

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting
November 18, 2024
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 Ryan Watson, Nini Wilson, Kevin Lee, Cody Lee, Hunter Byrd and Myra Pruitt.

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 6:42 P.M.

PLEDGE

Caddo Grove Elementary School students, Rylan Barefoot and Sergio Venegas, 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 Special Olympic Bowling Tournament that was held on October 30 and 31. The athletes that participated are below:

Competing in the singles event:

Gabe Perea- Silver
Cisco Aguirre- Gold
Gavin Baker- Gold
Valery Munoz- Gold
Jasmine Perez Silver
Evan Vawter- Bronze
Zachary Smith- Bronze
Cade Johnson- Silver
Jayden Camarena-Gold

Competing in the doubles event:

Bryan Luce and Jonathan Trout- Gold
Jean Bell and Jaxson Lee- Bronze
Cadyn Anderson-Stroud and Raelyn Morrow- Silver
Adrian Collins and Athan Spratley- Bronze
Lexie Monds and Lizzette Torres -silver
Avery Johnson and Elizabeth Taylor- Silver

Competing in the Unified doubles event:

Sydney Lamar and Presley Noojin- Gold
Corbin Estep and Aaron Jones- Gold
Jordan Patterson and Jaxon Spratley- Silver
Maya DeTommaso and Caleb Rotermond- Bronze

Coaches and Volunteers: Nicole DeTommaso, Cinnamon Geddie, Rebecca Couey, Jamie Johnson, Vickie Spratley, Elyse Fanning, Laura Luce, Deborah Baxley, Terryann Perez, Selena Noojin, Wendy King, Belle Martinez, Keeli Bond

and Victoria Bardwell. They thanked Stacy, Montana and Morgan from Pin Center Bowling Alley in Cleburne for donating the lanes for these students to practice.

The Board recognized Rebecca Couey and the Joshua ISD 18+ Adult Transition Services students for their Balloon Away business. Balloon Away + (plus) was established in May 2023 through a work-based learning grant from Texas A&M's Center on Disability and Development. This initiative, operated by the Joshua ISD 18+ Adult Transition Services, is a work-based learning project focused on creating and selling personalized balloon grams, balloon centerpieces, and Owl spirit grams. Balloon Away + is a self-sustaining business that has shown steady growth. Balloon Away + continues to expand, providing even more opportunities for our students to explore a variety of employment skills.

PUBLIC HEARING- opened 6:56 P.M.

A Public Hearing was conducted to distribute the 2024 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 7:05 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 Caddo Grove Elementary School.

PUBLIC FORUM - no one signed up for public forum.

PUBLIC COMMENT – see Subject F

SUBJECTS:

- Subject A Consider Consent Agenda Items
Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Nini Wilson to approve the minutes of October 16, 2024 meeting, Accounts Payable and Purchases Over \$50,000. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject B Consider Resolution Regarding Review of Investment Policy & Strategy
Motion by Kevin Lee and second by Hunter Byrd to approve the resolution regarding review of Investment Policy and Strategy. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject C Consider List of Qualified Brokers Authorized to Engage in Investment Transactions with the District
Motion by Cody Lee 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 7-0.
- Subject D Consider Resolution Regarding Approval of Independent Sources of Investment Training
Motion by Ryan Watson and second by Myra Pruitt to approve the resolution regarding approval of independent sources of investment training. Motion carried. 7-0.
- Subject E Consider Participation in Region 10 Education Service Center Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative for SY 2025-2026
Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Nini Wilson to approve the Region 10 ESC Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment - During the workshop, Helen Kerwin spoke to the board members about the Central Appraisal District Board election.

Public Comment – During the workshop, Craig Hundley spoke to the board members about the being involved in trying to help with the high appraisal values in Johnson County and about the Central Appraisal District Board election. He asked the board to consider splitting the Joshua ISD votes between James Cockrell and John Wood.

Public Comment – During the workshop, Greg Cooper spoke to the board members about the Central Appraisal District Board of Directors vote.

Public Comment – During the workshop, Shelley Eakman spoke to the board members about the Central Appraisal District Board election.

Public Comment – During the board meeting, Michael McCorkle spoke to the board members about the Central Appraisal District Board election.

Subject F Consider Resolution Affirming the Casting of Votes for Election of the 2025-2026 Central Appraisal District of Johnson County Board of Directors
Motion by Nini Wilson and second by Kevin Lee to approve splitting Joshua ISD'S 328 votes with 164 votes to James Cockrell, 82 votes to Duaine Goulding and 82 votes to Benjamin Bruce Gibson. Motion carried 7-0.

Subject G Consider the Joshua ISD Public Information Requests Non-Business Calendar Dates for 2025
Motion by Cody Lee and second by Hunter Byrd to approve the public information requests calendar dates for 2025 designating nonbusiness dates. Motion carried 7-0.

Subject H Consider Approval of Participation in the Short-Term Class Provided by the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI)
Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Cody Lee to approve participation in the short-term class provided by the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI) and excuse travel days, to and from the short-term course, for compulsory attendance purposes. Motion carried 7-0.

7:23 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. Administrator Contract
 - 4. Extended Catastrophic Leave for Employee

8:12 P.M. The Board returned to open session to act on items discussed in Executive Session.

Superintendent Hickerson made a recommendation to the board to hire Lisa Baugh for the Coordinator of Purchasing position. Motion by Nini Wilson and second by Kevin Lee to approve the contract as recommended. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Hickerson made a recommendation to the board to issue employee, Lori Snell, 30 days of Catastrophic Leave. Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Cody Lee to approve 30 days of catastrophic leave. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Hickerson announced the following resignations were accepted: Twila Belmares and Emily Davis.

Motion made by Myra Pruitt and Second by Ryan Watson to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

8:15 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

Date

Ronnie Galbreath, President

Kevin Lee, Secretary