There were reports made to administrators but it was not taken down from Instagram until a grievance was filed.

Greg Cooper addressed the board about the grievance process. He asked if the board's legal team is required to tell the truth, he asked what is the school board's goal during the hearing and he also stated that the board and administration should use attorney's from separate firms.

A.) Conduct, Consider and Take Action Regarding Level III Hearing Filed by Stephanie Arredondo

5:18 pm The Board convened in a closed session with the attorney to obtain legal advice.

5:34 pm The Board returned to open session to deliberate and take action on the Level III appeal of Stephanie Arredondo.

Motion by Myra Pruitt and Second by Gene Loflin to deny the Level III appeal filed by Ms. Arredondo, thereby upholding the decision of the Level II Hearing Officer. Motion carried 6-0.

5:37 pm Meeting Adjourned.

Date

Ronnie Galbreath, President

Gene Loflin, Secretary