

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2024
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, Nini Wilson, Kevin Lee, Cody Lee and Myra Pruitt. Huntter Byrd 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

Ninth Grade Campus students, Franklin Velasquez and Whitney Roy, 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, campus parent survey results, and a campus presentation from Ninth Grade Campus and New Horizon HS.

RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Board recognized the Joshua ISD Special Olympics participants and coaches. Team members recognized were: Jaxon Lee, Jonathan Trout, Athan Spratley, Cade Johnson, Evan Vawter, Raelynn Morrow, Valery Munoz, Bryan Luce, Garrett Cox, Miranda Campbell, Jaxon Spratley, Tyler Goetz, and Cadyn Stroud.

The Board recognized the 79 Math and ELAR teachers who received a Teacher Incentive Allotment designation. These educators are the first JISD cohort to be submitted to the state for this designation. Teachers recognized were: Courtney Davidson, Kellie Martin, Misty Pritchett, Kayce Smith, Kimberly Brooks, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Carol Klein, Amber Turner, Melanie McBride, Barbie Pollard, Valarie Ruth-Short, Amy Sharp, Jessica Esqueda, Laurell Ibarra, Lorena Ortiz, Melanie Moseley, Anais Gomez, Stacey Moore, Estefana Limas, Erika Hernandez, Janey Mendoza, Cindy Loewe, Kailey Curlee Haley Fogarty, Joie Bryant, Robin Dieter, Leecia Kovach, Emily Gillmore, Lauren Everett, Victoria Bardwell, Tracy Jowers, Kayla Rickman, Micah Gutierrez, Morgan Phillips, Janelle Rose, Diana Moore, Brandi Rush, Natalie Blaylock, Amanda Pennell, Tamara Vogelgesang, Lauren Turner, Jill Alexander, Melissa Thompson, Jaime Dooley, Christine Plowman, Mandy McCoy, Brooke Harraid, Merlina Stinson, Elizabeth Gleason, Amy Tigner, Ambyr Hill, Mikayla Glenn, Tamara Bush, Chelsey Packard, Lexie Hoffman, D'Ann Blackburn, Shannon Kelly, Holli Vargas, Rachel Watson, Elizabeth Smith, Melissa Cadle, Connie Brown, Angela Sigmon, Mandi Weber, Robin Cain, Wendy Tomchesson, Brenda Tanner, Irene Casillas, Julie Wood, Stephanie Ball, Mindy Stanley, Cyndi Kappas, Alicia Batley, Karla Paul, Thaddaeus Goodling, Michelle Connelly, Jennifer Cates, Emily Rollen, Craig Cline.

The Board recognized Loflin Middle School 8th grade, Nolan Girtz for winning the Bobby Bragan Youth Foundation scholarship for his essay about the Most Impactful Person in his life.

The Board recognized Caddo Grove Elementary staff member Michael DiBartolomeo for his exemplary courage and quick thinking that resulted in saving a young student's life that was choking.

The Board recognized the Lady Owls Varsity Soccer Team for their successful season which earned them their 16th consecutive playoff appearance. The Lady Owls are Bi-District Champions, Area Champions and a Regional Quarterfinalist. Team Members recognized were: Coach Jeff Brooks, Danna Clark, Lauren Ellis, Kynli Miller, Kennedy Gortney, Lexi Vejarano, Hannah Day, Isla McDaniel, Abigale Miller, Cori Hunnel, Avery Gortney, Gracie Davis, Paola Sierra, Caitlyn Combs, Esmi Rodriguez, Emma Freeman, Dillyn Hammons, Maddy Bourzikas, Kameron Tatum and Kaitlyn Rush.

The Board recognized the boys and girls powerlifters that qualified and competed at the THSPA and THSWPA State Championships. The boys powerlifters were: Samit Jackson, Javier Pena, Noah Newman. The girls powerlifters were: Kendall Criner, Jazmyne Brown, Ashlynn Evans, Morgan Collier and Maddi Valles.

The Board recognized board member Gene Loflin for his years of dedicated service to the staff and students in Joshua ISD during his 13 years as a trustee. The board wishes Mr. Loflin well in his future endeavors.

PUBLIC FORUM

Cameron Fox addressed the board about budget decisions for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Fox is concerned that the open band director position will be left unfilled. She feels that with the four-day work week, the directors are already going to be stretched too thin. Mrs. Fox asked Mr. Hickerson a question about the four-day work week decision.

