

JOSHUA ISD
BOARD of TRUSTEES
Meeting Summary

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

Fran Marek, Superintendent

The Board of Trustees met on July 29, 2020. The following is a summary of the Budget Workshop / Special Teleconference Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

President Ronnie Galbreath called the workshop to order at 5:32 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, Kim Henderson, Nini Wilson, Chris Ohlsen, Myra Pruitt, and Charles Hudgens.

SPECIAL MEETING – BUDGET WORKSHOP- OPENING CEREMONIES

President Galbreath called the special meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

Pledge

Joshua ISD's Chief Administrative Services Officer, Corey Hickerson led the Pledge of Allegiance and recited the District Vision Statement.

THE BOARD:

- the board heard public comment from Dallas Wood asking to consider approving in-person school days for their children. Dallas strongly believes that her daughter needs to be able to sit down with a teacher and have interactions with other children to build social skills;
- the board heard public comment from Julie Smith to give her the option to send her kids to school in-person when it resumes;
- the board heard public comment from Melissa Pool regarding starting in-person class instruction as planned. Ms. Pool does not see a reason for a delayed start time. She asks for the option to send her kids to school in-person, just as those who want to choose on-line learning have the option to do so;
- the board heard public comment from Micki Jones voicing her support for the district because she feels the district values the well-being of all students when making decisions. Ms. Jones also gave several reasons why she feels the schools in Joshua ISD need to start with an in-person option and virtual learning option;
- the board heard public comment from Shasta Whittle regarding students returning to school as normal with no alterations to recess, PE classes or in the cafeteria. Ms. Whittle asked that there not be a delay to the start of school or an on-line only option;
- the board heard public comment from Jamie asking to please allow for in-person and online learning with the original start date;
- the board heard public comment from Jason Petty in favor of in-person instruction and opening school on time;
- the board heard public comment from April Gomez asking the board members to consider not making on-line learning mandatory. Ms. Gomez also asked the board to consider keeping original start date;
- the board heard public comment from Eric Campbell asking the School Board to consider following Tarrant County and Burleson's guidelines due to the rising number of COVID cases;
- the board heard public comment from Jay Link thanking the Board of Trustees for all they do and offered a prayer for wisdom. Mr. Link asked the board to stay focused on the primary purpose of the district: To provide the kids with the best education possible, in a safe environment;
- the board heard public comment from Laura Murphy regarding the concern she has with children having to wear a mask all day long. Ms. Murphy gave research about the harmful effects wearing a mask all day has on humans according to OSHA. Ms. Murphy asked if Joshua ISD offers a medical waiver concerning this issue;
- and approved revisions to the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented.

BOARD WORKSHOP

- 1) 2020-2021 Proposed Budget
- 2) Discuss Property Values and Funding Lag
- 3) Discuss Joshua ISD 2020-2021 Maintenance & Operation and Debt Service Ad-Valorem Tax Rates
- 4) Discuss Johnson County Branch Campus of Hill College 2020-2021 Tax Rate

The Board adjourned at 6:30 P.M.