

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2022
310 East 18th Street
Joshua, Texas
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

President Ronnie Galbreath called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. A quorum was present and the notice of the meeting had been posted in the manner and for the time required by law. Other members present were Kevin Lee, Nini Wilson, Cody Lee, Charles Hudgens, Myra Pruitt and Gene Loflin.

BOARD WORKSHOP

- A. Superintendent Reports
- B. Agenda Items
- C. School Budget
- D. School Safety Procedures
- E. Review of District's Monthly Activities

REGULAR MEETING - OPENING CEREMONIES

President Ronnie Galbreath called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE

Ninth Grade Campus students Hannah Cox and Donald Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the district vision statement.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

The Board Members received information on student enrollment and attendance, an ADA Report, a report from the child nutrition department, a property tax collection summary, monthly financial reports, a monthly and year to date status of special revenue funds report, a copy of the March check register, a Joshua ISD police department report, a calendar of district events, spring benchmark report, campus parent surveys, the 2022-2023 extracurricular handbook and a campus presentation from Ninth Grade Campus and New Horizon High School.

RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Board recognized the JHS Powerlifting Regional Qualifiers, State Qualifiers and State Champions. Teams members recognized were:

Regional Qualifiers: Maddie Valles, Kymber Brooks, Josephine Mitchell, Braylen Galbreath, Niaro Langrus, Bradley Gregory, Jacob Simpkins, Cooper Zelazny, Josh Johnson, Hannah Willis, Abigail Mitchell.

State Qualifiers: Bradley Gregory, Jacob Simpkins, Cooper Zelazny, Josh Johnson, Hannah Willis, Abigail Mitchell.

State Champions: Hannah Willis, Abigail Mitchell. The Mayor of the City of Joshua prepared a Proclamation to be read, proclaiming April 18, 2022, Hannah Willis and Abigail Mitchell Day.

The Board recognized the Nichols Middle School 7th grade C team for their undefeated season and for winning the Quad County District Championship. Team members recognized were: Brayleigh McBeath, Anna Terrel, Mackenzie Ballard, Kaylee Corral, Landrie Huggins, Makayla Epps, Lea Diaz, Brenda Lopez, Isla McDaniel and Lelanie Sam.

The Board recognized the Nichols Middle School 8th grade C team for winning the District Championship. Team members recognized were: Avery Klein, Isabella Martinez, Harley Goeringer, Josselyn Arellano, Kathy Godinez, Glenn Marie Cowans, Amy Gonzalez Mendez, Evelyn Diaz, Lesly Solis and Skyler Baird.

The Board recognized the Essence Colorguard for their hard work in preparation for the NTCA Championships in late March where they placed 6th out of 81 teams. Members recognized were: Avery Cotton, Cheyenne Creamier, Isabella

Kirchmann, Sommer Stetson, Lillie Couey, Maggie Rendon, Madelyn Pace, Taylor De Luna, Kaitlyn Lee, Mikayla Cole, Payton Tarrazas, Sophia Bustillos, Elizabeth Moore, Sarah Ingram, Evan Journeay, Edward Hernandez, Guadalupe Razo Sanchez, Angela Gallegos, Marjorie Cowen and Sherah Evans.

OPEN FORUM

Julianna Gelderloos thanked the board for their tremendous efforts to move Joshua ISD forward and appreciated the work. She stated that she also works in a place where mandatory reporting is required.

Brant Stovall addressed the board regarding the North Joshua lunch issue. He had a few questions for the board.

1. Where was this listed district wide letting them know that they couldn't do this?
2. Did the punishment fit the crime?
3. Was there a district wide investigation?

He asked the board to look into this.

Chelsea Brashear addressed the board about the teacher resignations at North Joshua Elementary. She feels the teachers were not given representation, she feels this was a hostile way to approach fraud and theft by threatening to revoke teacher certification during a teacher shortage. She asked why not come up with an equitable solution. She blames the district leadership for the teacher's actions. Teachers spend money out of their own pockets to set up classrooms. She stated that nepotism is a threat and leads to corruption. The board should advocate more.

Terrie Chumchal addressed the board about Bullying in Joshua ISD. JISD administrators use a bullying checklist to investigate a report. She asked who guides the checklist and that parents need clarification as to why no reports were determined to be bullying when so many parents are claiming bullying. She feels that we need to revise Bullying plan. She would like to know when to involve the SRO's.

Russell Rojas, Sr. addressed Mr. Galbreath in particular about the letter he received from Mr. Galbreath. He spoke about clearing his name. He said he did not threaten the district. He questioned why it took five months for a certain employee to resign but it only took three days for the five teachers.

Stephanie Arredondo addressed the board to thank them for putting out the survey on bullying but says it is not enough. She spoke about additional children trying to harm themselves. She also gave examples of situations her son has faced. She asks the board to take more action and not wait until the fall.

