

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

March 31, 2025

310 East 18th Street

Joshua, Texas

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

President Ronnie Galbreath called the meeting to order at 5:35 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, and Myra Pruitt. Huntter Byrd and Cody Lee were 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 3.5 Action Plan

REGULAR MEETING - OPENING CEREMONIES

President Galbreath called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE

Loflin Middle School students, Alyssa Steenbergen and Mia Castillo, 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 quarterly cash & investment report, a copy of the February check register, information from the JISD police department, a calendar of district events, discussion of districtwide intruder detection audit report findings, review of the district and campus climate survey results, and a campus presentation from Loflin Middle School.

RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Board recognized members from the Joshua High School Swim Team for their accomplishments at the District, Regional and State Meets. Team members recognized were: Darren Durfey, Ayden Jalali, Emelio Garcia, Donald Palmer, Maddison Brown, Alexis D'Antonio, Aubree Moore, Zoe Smith, Avery Farrell, Olivia Durfey, and Sophia Bustillos.

The Board recognized the Joshua High School Varsity Girls Basketball team for their very successful season this marking their first 20 plus win season in 17 years. The team placed 2nd in District, are Bi-District Champions and Regional Finalists. Team members recognized were: Lauren Nichols, Jazmyne Brown, Bri Tomerlin, Tyler Pool, Hadley Soto, Austyn Miller, Chloe Griswell, Reagan Koller, MJ Allen, Auburn Aton, Lyndie Freeman, Audrina Garza and Dillyn Hammons.

The Board recognized members of the Joshua High School Varsity football team who were named to the All-Johnson County Football Team. Noah Newman was named Co-Offensive Lineman of the Year. 1st Team All-Johnson County members are: Eryk Martinez, JD Smith, Maddox Caffey, Eli Martinez and Peyton Noble. 2nd Team All-Johnson County members are: Marquize Wilson, Esteban Salas, Bohden Tholkes, Brayden Payne, Benji Schneck, Cash Criner, Mikey Duran, Dre Wilson, Jaxon Wells and Gavin McManus.

The Board recognized the Boys and Girls Powerlifting teams for their seasons Regional and State Awards they earned. Team members recognized were: Yaretzy Morales, Isabella Paris, Isabella Grijalva, Jazmyne Brown, Maddi Valles, Alayla Dias, Sarah McWilliams, Colin Leeman, Javier Pena, Samit Jackson, Trevor Meyer, Trent Meyer, Bohden Tholkes, Noah Newman, Mikey Duran and Marquize Wilson.

The Board recognized Loflin Middle Schools 7th grade “A” Team basketball girls for their undefeated season in the Lone Star 8 district winning the District Championship Title. Team members recognized were: Lillian Coxwell, Abbigail Gray, Izabell Gray, Avery McCoy, Taniah Pace, Sophia Perez and Brylynn Varela.

The Board recognized Nichols Middle Schools 8th grade basketball girls for their back-to-back undefeated District Champion titles. Team members recognized were: Elaxee Ray, Ella Shronek, Macie Lillagore, Peyton Davis, Halle Boatman, Lauren Eder, Emma D’Antonio, Korie Graves and Mia Hicks.

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 Ryan Watson to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2025 and March 7, 2025 meetings, Budget Amendments, Accounts Payable and Purchases Over \$50,000. Motion carried 5-0.
- Subject B Consider RFP #25-003 for Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling Services
Motion by Kevin Lee and second by Myra Pruitt to approve TJ Services for RFP #25-003 Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling Services. Motion carried 5-0.
- Subject C Consider RFP #250001249 for Self-Provisioned Fiber
Motion by Nini Wilson and second by Kevin Lee to approve Nextlink for RFP #250001249 for Self-Provisioned Fiber. Motion carried 5-0.
- Subject D Consider RFP #250001249 for Maintenance and Operations
Motion by Ryan Watson and second by Myra Pruitt to Nextlink for RFP #250001249 Maintenance and Operations. Motion carried 5-0.
- Subject E Consider RFP #250001249 for Category Two for Switches, UPS, WAPS and Cabling
Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Nini Wilson to approve NetSync for RFP #250001249 for Category Two for Switches, UPS, WAPS and Cabling. Motion carried 5-0.
- Subject F Consider RFP #250001249 for Hotspot Connectivity Services
Motion by Nini Wilson and second by Kevin Lee to approve T-Mobile for RFP #250001249 for Hotspot Connectivity Services. Motion carried 5-0.
- Subject G Consider Discontinuing Participation in the Texas School Health Benefits Program (TSHBP)
Motion by Kevin Lee and second by Ryan Watson to approve the decision to discontinue participation with Texas School Health Benefits Program (TSHBP). Motion carried 5-0.
- Subject H Consider Authorizing Higginbotham Public Sector (HPS) as the Agent of Record for Joshua ISD
Motion by Nini Wilson and second by Myra Pruitt to approve the decision to authorize Higginbotham Public Sector (HPS) as the Agent of Record allowing them to negotiate directly with insurance companies on behalf of Joshua ISD. Motion carried 5-0.
- Subject I Consider Change in the April 2025 Board Meeting Date
Motion by Myra Pruitt and second by Nini Wilson to approve moving the regular meeting of the board in April to Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.
- Subject J Consider Approval of Early Release Package for New Elementary School
Motion by Ryan Watson and second by Kevin Lee to approve the early release package 1 for dirt work at the New Elementary School. Motion carried 5-0.

7:20 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 for District Level Administrators, Principals and Assistant Principals

8:33 P.M. The Board returned to open session.

Superintendent Hickerson made a recommendation to the Board that all contract recommendations for District Level Administrators, Principals and Assistant Principals be accepted as presented. Motion by Kevin Lee and second by Myra Pruitt. Motion carried 5-0.

- A. Board vote regarding settlement offer for pending claim regarding properties damaged by a June 2023 wind and hail storm event and if settlement is accepted and approved by the Board, regarding authorization of Superintendent Hickerson, as an authorized representative of Joshua Independent School District, to execute any and all subsequent release and settlement documents, as may be appropriate and necessary to finalize settlement, and regarding authorization of Pearson Legal, P.C., as legal counsel for Joshua Independent School District, to execute all documents, as may be appropriate and necessary to finalize settlement.

Motion by Kevin Lee and second by Myra Pruitt that the Board, on behalf of Joshua ISD, accept the current settlement offer for the pending claim regarding properties damaged by a June 2023 wind and hail storm event; that Superintendent Hickerson is appointed to be the District's authorized representative to execute all subsequent release and settlement documents needed to finalize the settlement; and that the District's legal counsel, Pearson Legal, P.C., is authorized to execute all documents necessary to finalize settlement. Motion carried 5-0.

The following resignations/retirements were accepted: Kristin Ayars, Denise Coontz, Tammy Dodson, Ed Drysdale, Marsha Ferguson, Ashlie Freeman, Justin Hand, Grayce Harris, Lee Howington, Andy Lahey, Aubree Land, Omar Mendez, Amanda Metcalf, Danielle O'Leary, Karla Paul and Brandi Rush.

Motion made by Myra Pruitt and Second by Nini Wilson to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

8:35 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

Date

Ronnie Galbreath, President

Kevin Lee, Secretary