



PUBLIC HEARING

The Joaquin School Board held a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2014 in the Boardroom at the Joaquin ISD Administration Building. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the proposed tax rate for 2014. Public participation was requested. Present at the meeting were: Billy Jean Kay, Thomas Harvey, Justin Wilburn, Jimmy Jackson, Sherry Scruggs, Joel Bumback, Jay Dee Cockrell and Rodney Harper.

Minutes of School Board Meeting

July 21, 2014

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, Ronnie Belrose (via skype – TGC §551.129), Luke Garrett, Charles Leflett, Chrisco Bragg, Tam Hearnberger and Jimmy Hamilton

Board members absent: None

Guest(s) Present: Billy Jean Kay, Thomas Harvey, Rodney Harper

Joaquin ISD Employee(s) Present: Phil Worsham, Superintendent; Joel Bumback, Director of Finance; Jimmy Jackson, High School Principal; Sheryl Graves, Elementary Principal; Sherry Scruggs, Director of Curriculum; Terri Gray, Jr. High Principal; Anita Huddleston, Special Programs Director; Justin Wilburn, Technology; Mark Bonner, Director of Maintenance and Operations; Jennifer McCann, Administrative Assistant; Tammy Hamilton, Teacher

Jay Dee Cockrell, President, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2 The invocation was led by Chrisco Bragg, 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 Charles Leflett.

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

4 Report and Information items:

- 4.1 Recognition of service as a Board Member for Joaquin ISD:
John Paul Lawson, Frank Cooper & Jeff Hamilton
- 4.2 Review Monthly Financial Reports – Joel Bumback, Director of Finance
- 4.3 Calendar for 2014-2015 Budget and Tax Rate meetings – Joel Bumback, Director of Finance
- 4.4 Report on STAAR and End-Of-Course Testing – Sherry Scruggs, Director of Curriculum
- 4.5 SHAC Report – Jennifer McCann, Administrative Assistant
- 4.6 Report on Teacher Appraisal Process – Principals
- 4.7 Review Handbooks – Employee & Student – Principals & Donna Vergo, Human Resources
- 4.8 Correspondence

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

- 5.1 It was moved by Tam Hearnberger, and seconded by Charles Leflett, to approve the consent agenda.
 - 5.1.1 Minutes from previous month's meeting
 - 5.1.2 District Code-Of-Conduct for 2014-2015 School Year
 - 5.1.3 Waiver for Teacher Data Portal of Texas Assessment Management System
 - 5.1.4 Resolution to Suspend Portions of EIE Local for 2014-2015 School Year Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.
- 5.2 It was moved by Luke Garrett, and seconded by Charles Leflett, to amend the budget for 2013-2014 school year. (See Attachment). Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.
- 5.3 It was moved by Charles Leflett, and seconded by Luke Garrett, to adopt Order setting tax rate for 2014. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.
- 5.4 It was moved by Chrisco Bragg, and seconded by Jimmy Hamilton, to adopt Order for Tax Ratification Election – Saturday, September 13, 2014. 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 and §551.074 at 7:37 p.m. on July 21, 2014.

6.1 Resignations, hiring and Contracts—Texas Government Code Section 551.074 and 551.129 (See Attached Code)

6.1.1 Resignations

6.1.2 Teacher positions

6.1.3 Update on Level III Employee Complaint

7 The board entered open session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at 8:33 p.m. on July 21, 2014. Agenda Items for discussion, consideration, and possible action:

7.1 Resignations, hiring and Contracts

7.1.1 It was moved by Jimmy Hamilton, and seconded by Chrisco Bragg, to accept the letter of Resignation from Ashley Dean and Leisa Chadwick. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.

7.1.2 It was moved by Charles Leflett, and seconded by Tam Hearnberger, to confirm and approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Ashley Kostra, Jennifer Sipes, Kathy Brittain, Kaprice Hill, Sharron Shanz, Angela Gillis and Paul Pliler on a one year probationary contracts subject to assignment. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.

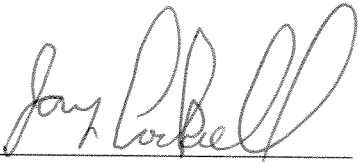
7.1.3 No action by the board

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 meeting (s) of the Board of Trustees of the Joaquin ISD – Regular Monthly - August 18th, 6:00 p.m.
Special Meeting – August 28th, Time to be announced**

10 With no further business on the agenda the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



Jay Dee Cockrell, President



Ronnie Belrose, Secretary

JOAQUIN ISD
2013-2014 BUDGET AMENDMENTS
July 21, 2014

<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>REVENUE INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>	<u>NET EFFECT ON BUDGET</u>
1 Payroll Costs	199-11-61X9		(5,000)	
Contracted Services	199-11-6291		(5,000)	
Supplies & Materials	199-11-639X		(6,000)	
Supplies & Materials	199-12-63XX		(2,000)	
Contracted Services	199-13-62XX		2,000	
Contracted Services	199-21-6291		14,000	
Supplies & Materials	199-31-6339		2,000	
Payroll Costs	199-34-6129		20,000	
Payrol Costs	199-51-6129		(20,000)	0

To transfer budgeted amounts in various functions to cover shortages in other functions. Also, to move budgeted funds in various functions to match coding of actual expenditures.

