

Regular Meeting
June 11, 2024

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

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

District personnel present were Michael Walker, Mike Wood, Dr. Lynn Phillips, Clint Coyne, Jay Patrick, Rebecca Pearl, Tim Phy, Kim McDonald, and Bettie Duffie. Others present included Alyssa Grubaugh, Brianna Copeland, Melinda Grubaugh, Patti Wallace, Lana Choy, Staci Killingsworth, Nicholas Osborn, Asure West, Taylor Moore, Rachel Green, Troy Tatum, Ken Tomlinson, Anna Garcia, and other community members.

Ms. Cooper gave the invocation.

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

Alyssa Grubaugh signed up for Public Comment. Ms. Davis welcomed her to the podium where Ms. Grubaugh spoke about an incident involving her mother, Melinda Grubaugh, a former JISD employee. There was no one else related to public comment.

Campus and Administrative reports were given at this time. Mr. Walker introduced employee candidate Troy Tatum to fill the position of JHS Assistant Principal. Mr. Tatum is very excited for the opportunity. Dr. Phy introduced employee candidate Rachel Green who will be a teacher at the junior high. Lastly, Dr. Phillips introduced Anna Garcia as an employee candidate for a 4th grade position at the elementary school. Clint Coyne gave a facilities update. He started by thanking community members JP and Marla Abernathy for building ramps for graduation without any hesitation. He gave a roofing update and mentioned he is still gathering information for the best way to approach roofing issues. Bailey Signs, the company that installed the new digital sign, has all the replacement parts ready to fix the sign that was struck by lightning. Mr. Coyne commended the Food Service Department on their recent award for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Lastly, Mr. Coyne mentioned that the district will receive \$150,000 as a part of the Cycle 2 School Safety Grant. Ms. Staci Killingsworth and Ms. Patti Wallace gave a tax update. The tax office gathered excess proceeds totaling \$107,824.91 of which Jefferson ISD will receive \$64,093.90. These are referred to as “pennies from heaven” and can be used for any district needs. This concluded the reports section and there was no need for action.

Dr. Phillips gave a report related to progress measures associated with goals, which are required by TEA. Overall, the district has shown growth. A few areas were short of the anticipated goals by a few points. There are new academic programs in place to help the district reach growth goals in the coming year.

Next on the agenda was approval of an innovative course at the high school called Principles of Exercise Science and Wellness. Dr. Phillips and others at the high school have been refining the course pathways and this course will better align with the Exercise Science pathway. This course will use existing teachers. Motion by Ms. Cooper to approve the innovative course, Principles of Exercise Science and Wellness, seconded by Rusty Mauldin. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the appraisal calendar and the associated list of appraisers for the 24-25 school year. Motion was duly seconded by Mr. Bonner. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Wood and Dr. Phillips presented the Region 8 contract for approval. They pointed out areas where costs had increased and the necessity for some of these options. Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve the Region 8 contract with the condition that the Gifted and Talented Coop Option be added. Mr. Romano seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Patrick explained how the district utilizes services from CollectEd. He mentioned through the agreement with CollectEd, the district is able to get several necessary technology products completed. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the agreement with Collect-Ed to handle services related to ERATE for the 25-26 school year. Mr. Mauldin seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

The agenda item related to Student Insurance was brought back to the board this meeting with more information on plan costs and coverage. Following an explanation from Mr. Wood, he recommended the district use Monarch Management/Players Health. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve Monarch Management as the district's student supplemental insurance provider for next year, as recommended by Mr. Wood. Ms. Johnson duly seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Walker presented the 2024-2025 compensation plan. Ms. Johnson asked a question about the "Bulldog Block" stipend. After an explanation by Dr. Phillips, Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 compensation plan as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Williams, motion carried, 7-0.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve the Consent agenda and budget amendments, which included past minutes. Motion was duly seconded by Mr. Mauldin. Motion carried, 7-0.

The Board convened into executive session at 6:41 pm to discuss personnel and district security.

The board reconvened into open session at 8:23 pm.

Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the personnel needs, as presented. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature