



**Minutes of School Board Meeting**

**August 18, 2008**

- 1 The Joaquin ISD School Board met tonight in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Joaquin Boardroom with the following members present: Mark Stone, Jay Dee Cockrell, Charles Leflett, Ronnie Belrose, Jeff Hamilton, Josh Cooper and Jason Harvey.

Board members absent:

Guest(s) Present: Colleen Doggett, Light & Champion; Brian Letchworth;  
Wayne Haglund, Attorney

Joaquin ISD Employee(s) Present: Phil Worsham, Superintendent; Joel McSwain, Director of Finance; Terri Burford, Director of Human Resources; Donna Vergo, Administrative Asst; Sherry Scruggs, Elementary Principal; Mid Johnson, JH/HS Principal; Jimmy Jackson, Asst. Principal Joaquin Jr. High & High School; Terri Gray, Asst. Principal Joaquin Elementary; Tam Hearnberger, Director of Special Education; Mark Bonner, Maintenance Director; Rosa Luna; Rosie Simms; Sheryl Graves; Monica Smith; Carrie Hairgrove; Brandi Atkinson; Christi Penning; Josie Nichols; Sarah Barton; Vera Knight; Casey Gamble; Amber Graves; Nicole Letchworth; Rodney Prnka

Mark Stone, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

- 2 The invocation was led by Jeff Hamilton, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America by Jason Harvey, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Ronnie Belrose.

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

- 4 Report and Information items:

- 4.1 Introduction of new employees
- 4.2 Review Monthly Financial Reports – Joel McSwain, Director of Finance
- 4.3 August 28<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting to discuss budget and proposed tax rate – 7:00 p.m.
- 4.4 Review 2008-2009 Budget
- 4.5 Correspondence

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

- 5.1 It was moved by Jeff Hamilton, and seconded by Jason Harvey, to approve the previous meeting minutes. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.
- 5.2 It was moved by Jason Harvey, and seconded by Ronnie Belrose, to adopt the resolution ordering a bond election making provision for the conduct of the election and resolving other matters incident and related to such election (attached). 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 551.072 at 7:59 p.m. on August 18, 2008.

6.1 551.071 An executive session will be held for the purpose of having a private consultation with the Board's attorney, Wayne D. Haglund, for the purpose of discussing complaints or litigation, where the duty of counsel to his client, pursuant to the code of Professional Responsibility of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with this Act.

551.072 Discussing purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

7 The board entered open session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at 8:15 p.m. on August 18, 2008.

7.1 It was moved by Jason Harvey, and seconded by Charles Leflett, to authorize the appeal of an Order of the Shelby County appraisal Review Board under the provisions of the Property Tax Code and the Board authorizes the filing of Petition for Review against the Shelby County Appraisal District and the Appraisal Review Board to appeal the final order of the Appraisal Review Board and to authorize the seeking of all relief allowed by law. The Board further moves that the board engage and compensate legal counsel for the filing and prosecution of the appeal and the Petition for Review. Following discussion, a vote was taken on the motion. It carried unanimously.

8 Mark Stone, Board President, ask for items to be placed on the next board agenda.  
Ed Moore Financial Advisor with Southwest Securities

9 Designation of date and time of next meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Joaquin ISD – Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. for a public meeting to discuss budget and proposed tax rate and 7:30 p.m. for a Special Board Meeting.

10 With no further business on the agenda the meeting was adjourn.

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Mark Stone, **President**

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**Ronnie Belrose, Secretary**