

**Regular Meeting  
August 13, 2024**

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

Members present were Jason Bonner, Rusty Mauldin, Michael Williams, Tolesia Smith-Davis, Joey Romano, and Kirstin Johnson. Leah Cooper was absent.

District personnel present: Michael Walker, Mike Wood, Dr. Lynn Phillips, Jay Patrick, Dr. Tim Phy, Officer Jack Pearl, Bettie Duffie, and Rebecca Pearl. Also present: Azure West, Patti Wallace, and Nicholas Osborn.

Ms. Johnson gave the invocation.

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

There was no one present related to the Public Comment agenda item.

Campus and Administrative reports were given at this time. Mr. Walker indicated that the regular facilities update report was at the board members' spots for their review. Ms. Patti Wallace gave a tax sale update stating there would be tax sales in September, October, and December. She is hopeful for the December sale as it is an acreage sale with several large tracts. This concluded the reports agenda item.

At 6:04, Leah Cooper joined the meeting.

Dr. Lynn Phillips and Dr. Tim Phy gave an update on the accountability report. Dr. Phillips explained that the ratings have, for the second year in a row, been blocked by a judge for release. There have been several changes in the testing format and scoring methods. Several Texas Schools have sued the State with concerns of validity of accountability ratings with all of the changes. She was able to present and speak on test scores. Elementary scores are showing growth in reading for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades as well as in math. She is hopeful that with newly implemented programs math scores will show more growth this year. Dr. Phy spoke specifically about the junior high school stating his campus did well overall given beginning of the year challenges. Dr. Phillips explained the high school results stating she'd like to see more meets and masters for future scores, which applies district wide. She is excited for the programs put in place that have full administrative support to help give a sturdy curriculum foundation.

Mr. Wood provided the Board with updated information related to the 24-25 proposed budget. He first walked through the notice that will be submitted to the press for the budget and tax rate adoption. He pointed out that the tax rate has dropped a few cents which will lower the overall tax revenues. Also decreasing revenues are a decreased refined ADA and a funding cut for SHARS. Expenditures have increased with payroll and inflation. As it stands, this results in an estimated \$1,012,222 deficit. The budget is a work in progress and adjustments will continue to

be made to decrease the deficit before the budget adoption next meeting. There was no need for action on this discussion item.

Mr. Walker recommended the Board approve a proposed M&O tax rate of 0.7175 cents and a proposed I&S tax rate of 0.0545 cents (total 0.772) for the 2024-25 school year, which is a lower rate than last year. Mr. Romano made a motion to set the proposed M&O tax rate at 0.7175 cents and the I&S rate at 0.0545 cents, for a total tax rate of 0.772 cents for the 24-25 school year. Motion was duly seconded by Ms. Cooper. Motion carried, 7-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to set the date and time for the required public hearing related to the discussion and consideration of the 24-25 proposed budget and tax rates for Wednesday, August 28, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the JISD Administration Building. Mr. Mauldin seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Mauldin, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve 5 new members to the Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) including Sarah Foster, Kirstin Johnson, Shanna Nelson, Brandy Hurst, and Terasa Allen. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mauldin, to approve the members who make up the Concussion Oversight Team for the 2024-25 school year, as presented by Mr. Walker. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Wood explained budget amendments for a new CTE Ag Truck and two HVAC repairs. After these explanations, Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes from previous meetings and budget amendments. Mr. Romano seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

The board entered into executive session at 6:49pm to discuss security and personnel matters.

Mr. Walker recommended approval of two new guardian team members as recommended by Director of Safety and JISD Chief of Police Jack Pearl and Officers Sherrill and Furlow. Mr. Bonner made a motion, duly seconded by Mr. Romano to approve the members as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Walker asked that the personnel needs be approved as presented. Motion by Ms. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Romano. Motion carried 7-0.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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President's Signature

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Secretary's Signature