

**Regular Meeting
November 11, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Tolesia Smith-Davis at 6:00 pm.

Members present were Lauren Glover, Rusty Mauldin, Christopher McCurry, Tolesia Smith-Davis, Leah Cooper, and Kirstin Johnson. Joey Romano was absent.

District personnel present were Michael Walker, Clint Coyne, Mike Wood, Jay Patrick, Dr. Lynn Phillips, Joel Windham, Troy Tatum, Courtney Braddock, Tim Phy, Terry Johnson, Bettie Duffie, Jack Pearl, Kari Hollander, John Marsh, Mitzi Neely, Reba Ball, Tina Cole, Maritza Becerra, Gary Thompson, Ty Taylor, Jennifer Jackson and Rebecca Pearl. Others present included several elementary students along with their family and friends.

Mr. McCurry gave the invocation.

Ms. Smith-Davis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

There was no one present for Public Comment.

Campus and Administrative reports were given at this time. Mr. Walker invited Mr. Terry Johnson to recognize his staff of the month Ms. Tina Cole, Ms. Maritza Becerra, and Mr. Gary Thompson. He then recognized students of the month, Hudson Lawson, Esha Sharma, Mia Salgado, Dak Love, Peyton Harris, Za'Marion Armington, Elizabeth Lundy, Tripp Taylor, Sami Hobbs, and Linkin Young. Mr. Walker then invited Mr. John Marsh to present the recently awarded trophy from the latest band competition to the board. Ms. Kari Hollander then got up with a kindergarten class to sing for the board. Mr. Clint Coyne recognized alumnus Jasmine Bryson for receiving the prestigious Rex Nutt Student Physical Therapist award. He then gave a facilities update. There are several projects lined up for the upcoming holiday breaks, the largest one being updates to the baseball and softball fields. Lastly, Mr. Coyne and Mr. Will Thomas spoke about opportunities to use the W.F. Lockett Education Center in conjunction with the Marion County Health and Resource Coalition. Next to speak were representatives from Linebarger Law Firm, Staci Killingsworth, Leigh Ballenger, and Lana Choy. Ms. Killingsworth gave an update on previous and upcoming tax sales. Dr. Phy got up to give an accountability update for the middle school. Mr. Joel Windham and Mr. Troy Tatum gave an accountability report for the high school. This concluded the reports section.

Dr. Lynn Phillips gave an update on progress measures addressing the areas of early childhood reading and math literacy. She reported the baseline levels are in great shape and she is anticipating meeting the growth goals set by the district.

Motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the Campus Improvement and District Improvement Plans as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

Mr. Terry Johnson explained the steps the elementary campus is taking to improve accountability. He said he has received positive feedback from teachers about where the students

are at academically. Ms. Neely added a few comments on the significant improvements made in 3rd grade writing compared to this time last year. Mr. Mauldin made a motion to approve the Local Improvement Plan for the elementary campus. The motion was seconded by Ms. Johnson, motion carried, 6-0.

Next there was a hearing on the Targeted Improvement Plan for the junior high school. No one was present for comment.

Ms. Courtney Braddock explained the Targeted Improvement Plan for the junior high school. She mentioned the steps the junior high is taking to bring the campus up from an “F” on the accountability rating. She stated there is already measurable forward progress. Mr. McCurry made a motion to approve the Targeted Improvement Plan as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mauldin, motion carried, 6-0.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve updating the bank signature cards at the district’s depository bank to include the board President, Vice President, Secretary and Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Glover seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Next was a hearing on the district’s School FIRST rating. Ms. Rebecca Pearl explained that this is an annual rating from TEA based on 21 factors. The district received a superior achievement rating with a score of 100. Mr. Wood was commended for his long-standing success with obtaining superior achievements.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve compensation for professional development aligned with district initiatives to happen outside of school hours. Mr. Mauldin seconded the motion, motion carried, 6-0.

After an explanation of necessary budget amendments from Ms. Pearl, Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. McCurry seconded the motion, motion carried, 6-0.

At 7:59pm, Ms. Smith-Davis announced the Board would convene into closed session.

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:33pm.

Motion by Ms. Cooper duly seconded by Mr. Mauldin to approve the JISD Safety and Security Audit as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

There were no personnel needs.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34pm.

President’s Signature

Secretary’s Signature