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 25, 2024 regular meeting, Budget Amendments, Accounts Payable and Purchases Over \$50,000. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject B Consider Shared Services Agreement for the Crowley Regional Day School Program for the Deaf
Motion by Gene Loflin and second by Nini Wilson to approve the shared services agreement. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject C Consider Approving the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification for 2024-2025
Motion by Kevin Lee and second by Gene Loflin to approve the instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject D Consider Approving Interlocal Agreement between the University of Texas at Austin and Joshua Independent School District
Motion by Gene Loflin and second by Kevin Lee to approve the interlocal agreement between the University of Texas at Austin and Joshua Independent School District. Motion carried 5-1. (N. Wilson against)
- Subject E Consider Approving the Memorandum of Understanding between Tarleton State University and Joshua Independent School District
Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Nini Wilson to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Tarleton State University and Joshua Independent School District. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject F Consider Temporary Easement for City of Joshua
Motion by Cody lee and second by Myra Pruitt to approve temporary easement with the City of Joshua. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject G Consider Special Called Board Meeting
Motion by Gene Loflin and second by Kevin Lee to approve special called school board meeting for May 13, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Motion carried 6-0.
- Subject H Announce Board Member Training Credits

President Ronnie Galbreath announced that Ronnie Galbreath, Huntter 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- 13.00 hours completed

Huntter Byrd – 13 hours completed

Cody Lee – 17.00 hours completed

Kevin Lee- 17.00 hours completed

Gene Loflin- 13.00 hours completed

Myra Pruitt- 13.00 hours completed

Nini Wilson – 13.00 hours completed

7:21 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
- 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, including the termination of the identified probationary contract employees at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
- E) Government Code 551.072 authorizes a governmental body to deliberate in executive session on certain matters concerning real property, including deliberations relating to the purchase or value of real property if deliberations in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the school in negotiations with a third party.

OPEN SESSION - 8:18 P.M. The Board returned to open session to act on items discussed in Executive Session.

- A. Discuss and Consider Accepting the Donation of Land Described as 3060 SW Wilshire Blvd, Burleson, Texas 76028 via Special Warranty Deed Attached as Exhibit "A"
Motion by Kevin Lee and second by Gene Loflin to accept the donation of the parcel of land described as 3060 SW Wilshire Blvd, Burleson, Texas 76028. Motion carried 6-0.
- B. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the Recommendation of the Superintendent, as presented, to Terminate the Identified Probationary Contract Employee at the End of the 2023-2024 School Year in the Best Interest of the District
Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Cody Lee to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent, as presented, to terminate the employment of Brandon Beeler in the best interests of the district pursuant to Section 21.103 of the Texas Education Code and Board Policy DFAB(LEGAL). The Board authorizes the Superintendent to send notice of the Board's decision to terminate the employment of Brandon Beeler pursuant to Section 21.103 of the Texas Education Code and Board Policy DFAB(LEGAL). Motion carried 6-0.
- C. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding the Recommendation of the Superintendent, as presented, to Terminate the Identified Probationary Contract Employee at the End of the 2023-2024 School Year in the Best Interest of the District
Motion by Kevin Lee and second by Gene Loflin to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent, as presented, to terminate the employment of Tifiny Briner in the best interests of the district pursuant to Section 21.103 of the Texas Education Code and Board Policy DFAB(LEGAL). The Board authorizes the Superintendent to send notice of the Board's decision to terminate the employment of Tifiny Briner pursuant to Section 21.103 of the Texas Education Code and Board Policy DFAB(LEGAL). Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Corey Hickerson 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 Cody Lee and second by Myra Pruitt. Motion carried 6-0.

The following resignations/retirements were accepted: Antonio Aceves, Michael Ball, Jaci Barham, Alan Blanchard, Samuel Burch, Alex Dagher, Elizabeth Darr, Todd Dubbelde, Laramie Edwards, Ashly English, Chelsea Gillaspie,

Courtney Godsin, Demonte Hood, Nancy Hueske, Ashlyn Jason, Kimberly Ludlow, Tanner McGaughey, Lydia Neighbors, April Powers, Elaina Smith, Jenna Speicher, Michael Walker, Mandy Warren, and Richard Wilson.

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

8:23 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

Date

Ronnie Galbreath, President

Gene Loflin, Secretary