Georgia Head addressed the board about school safety. At the Townhall meeting while she was speaking, a man yelled something at her and no one said anything and after the meeting she approached that same man and he yelled at her and no one did anything. There was another situation at the Townhall and the police removed the victim. She feels this behavior is being allowed and children need to feel safe and secure.

Rylie Fleming addressed the board about suicide awareness. Through a survey she discovered that many kids have suicidal thoughts and would like to bring awareness to the district.

Jennifer Kate addressed the board about her educational experience in Joshua ISD. She is a 2020 graduate and stated that JISD feels like home and the community she needed. She learned from her college roommate the lack of choices her roommate had in a different district and is thankful JISD has so many choices for the students here. She thanked the Board and Mrs. Marek for the opportunities in JISD.

Jerry Fisher addressed the board to speak on behalf of Mrs. Marek. Mr. Fisher is Mrs. Marek's brother-in-law and he has known Mrs. Marek for a long time. He is appalled at the social media posts attacking her character and integrity. He stated that decisions have to be made for everyone, not just the loud ones. The District has to follow the rules of government contracts or pay fines. He spoke about Mrs. Marek's dedication to JISD, she is always on-call, her time is often spent handling matters of the district, taking time away from her family and considers all of the JISD students, "her kids". It is her job to protect and make decisions that benefit the majority.

Joshua Burns addressed the board to thank them for putting students first, standing for truth, advancing the district and excellent standards for every student. Through the choices of others, Mrs. Marek has been faced with hard decisions to make based on the law. Mrs. Marek showed true character. Character is doing what is right, when no one is looking. He stated that no one is perfect and mistakes do not define us. He spoke directly to Mrs. Marek by saying that she has risen above the accusations and that she will push JISD to new heights.

Chris Ohlsen addressed the board and stated that anger and hatred are counter-productive and self-serving. That resolution needs to be found by finding the root cause. The District, Superintendent nor the Staff do not deserve what is going on. They deserve respect.

SUBJECTS:

- Subject A Consider Consent Agenda Items
Motion by Myra Pruitt and Second by Nini Wilson to approve the minutes of March 28, 2022 and April 7, 2022, the budget amendments, accounts payable and purchases over \$50,000. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject B Consider Shared Services Agreement for the Crowley Regional Day School Program for the Deaf for the 2022-2023 School Year
Motion by Cody Lee and Second by Gene Loflin to approve the shared services agreement. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject C Consider All Education Service Center Region XI Contracts for the 2022-2023 School Year
Motion by Charles Hudgens and Second by Myra Pruitt to approve the ESC Region XI 2022-2023 contracts as presented. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject D Consider Approving the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification, 2022-2023
Motion by Gene Loflin and Second by Cody Lee to approve the Instructional Materials Allotment and TEKS certification for 2022-2023. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject E Consider Resolution of the Board to Convene the District's School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to Recommend Curriculum Materials for Human Sexuality Instruction
Motion by Kevin Lee and Second by Myra Pruitt to approve the resolution of the board to convene the district's SHAC to recommend curriculum materials for human sexuality instruction. Motion carried 7-0.
- Subject F Announce Board Member Training Credits
President Ronnie Galbreath announced that Ronnie Galbreath, Charles Hudgens, Cody Lee, Kevin Lee, Gene Loflin, Myra Pruitt and Nini Wilson completed hours based on assessed need and framework for school board development.
Ronnie Galbreath- 11.00 hours completed
Charles Hudgens – 11.00 hours completed
Cody Lee – 25.00 hours completed (first year board member)
Kevin Lee- 25.00 hours completed (first year board member)
Gene Loflin- 11.00 hours completed
Myra Pruitt- 11.00 hours completed
Nini Wilson – 11.00 hours completed

7:40 P.M. The board convened in a closed session to discuss items authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.001-551.084.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A) Consultation with the Board's Attorney
- B) Discussion of Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property
- C) Discussion of Property for School Site
- D) Discussion of Personnel to Consider Compensation, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Contract Extensions, Resignations, Dismissal, and/or Leave of Absence Requests
 - 1. Resignation/Retirement
 - 2. Employment
 - 3. Professional Staff Contracts and Extensions

9:57 P.M. The Board returned to open session.

Superintendent Marek announced the following resignations were accepted: Theresa Boydston, Kali Carpenter, Emilia Carrillo, Carrie Couch, Cortney Davenport, Wendy Douglas, Kimberley Hanna, Adriene Herring, Kristie Lentz, Brittany McCleary, Shawn Palmer, Shelly Randle, Angela Santos, Jimmie Sharp, Michele Sullivan, Kim Ikeler, Connie Wood and Carolyn Woodall.

Motion made by Myra Pruitt and Second by Kevin Lee to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

9:58 P.M. Meeting adjourned.

Date

Ronnie Galbreath, President

Gene Loflin, Secretary