

**Regular Meeting
September 9, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Tolesia Smith-Davis at 6:01 pm.

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

District personnel present: Michael Walker, Mike Wood, Jay Patrick, Clint Coyne, Bettie Duffie, Rebecca Breedlove, Heather Sanders, Mandy Martinez, Terry Johnson, Mitzi Neely, Judy Grubbs, Susan Lancaster, Taylor Driscoll, Joel Windham, and Rebecca Pearl.

Others present included Constance Burgos, Emaleigh Burgos, Hugh Lewis, several JES students and their families, as well as a group of students from the junior high and high schools.

Ms. Johnson gave the invocation.

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

There were three people who signed up for public comment. Constance Burgos spoke about prayer in public schools regarding new legislation and guidance. Emaleigh Burgos also spoke on prayer time in schools. Hugh Lewis got up to thank the board for not changing policy regarding public comment topics at board meetings. This concluded public comment.

Campus and Administrative reports were given at this time. Mr. Johnson recognized his staff of the month, Ms. Judy Grubbs, Ms. Becky Breedlove, and Ms. Mandy Martinez. He then introduced pre-k and kindergarten students of the month Peyton Osborne, Kingston Hicks, Grace Martinez, and Walker Croley. Mr. Johnson invited Ms. Lancaster up to recognize the 1st grade students of the month Melanie Juarez and Grayson Marshall. Ms. Sanders introduced the 2nd grade students of the month Amelia Dykes and Harley Stiff. Lastly, Ms. Martinez recognized Skylar Byrd and Trey-veyonte Swinson as the 3rd grade students of the month. Next was Lizzie Smith and Gunner Smith who gave a presentation on a new campus group called P7. Mr. Coyne then gave a facilities update. Summer projects have been completed, and the start of school brought in twice the number of maintenance tickets for the month of August, the majority of which have been closed out. This concluded reports.

Motion by Ms. Cooper, seconded by Mr. McCurry to approve the updates to the Board Operating Procedures as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Romano seconded by Ms. Glover to approve the updates to policy GKA(LOCAL) regarding community relations conduct on school premises. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Romano, seconded by Ms. Cooper to approve updates to policy CH(LOCAL), changing the purchasing and acquisition limit for the bid process from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Motion carried, 6-0.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve free pre-kindergarten for all JISD staff. Mr. McCurry seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to change the October and March regular board meeting dates to October 7th and March 3rd to accommodate for school holidays. Mr. Romano seconded the motion, motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Romano made a motion to approve granting the superintendent signing authority for 7 \$1,000 bonds that have reached maturity. Mr. McCurry seconded the motion, and the motion carried, 6-0.

Dr. Phillips then led a discussion on JISD academics. She explained the steps the district is taking to improve academics.

Motion made by Ms. Cooper, seconded by Mr. Romano to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from previous meetings and budget amendments. Motion carried, 6-0.

There was no need for executive session.

There were no personnel needs. Due to no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned at 7:04 pm.

President's Signature

Secretary's Signature