

**Regular Meeting
May 8, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Jason Bonner at 6:02 pm.

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

District personnel present were Rob Barnwell, Mike Wood, Dr. Lynn Fratangelo, Michael Walker, Lindsey Whitaker, Mark Allen, Reba Ball, Kimberly McDonald, Leola Nelson, Bessie Rhodes, Carletta Gray, Officer Shawn Cox, Jack Smith, Barbra Cox, Terry Moore, Jay Patrick, and Cynthia Koontz. Others present included Nelda Breckenridge, Sherrie Houff, BeJe Foster, Cheryl Jackson, Patti Wallace, Janya Smith, Peyton Johnson, Denya English, Joyce Roraback, Patricia Montgomery, Robb Furlow, Jack Pearl, Tramane Nelson, William Hoskins, Crystal Roberts, and several family members and friend of the retirees who were being recognized.

Mr. Barnwell gave the invocation.

Mr. Bonner led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Following the canvassing of the election data, Kevin Godfrey made a motion to declare the election results official, which placed Ned Fratangelo in Place 6 and J.P. Abernathy in Place 7 for three year terms. Motion was seconded by Mr. Langbartels. Motion carried, 4-0, with Mr. Abernathy abstaining.

Ms. Kimberly McDonald issued the Oath of Office to incumbent J.P. Abernathy (Place 7) as he was sworn in. (Incumbent Ned Fratangelo retained his seat, Place 6, and will be sworn in at the next available meeting).

Mr. Barnwell specifically thanked Barbra Cox, Kimberly McDonald, and Reba Ball, along with all the election judges and assistants, for their efforts related to the election.

As a part of the reorganization of the Board Officers, Mr. Abernathy made a motion to allow for Mr. Jason Bonner to serve as Board President, Dr. Kent Thigpen as Vice-President, and Ms. Leah Cooper to serve as Secretary. Motion was seconded by Mr. Godfrey. Motion carried, 5-0.

Campus and Administrative reports were given at this time. Mr. Barnwell indicated the normal financial report was available for each board member within the agenda packets. BeJe Foster and Cheryl Jackson recognized Terry Moore and several of her culinary arts students for their efforts/involvement with a recent honor program held at Magnolia Place. They were very complimentary of the students and Ms. Moore. They also indicated they were very impressed with students' attitudes and talents and were very happy to have a great working relationship with JISD in many areas.

Recent retirees were acknowledged at this time. Mr. Walker introduced, Bessie Rhodes, Ms. Whitaker introduced Leola "Soda B" Nelson, and Terry Moore introduced Carletta Gray. All three retirees were presented with a plaque of appreciation for their service. Mr. Barnwell also introduced recent retiree Nelda Breckenridge, who had previously been recognized and honored at the April board meeting, for her 46 years of service to the district. He also read aloud a 'thank you' note that Ms. B sent to him regarding her appreciation to the district which also relayed her loyalty to her beloved "Bulldogs". (A reception was also held for these retirees prior to the board meeting.)

Introductions of new employee candidates were made at this time. Coach Allen introduced Crystal Roberts, Kristen LeShaw, Falon Jones, and Robert Bristow as employee candidates. Ms. Whitaker introduced Cynthia Koontz and Dale Hoskins as employee candidates.

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

A report was given at this time by Officer Robb Furlow, Officer Jack Pearl, and Officer Shawn Cox related to the progression and success of the guardian program. The officers indicated the program is doing well, the routine trainings have been very successful, and they are very happy with the progress of the program and its members.

Following a report from Ms. Terry Moore related to the Community Eligibility Program (CEP), Mr. Langbartels made a motion to approve the district's participation in the program, beginning with next year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Godfrey. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Abernathy made a motion to approve the sale of the following tax delinquent properties:

(Suit T02466 Parcel 14889 – Pine Harbor Sec. F Lot 58 received bid from John Elrod in the amount of \$400.00. This property was taken to tax sale in 2014 and struck off to Marion County with an opening bid of \$800.00. Side note: this lot is adjacent and will expand his property.

Suit T02528 Parcel 18012 – Alley Addition BLK 65 Lot 9 & S/2 Lot 8. received bid from Jacques Jaubert & Lisa Hickok in the amount of \$6,000.00. This property was taken to tax sale in October, 2015 and struck off to City of Jefferson with an opening bid of \$7,000.)

Motion was seconded by Dr. Thigpen. Motion carried, 5-0.

Dr. Thigpen made a motion to approve the Consent agenda, which only included previous minutes. Motion was duly seconded by Mr. Langbartels. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Barnwell gave the board an update regarding the research he had been doing related to the search for architects, contractors, and engineers in an attempt to determine the what would be in the district's best interest concerning the addition of classrooms and other possible facility upgrades. There was some discussion, but no recommendation, motion, or action on this agenda item.

There was no action taken on the agenda item related to the selection of a project delivery method for construction services.

Following an explanation from Dr. Fratangelo, Mr. Godfrey made a motion to approve the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) as the evaluation instrument to be used by the district for its teacher appraisals beginning with next school year. Motion was seconded by Mr. Abernathy. Motion carried, 5-0.

Dr. Fratangelo and Jay Patrick gave a detailed explanation regarding the need for an additional position to serve as an instructional coach, particularly related to helping with the integration of technology in the classroom, in an effort to improve the reading proficiency of our students, especially in our elementary grades. Mr. Abernathy made a motion to approve the additional position. Motion was seconded by Dr. Thigpen. Mr. Barnwell affirmed he would only recommend the hiring of this position if budget projections indicate that expected revenues will support the salary for such a position, and, only if everyone agrees that the candidate has the necessary experience and talent to be a "good fit" related to the needs/responsibilities for this job. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Abernathy, duly seconded by Mr. Langbartels, to approve the gas/diesel bid from Jackson Oil to serve our needs related to fuel. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Godfrey, duly seconded by Dr. Thigpen, to approve the bid from Texas Kids First to supply the student supplemental insurance for next year. Motion carried, 5-0.

The Board convened into executive session at 7:56 pm to discuss personnel and security measures. The Board reconvened back into open session at 8:21 pm.

Mr. Barnwell asked that the minutes reflect the previous acceptance of resignations from Carletta Gray, Rosie Vinson, Debra Johnston, and Lauren Wood.

Mr. Barnwell recommended the Board offer employment contracts to the following people:

Debra Pickens (10 month term); Don Cupples (11 month probationary, dual-assignment); Michael Downs (11 month, probationary, dual assignment); Normal Gilliam (11 month term); Terry Moore (11 month non-certified professional); Cynthia Koontz (10 month probationary); William Dale Hoskins (10 month probationary); Crystal Roberts (11 month probationary, dual-assignment); Kristen LeShaw (11 month probationary, dual-assignment); Falon Jones (11 month probationary, dual-assignment); Robert Bristow (11 month probationary, dual-assignment); Tim Phy (2 year term). Mr. Barnwell also recommended the Board propose a non-renewal of Matt Foster's term contract. Mr. Godfrey made a motion to approve the personnel needs, as presented. Dr. Thigpen seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature