

JOSHUA ISD  
BOARD of TRUSTEES  
Meeting Summary

Ronnie Galbreath, President  
Myra Pruitt, Vice President  
Gene Loflin, Secretary  
Kim Henderson  
Charles Hudgens  
Cody Lee  
Nini Wilson

Fran Marek, Superintendent

The Board of Trustees met on May 17, 2021. The following is a summary of the Workshop/ Regular Meeting.

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 Gene Loflin, Cody Lee, Nini Wilson, Kim Henderson, Charles Hudgens and Myra Pruitt.

BOARD WORKSHOP

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

REGULAR MEETING - OPENING CEREMONIES

President Galbreath called the regular meeting to order at 6:47 P.M.

PLEDGE

Joshua High School students, Deaven Connelly and Riley O'Banion led the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the District Vision Statement.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

The Board Members received information on student enrollment, attendance, ADA, 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 summary, a copy of the April check register, information from the JISD police department, a calendar of district events, the 2020-2021 spring athletic scorecard, 2020-2021 ROTC scorecard, 2020-2021 bullying and harassment report, 2021-2022 extracurricular handbook, graduation information for Joshua High School and New Horizon High School and a campus presentation from Joshua High School.

RECOGNITION/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Superintendent Fran Marek and the Board recognized Joshua High School's Spirit Indoor Performance Ensemble for winning the Winter Guard International Scholastic A Winds World Championship. Directors and students recognized were: Staff: Stephen Smoot, Bryan Bass, Kara O'Brien, Alejandro Cruz and Casey Snead. Flutes: Katie Belding, Lillie Couey, Rebecca Golubinski. Clarinet: Samantha Belding, Jersey Chernow, Makayla Dybvig, Eleanor Hodges, Adison Zalazny. Bass Clarinet: Joseph Aguirre, Victoria Wright. Saxophone: Tia Chernow, Daniel Smith. Trumpet: Joshua Bischops, Luke Breedlove, Caleb Carr, Paisleigh Hilley, Tibor Hollman. Mellaphone: Kaitlyn Biggs, Preston Garner, Arfan Hossain, Joshua Jones, Jacob Thurston. Trombone: Maddy Arnold, Carson Bethell, Chance Lightfoot. Baritone: Joey Couey, Jaxon Dial. Contra: Nick Smith, Nathaniel Vallejo. Percussion: Addy Argumaniz, Connie Brewer, Anna Grace Doyle, Colton Gallandat, Mia Gonzales, Kylie Jones, Cutter McBride, Julian Oldham, Laird Schmaltz, Emma Skronek, Zach Tomlin, Rylee Watts. Guard: Avery Cotton, Cheyenne Creamier, Anney Johnson, Isabella Kirchman, Elizabeth Luna, Nikita Orso, Maggie Rendon and Sommer Stetson.

Superintendent Marek and the Board recognized members of Loflin Middle School's band for not only receiving the highest rating (Superior) on their solo performance, they also did well enough to earn an "Outstanding Soloist" award. Beginner band outstanding soloists are: Karen Palacios, Joseph Sanchez, Tobias Hollmann, Kylie Green, Nathan Peacock, Ethan Phan, Chase Ellis, Whitney Roy, Coryn Brewer, and Aliyah Conn. 7th and 8th grade outstanding soloists are: Kaitlyn Tate, Aubree Kirchmann, Curtis Hales, Lauren Rogers, Sophie Rodriguez, Noah Johnson, Kayla Payan, Jayden Taylor, Jordan Bustamante, Gracy Fisher, Stetson Turnbeaugh, and Alexis Pridgen.

Superintendent Marek and the Board recognized members of Nichols Middle School's band for earning a special "Outstanding Soloist" award. These students shone above all of the rest, earning them this distinction of being the best performers of the contest. Beginner students earning this distinction are: Amaya Washington – flute, Austin Rees – clarinet, Mariana Dominguez – clarinet, Braedyn Holland – clarinet, Carson DiGanci – clarinet, Cole Southard – saxophone, Lucas Hutto – bassoon, Aurora Rice – trumpet, Ian Bauer – horn, Eli Einhaus – trombone, Matthew Gray Willert – euphonium, Demetrius Folsom – tuba, Matthew Carter – tuba and Jarrod Forman – percussion. Advanced students earning this distinction are: Taryn Lane – flute, Allison Boyanton – oboe, Ryan Laquitaro – clarinet, Riley Husch – clarinet, Addy Argumaniz – clarinet, Kevin Lopez – bass clarinet, Nate Catoe – alto saxophone, Joey Buhl – tenor saxophone, Seth Laxson – trumpet, Aiden Gresham – trumpet, Layton Haydin – horn, Noah Piihl – horn, Hayden Cooner – horn, and Kellan Flanigan – tuba. Nichols MS also had the only ensemble compete at the contest. The clarinet quartet also received an "Outstanding" distinction and members were Riley Husch, Addy Argumaniz, Mallory Goodwin and Shane Waits.

