Regular Meeting October 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Jason Bonner at 6:00 pm.

Members present were Jason Bonner, Kevin Godfrey, J.P. Abernathy, Leah Cooper, and Bobby Langbartels. Absent were Ned Fratangelo and Dr. Kent Thigpen.

District personnel present were Mike Wood, Rob Barnwell, Shannon Hensley, and Raven Morris. Others present included Bob Palmer, Ann Lummus, and Patti Wallace.

Mr. Godfrey gave the invocation.

Mr. Bonner 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. Barnwell updated everyone on the progress of district projects including the new roof at the high school and the new elementary classrooms. Ms. Patti Wallace gave the board some information related to the sale of delinquent tax properties. Ms. Lummus gave some explanation regarding a tax-litigation case involving an entity (Midcoast) in Marion County which could end up having an impact on JISD's funding (tax revenue) in the future, depending on the outcome of the case/appeal. Ms. Cooper gave an update regarding legislative information she received at a recent board training.

Ms. Lummus explained the need for some renovations at the JISD facility which is currently being rented by MCAD and asked the Board for permission to perform those renovations. Motion by Mr. Langbartels, seconded by Ms. Cooper, to approve renovations to be performed at the facility which is being rented by MCAD. Motion carried, 4-0 with Mr. Abernathy abstaining.

Motion by Ms. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Godfrey, to approve the consent agenda (previous minutes and budget amendments). Mr. Wood explained the need for the budget amendments. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Ms. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Godfrey, to approve the updated hourly pay scales, (20year max with 3% annual raises), which will go into effect beginning with the 20-21 school year. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Abernathy, seconded by Mr. Langbartels, to accept the bid from EMC Water Supply and approve the sale of specific land in the Smithland area, as presented.

Mr. Hensley, Band Director, shared some thoughts and presented some possible plans regarding a band trip for the high school band in the future. Board members had a few questions and comments, including praise related to the progress the band has been showing. Mr. Hensley said that he will work with the booster club to develop a more detailed plan, meet with Mr. Barnwell and Mr. Walker, and then he will bring more information to the Board to consider at a future meeting. There was no action on this agenda item.

Mr. Bonner announced that the Board would convene into executive session at 7:03 pm in order to discuss personnel.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:35 pm.

Mr. Barnwell asked that the minutes reflect the previous acceptance of resignations from Charles Jones and Lance Reese. There were no other personnel needs to be addressed.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature