

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting
January 13, 2025
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, Huntter 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 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE

North Joshua Elementary School students, Avery Johnson and Sydney Lamar, led the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the District Vision Statement.

PUBLIC HEARING – opened at 6:34 pm

A Public Hearing was conducted for the general public to address the Board regarding the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). Public Hearing closed at 6:43 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING – opened at 6:44 pm

A Public Hearing was conducted to give the general public opportunity for consultation and comment on the College, Career and Military Readiness Plan. Public Hearing closed at 6:50 P.M.

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 December check register, information from the JISD police department, a calendar of district events, and a campus presentation from North Joshua Elementary School.

RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Joshua ISD School Board of Trustees were recognized in honor of "School Board Appreciation Month". The love and dedication that these individuals have for the Joshua Community does not go unnoticed, and our successes are a testament to the collaborative spirit that defines our educational community.

The board recognized FFA student Keeli Clark for her accomplishments at several LDE contests where she placed 1st at the Arlington contest, 1st at the Mansfield contest, 2nd at the Brownsboro contest, 1st at the Cleburne contest, 2nd at the Tarleton contest, District Champion at the Chisholm Trail District contest and qualified for the Area contest where she placed 3rd.

The board recognized the Joshua FFA Public Relations team, Dakota Cave, Emma Hopkins, Ellie Kindler and Brayden Payne for their accomplishments at several LDE contests where they placed 1st at the Arlington contest, 2nd at the

Brownsboro contest, 2nd at the Cleburne contest, 4th at the Tarleton contest, Reserve Champion team at the Chisholm Trail contest and qualified for the Area contest where they placed 7th.

The board recognized the Joshua FFA Senior Skills Demonstration team, Delaney Dickinson, Cassidy Glass, Caden Graham, Gage Hepler and Cady Cory for their accomplishments at several LDE contests where they placed 3rd at the Arlington contest, 5th at the Brownsboro contest, 3rd at the Cleburne contest, Reserve Champion team at the Chisholm Trail contest and qualified for the Area contest where they placed 7th.

The board recognized the Joshua FFA Greenhand Skills Demonstration team, Jaymee Bell, Makala Schneck, Alexis Scott, Lillibeth Short and Alexis White for their accomplishments at several LDE contests where they placed 3rd at the Arlington contest, 1st at the Brownsboro contest, 1st at the Cleburne contest, 3rd at the Tarleton contest, District Champion team at the Chisholm Trail contest and qualified for the Area contest. At the Area contest the team was the Reserve Champion team and qualified for the State contest.

The board recognized FFA Greenhand Creed Speaker Markie Lain for her accomplishments at several LDE contests where she placed 4th at the Arlington contest, 2nd at the Cleburne contest, 2nd at the Tarleton contest, District Champion at the Chisholm Trail District contest and qualified for the Area contest. At the Area contest Markie was the Reserve Champion and qualified for the State contest.

The board recognized the Joshua NJROTC rifle teams for their recent accomplishments. Joshua NJROTC hosted and swept the Area 19 Rifle and Drill championships in December. The Drill Teams will now be advancing to State at JRB Ft Worth and the Rifle Teams will be advancing to the Navy Nationals in Anniston, Alabama. Lt. Col. Davidson and MC Linville brought the Cadets who lead these teams to accept this recognition.

- Junior Tobin Davis and Senior Braeden Picchi serve as Captain and Co-Captain of the Armed Drill Team. Cadet Picchi, who also runs Cross Country, just received a full-ride offer to Baylor Medical.
- Juniors Damiana Figueroa and Rose Brown serve as Captain and Co-Captain of the Unarmed Drill Team.
- Seniors Brooklyn Reames and Sam Garcia serve as Captain and Co-Captain of the Rifle Teams.

Last year, Joshua became the only program to ever take four teams to a Service Championship. This year they have duplicated that feat, with three teams scoring so high that they received automatic qualification. Joshua Precision is currently ranked #1 in the Navy.

PUBLIC FORUM - no one signed up to address the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT – no one signed up to address the board.

SUBJECTS:

Subject A Consider Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Nini Wilson to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 meeting, Budget Amendments, Accounts Payable and Purchases Over \$50,000. Motion carried 7-0.

Subject B Consider Calling a General Election for School Trustees on Saturday, May 3, 2025 for Places Five (5), Six (6) and Seven (7)

Motion by Nini Wilson and second by Myra Pruitt to call a school board trustee election for places 5, 6 and 7 for Saturday, May 3, 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

Subject C Consider Appointment of Election Judge and Early Voting Clerks for May 3, 2025 School Board Trustee Election

Motion by Kevin Lee and second by Huntter Byrd to appoint election judge and early voting clerks as recommended. Motion carried 7-0.

Subject D Consider Joint Election Agreement with the City of Joshua

Motion by Cody Lee and second by Ryan Watson to approve the joint election agreement with the City of Joshua. Motion carried 7-0.

Subject E Consider Resolution Regarding Extension of Leave During an Inclement Weather Closure

Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Cody Lee to approve the resolution to remain in effect until amended by a board vote. Motion carried 7-0.

7:24 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
- D) Superintendent Evaluation and Contract

9:48 P.M. The Board returned to open session to act on items discussed in Executive Session.

A recommendation was made by the Board to extend Superintendent Corey Hickerson's contract one year through June 30, 2028. Motion by Kevin Lee and Second by Myra Pruitt. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Hickerson announced the following resignations were accepted: James Thurston and Kendall Wilson.

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

9:50 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

Date

Ronnie Galbreath, President

Kevin Lee, Secretary