Superintendent Marek and the Board recognized members of Joshua High School's band that received "Outstanding Soloist" recognition at the solo competition. Members recognized were: Brylea Benson, Luke Breedlove, Tia Chernow, Colton Gallandat, Jessica Jones, Karolina Juarez Bueno, Hannah Miller and Fiyin Olajide.

Superintendent Marek and the Board recognized Joshua High School's Academic UIL team for winning their fourth consecutive district championship with 726 points. Team members recognized were: Al-yasiri, Eryn, Box, Trinity, Carr, Caleb, Chisholm, Blake, Clancey, Cassidy, Jones, Coleman, Contreras, Thania, Dial, Jaxon = 2, Drake, George, Ebubechukwu, Orji, Geddie, Allison = 5 events, Grubbs, Jason, Hossain, Arfan, Marek, Blaine = 3 events, Marks, Hunter, Molina, Jesse, Olajide, Fiyinfoluwa = 3 events, Palacios, Nancy, Pena, Trinity, Randle, Cade, Singleton, Christopher, Smith, Daniel = 2 events, Sumien, Rory, Trahan, Alyssa, Tubbs, Sam and Walker, Reagan = 2 events.

Superintendent Marek and the Board recognized the JHS Track team for their accomplishments: Boys District Team Champions, Boys Area Team Champions, Boys and Girls Area Qualifiers, Boys and Girls Regional Qualifiers and Boys State Qualifier: Athletes recognized: Carson Bethell- 4x400 Relay, Pole Vault, Rylan Bethell- Pole Vault, Jake Broadway- Pole Vault, Cameron Conklin- 4x200 Relay, 4x100 Relay, Nathan Ford- 800, 3200, 1600, Jordan Gamez- 4x200 Relay, Long Jump, Griffin Gayler- 400, 4x400 Relay, Celeste Guzman- Discus, Hazel Jackson- Pole Vault, Kenyal Knight- 4x400 Relay, McKinley Novacek- High Jump, Long Jump, 100 Hurdles, 300 Hurdles, 4x400 Relay, Jordan O'Banion- 4x200 Relay, Jaymen Paul- 200, 4x100 Relay, Logan Rice- High Jump, Chris Singleton- 4x200 Relay, 200, Kolby Smith- Triple Jump, 4x200 Relay, 4x100 Relay, Tyler Stone- Long Jump, High Jump, 4x400 Relay, 4x100 Relay, Boys 4x200 Relay- Cameron Conklin, Chris Singleton, Jordan O'Banion, Kolby Smith, Kenyal Knight, Jordan Gamez, Boys 4x400 Relay- Carson Bethell, Tyler Stone, Kenyal Knight, Griffin Gayler, Nathan Ford, Jordan O'Banion, Boys 4x100 Relay- Cameron Conklin, Chris Singleton, Kolby Smith, Tyler Stone, Jordan Gamez, Girls 4x100 Relay- Jaymen Paul, Peyton Cole, Sawyer Colbert, Gracie Nichols, Girls 4x400 Relay- Hazel Jackson, Payton Koller, Lauren Bryl, McKinley Novacek Qualifier. The board recognized Rylan Bethell for competing at the State Meet in Pole Vaulting.

Superintendent Marek and the Board recognized the JHS Varsity Softball team for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 14-5A district earning them a spot in the playoffs. Players recognized: Seniors: Ella Belzner, Ashleigh Biggerstaff, MJ Corley, Caroline Harris, Alli Mankel Juniors: Ditha Gonzales, Kaitlynn McBrayer, Rylie Rumfield, Chauna Taylor, Maddie Warren, Sophomores: Bentley Levell, Leah Mendoza and Freshmen: Catie Amador, Kyndal Lay, Zaidyn Streeter, and Kylie White.