2 Payroll Costs	199-34-6129		8,000	
Contracted Services	199-34-62XX		10,000	
Supplies & Materials	199-34-63XX		2,000	
Contracted Services-Legal Fees	199-41-6213		15,000	
Contracted Services-Electricity	199-51-6259		40,000	75,000

To increase budgeted General Operating Expenditures by \$75,000 to match actual estimated final cost for 2013-14. Use Unassigned Fund Balance (see 2012-13 audit attached.) The following uncontrollable costs have exceeded the original budget:

- (1) *Electricity-Projected final costs exceeds budget by \$ (40,000). Original Budget was based on actual 2012-13 expenditures.*
- (2) *Transportation Costs-Exceed original budget by \$(20,000) due to underestimating operating cost of special services routes and summer school routes.*
- (3) *Legal Fees projected to exceed original budget by \$ (15,000)*

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AN ORDER calling a tax ratification election to be held in the Joaquin Independent School District, making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such election

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Joaquin Independent School District hereby finds a tax ratification election shall be held under the provisions of Texas Tax Code, Chapter 26, as amended; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JOAQUIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

SECTION 1: An election shall be held on the 13th day of September, 2014, in the Joaquin Independent School District (the "District"), which date is not less than thirty (30) days from the date of adoption hereof for the purpose of submitting the following measure:

"Shall the Board of Trustees of the Joaquin Independent School District in Shelby and Panola Counties, Texas, be authorized to levy an ad valorem tax rate of \$1.5855 per \$100 valuation in the Joaquin Independent School District for the current year, a rate that is \$0.13 higher per \$100 valuation than the school district rollback tax rate?"

SECTION 2: The District shall be divided into two election precincts for this election and the polling places designated for each election precinct are shown in Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof for all purposes. The election officers for each polling place shall be appointed by separate order of the Board.

Each Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two (2) qualified clerks to serve and assist in holding said election; provided that if the Presiding Judge herein appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of the clerks.

On election day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

SECTION 3: Early voting for this election shall be conducted Wednesday, August 27, 2014 through Tuesday, September 9, 2014 and the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on each day, except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays. The Joaquin Independent School District Administration Office, 11109 Highway 84 East, Joaquin, Texas 75954, is hereby designated the early voting polling place, and Jennifer McCann is hereby appointed Clerk and Joel Bumback and Donna Vergo are hereby appointed Deputy Clerks for early voting.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the election officers of the polling place located at the Joaquin Independent School District Administration Building shall also serve as the early voting ballot board for this election.

SECTION 4: A voting system or systems meeting the standards and requirements of the Texas Election Code, as amended, is hereby adopted and approved for early voting by personal appearance and by mail and for election day voting.

Ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Election Code so the voters may cast their ballots either "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

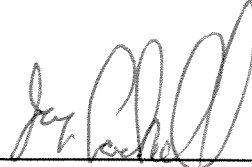
“APPROVING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$1.5855 PER \$100 VALUATION IN THE JOAQUIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, A RATE THAT IS \$0.13 HIGHER PER \$100 VALUATION THAN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ROLLBACK TAX RATE.”

SECTION 5: All resident qualified electors of the District shall be permitted to vote at said election, and on the day of the election, such electors shall vote at the polling place designated for the county election precinct in which they reside. This election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code, except as modified by the provisions of the Texas Education Code, and to the extent required by law, all election materials and proceedings shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 6: A substantial copy of this order shall serve as proper notice of said election. Said notice shall be (i) published at least one time not more than thirty (30) days or less than ten (10) days before the day of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the District and (ii) posted not later than the 21st day before the election and remain posted continuously through election day on the bulletin board used for the posting of notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees of the District.

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PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 21st day of July, 2014.



President, Board of Trustees
Joaquin Independent School District

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Trustees
Joaquin Independent School District

(District Seal)

EXHIBIT A

COUNTY
ELECTION PRECINCT

POLLING PLACE

Shelby County Precinct No. 5 located within
the District and that portion of Panola County
located within the District

Joaquin ISD Administration Building
11109 U. S. Highway 84
Joaquin, Texas

Shelby County Election Precinct No. 4
located within the District)

Huxley Volunteer Fire Department
11862 FM 2694
Shelbyville, Texas

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTIES OF SHELBY AND PANOLA

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JOAQUIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Joaquin Independent School District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY as follows:

1. On the 21st day of July, 2014, a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joaquin Independent School District was held at a meeting place within the District; the duly constituted members of the Board being as follows:

JAY DEE COCKRELL	PRESIDENT
LUKE GARRETT	VICE PRESIDENT
RONNIE BELROSE	SECRETARY

CHRISCO BRAGG)	TRUSTEES
CHARLIE LEFLETT)	
TAM HEARNSBERGER)	
JIMMY HAMILTON)	

and all of said persons were present at said meeting, except the following: None
..... Among other business considered at said meeting, the attached order entitled:

"AN ORDER calling a tax ratification election to be held in the Joaquin Independent School District, making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such election"

was introduced and submitted to the Board for passage and adoption. After presentation and due consideration of the order, and upon a motion being made and seconded, the order was finally passed and adopted by the Board to be effective immediately by the following vote:

7 voted "For" _____ voted "Against" _____ Abstained

all as shown in the official Minutes of the Board for the meeting held on the aforesaid date.

2. The attached order is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the official records of the District; the duly qualified and acting members of the Board of Trustees of the District on the date of the aforesaid meeting are those persons shown above and, according to the records of my office, advance notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given to each member of the Board; and that said meeting, and the deliberation of the aforesaid public business, was open to the public and written notice of said meeting, including the subject of the above entitled order, was posted and given in advance thereof in compliance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and affixed the seal of said District, this the 18 day of August, 2014.



Secretary, Board of Trustees
Joaquin Independent School District

(District Seal)