



**Minutes of School Board Meeting**  
**January 19, 2015**

- 1** The Joaquin ISD School Board met tonight in regular session at 6:00 p.m. in the Joaquin Boardroom with the following members present: Jay Dee Cockrell, Charles Leflett (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), Ronnie Belrose, Luke Garrett, Tam Hearnberger, Chrisco Bragg, and Jimmy Hamilton.

Board members absent:

Guest(s) Present: Wayne Haglund, Attorney; Thomas Harvey; Billy Jean Kay; John Paul Lawson; Mrs. Joyce Wolfe; Jason Stanley; Jeff Cater; Tanner Williams, Student; Madelynn Hutchins, Student; Maddison Andres, Student; Katie Hamilton, Student; Josie Green, Student; Miranda Prnka, Student; Katherine Patrick, Student

Joaquin ISD Employee(s) Present: Phil Worsham, Superintendent; Joel Bumback, Director of Finance; Sherry Scruggs, Curriculum Director; Anita Huddleston, Special Programs Director; Terri Gray, Jr. High Principal; Jimmy Jackson, High School Principal/Transportation Director; Donna Vergo, Human Resources; Bert Coan, Elementary Assistant Principal; Sheryl Graves, Elementary Principal; Ronnie Wolfe, Agriculture Teacher; Shane Vance, Agriculture Teacher; Lynn Silvey, Teacher

Mr. Jay Dee Cockrell, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- 2** The invocation was led by Luke Garrett, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America by Jimmy Hamilton, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Chrisco Bragg.

- 3** Audience Participation – Those signed up and participating were: None

- 4** Report and Information items:

- 4.1 Board Appreciation Month and Program spotlight
- 4.2 Student Transfer Agreement
- 4.3 Review Monthly Financial Reports – Joel Bumback
- 4.4 Correspondence

- 5** Agenda Items for discussion, consideration, and possible action:

- 5.1 It was moved by Tam Hearnberger, and seconded by Jimmy Hamilton, to approve the previous meeting minutes. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.
- 5.2 It was moved by Ronnie Belrose, and seconded by Luke Garrett, to approve adoption of TASB Update 101 in accordance with instruction sheet. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.
- 5.3 It was moved by Chrisco Bragg, and seconded by Jimmy Hamilton, to call for the School Board Election for May 9<sup>th</sup> for the following: Two – three year terms presently held by Luke Garrett and Ronnie Belrose. Harold Irish will serve as the election judge and shall employ clerks as necessary. The election will be held in the Joaquin ISD Boardroom and the Huxley Volunteer Fire Department. Joel Bumback, Jennifer McCann, and Donna Vergo shall serve as early voting clerks to be conducted at the Administration office. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.

- 6** The board entered closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section §551.071, §551.074, §551.082, §551.0821, §551.127, §551.129 at 6:19 p.m. on January 19, 2015.

- 6.1.1 School District's legal counsel to update the school board with regard to a pending lawsuit and OCR complaint.
- 6.1.2 Resignations & Retirements
- 6.1.3 Athletic Director Contract
- 6.1.4 Head Football Contract
- 6.1.5 Teacher Contract
- 6.1.6 Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract
- 6.1.7 Discussion to determine that a program change requires the discharge of one or more employees in accordance with school board policy.

7 The board entered open session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at 7:49 p.m. on January 19, 2015 and took the following actions.

- 7.1.1 No Action was taken on the two reports from Mr. Wayne Haglund, School Attorney – pending lawsuit and OCR complaint. He presented to the Board updates on the District's appeal to the case No. 14-1039 Supreme Court of Texas, Joaquin ISD v. Shelby County Appraisal District, Shelby County Appraisal Review Board, Shelbyville ISD, Bobby Pigg, in his Official Capacity as Chief Appraiser of the Shelby County Appraisal Review Board, Roy Masterson, in his Official Capacity as Chairman of the Shelby County Appraisal Review Board, and Charles Rushing, in his Official Capacity as Chairman of the Shelby County Appraisal Review Board, Appellees. The Board also was updated on the OCR complaint.
- 7.1.2 It was moved by Jimmy Hamilton, and seconded by Charles Leflett, to confirm Superintendent's acceptance of retirement from Anita Huddleston. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.
- 7.1.3 It was moved by Ronnie Belrose, and seconded by Chrisco Bragg, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for Steven McCann to the position of Teacher/Coach under a 12 month contract with additional assignment as Athletic Director for 2015-16 school year. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.
- 7.1.4 It was moved by Charles Leflett, and seconded by Jimmy Hamilton, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for Wade Lawson to the position of Teacher/Coach under a 11 month contract with additional assignment as Head Football coach for 2015-16 school year. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.
- 7.1.5 It was moved by Tam Hearnberger, and seconded by Charlie Leflett, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to extend a probationary teacher contract to Deborah Derbonne subject to assignment for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.
- 7.1.7 It was moved by Tam Hearnberger, and seconded by Luke Garrett, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to consider a reduction in force due to programs changes. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.

The board took a 5 minute recess beginning at 7:58 p.m. on January 19, 2015.

The board entered closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section at 8:05 p.m. on January 19, 2015.

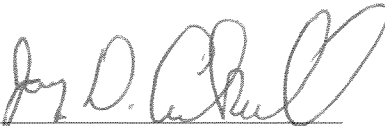
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- 7.1.6 It was moved by Luke Garrett, and seconded by Tam Hearnberger, at the completion of Mr. Worsham's evaluation to continue Levis Phil Worsham's contract for a total of four (4) years, beginning on July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2019 with an annual base salary to be considered at budget preparation for the 2015-2016 school year. The Superintendent's contract will go into more detail and is made a part this document and on the District web site. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.

8 Jay Dee Cockrell, Board President, asked for items to be placed on the next board agenda.  
None noted

9 Designation of date and time of next meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joaquin ISD  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

10 With no further business on the agenda the meeting was adjourn at 10:50 p.m.

  
Jay Dee Cockrell, President

  
Ronnie Belrose, Secretary