Superintendent Marek and the Board recognized Allison Geddie, Fiyinfoluwa Olajide, and Reagan Walker for advancing from the UIL Academic Regional Meet to the UIL Academic State Meet. Allison Geddie competed at the state meet in Ready Writing, Editorial Writing, Headline Writing and was the alternate for Feature Writing. Fiyinfoluwa Olajide advanced to the state meet in Copy Editing. Reagan Walker advanced to the state meet as the alternate in Copy Editing. At the state meet, Allison Geddie placed 6th in Headline Writing and placed 1st overall in Class 5A in Editorial Writing. Allison is the 2021 Class 5A State Champion in Editorial Writing.

Superintendent Marek and the Board recognized Abbey Mitchell for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State in Powerlifting.

Superintendent Marek and the Board recognized Joshua's NJROTC officer staff for many accomplishments. Joshua is in Area 10 and has been named its most outstanding unit for the 2020-2021 school year. This unit is now being considered against the other 12 areas as the best unit in the nation. In addition to being named a Distinguished Unit for the 20th consecutive year, the unit also received Academic Honors for the 7th year in a row. Additionally, the Rifle Team won the Navy National Rifle Championship for the 3rd year in a row. And, with the help of the School Board and many generous donations, the unit was able to open the new Clothing Exchange for the benefit of the school and community. Credit for this achievement goes to this year's officer staff: Cadet Commanding Officer Johan Hernandez; Executive Officer Paul Boterf; Command Master Chief Grant Lewis; Supply Officer Bradley Mitchell; Rifle Team Captain Carlos Martinez; Platoon Commander Josh Groessel. This group of seniors has been offered \$2.2 million in scholarships. The incoming staff for SY21/22 includes: Cadet Commanding Officer Lily Sharp; Executive Officer Mikayla Kirk; Operations Officer Kaleb Herzog; Command Master Chief Kolden Smith; and Public Affairs Officer Nikita Orso.

Superintendent Marek and the Board recognized JHS student, Madison Brown. Madison is being recognized for her first place finish in the statewide "Rabies Awareness and Prevention" poster contest. This is the first time that a student from Joshua High School has received an award for this contest. Her poster will be used across the state to promote vaccinating animals against rabies. We are so excited to showcase another example of educational excellence in JISD.

#### OPEN FORUM –

Donielle Ellis spoke to the board about the current dress code in JISD. She is asking for revisions to be made to the code, in particular, the hair code for boys.

Brad Cooper addressed the board asking for the visitor policy for field day to be lifted so parents can attend.

#### THE BOARD:

- approved the minutes from April 19, 2021 and May 12, 2021x, budget amendments, accounts payable and purchases over \$50,000;
- approved Texas Kids First Lone Star 3 as the student insurance provider for 2021-2022;
- approved the JISD appraisal calendar and procedures for the 2021-2022 school year;
- approved the resolution of the board regarding hazardous traffic conditions;
- approved the certification for cybersecurity training for 2020-2021;
- approved the revisions to Joshua ISD local policy FFAC and Narcan procedures;
- approved resolution to extend two year depository contract with First Financial Bank;
- approved revisions to compensation plan;
- approved revision to policy DEC (LOCAL);
- approved letter of agreement with Denton ISD to provide Adult Education and Literacy Program;
- approved easement with United Cooperative Services;
- approved resolution and policy CB (LOCAL);
- approved the change in the March 2022 board meeting date to March 28, 2022;
- Superintendent Fran Marek made a recommendation to the board for Michael Clayton to be named as Assistant Principal of R.C. Loflin Middle School beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. Recommendation was accepted by the Board;
- And Superintendent Marek announced that the following resignations were accepted: Sam Akinaka, Jeremy Black, Holly Brown, Whitney Felty, Jessica Fontenot, Pam Fox, Abigail Friddle, Lauren Hardy, Amber Hilley, Lee Howington, Eric Jahnke, William McElroy, Melissa McHugh, Brandi Meyer, Deborah Moreno, Cynthia Proctor, James Rick, Shelly Rick, Adriana Roberts, Jayme Sisk, Wade Smith, and Taylor Trout.

The Board adjourned at 11:05 P.M.