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Summary of Minutes of the Board of Education, Jasper County CUSD #1 Organizational and Regular Meeting, April 18, 2011

Following is a summary of minutes of an organizational meeting of the Board of Education of Jasper County Community Unit School District No. 1, held in the Unit Administration Office Board Room, Monday, April 18, 2011. Board Members Present: Mr. Fred Huddlestun, Mr. Gordon Millsap, Mrs. Melinda Barthelme, Mr. Anthony Richards, Mrs. Holly Farley, Mr. Mike Knepper and Mr. Gregg Weber.

**All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise*

- 1. Acceptance of Canvass Results from Election Authority** – The Board read and accepted the Canvass results for Jasper County from the election authority as follows: Anthony Richards (1,004), Mindy Street (965), Melinda Barthelme (923), Fred Huddlestun (874), Andrew Pullen (672), Jerry Earnest (611), Eric Spiker (603).
- 2. Positive News and Communications** – Gregg Weber was recognized for 8 years of service on the Board of Education serving the students of Jasper County and the community. Board members took the opportunity to thank Gregg for his service. Gregg also expressed his gratitude toward other Board members, the administration, teachers and voters.
- 3. Oath of Office by New Board Members** – Gordon Millsap lead new and returning Board members in the Oath of Office.
- 4. Seating of New Board Members** – Following the Oath of Office Mindy was seated at the Board table.
- 5. Selection of President and Secretary Pro-Tempore** – Fred Huddlestun was voted President Pro-Tempore. Fred then selected Melinda to serve as secretary Pro-Tempore.
- 6. Election of Board Officers** – The following Board members were selected as officers to fill a two-year term: President – Fred Huddlestun, Vice-President – Gordon Millsap, Secretary – Melinda Barthelme
- 7. Set Time and Place for Regular Meetings** – The Board elected to hold its regularly scheduled meetings to be held on the third Monday of each month starting at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of the May and June meetings which will start at 8:00 p.m.
- 8. Acknowledgement of Mandated Reporter Status** – The Board signed the acknowledgement of the mandated reporter status as required by law.

9. Public Comments – Several Board members took the opportunity to praise teachers, parents, the community and administration for their dedication and hard work for the students of Jasper County Schools. Newly elected Board members also expressed thanks to the voters for their support.

10. Adjournment – The organizational meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Following is a summary of minutes of a regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of Jasper County Community Unit School District No. 1, held in the Unit Administration Office Board Room, Monday, April 18, 2011. Board Members Present: Mr. Fred Huddlestun, Mr. Gordon Millsap, Mrs. Melinda Barthelme, Mr. Anthony Richards, Mr. Mike Knepper, Mrs. Holly Farley, Mrs. Mindy Street.

**All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.*

1. Adopt Agenda – The Board agenda was adopted as corrected. The changes were to number the superintendent’s report and closed session items as numbers VII and VIII respectively.

2. Recognition of Guests and Public Comments – Several guests and honorees were in attendance at the meeting. There were no comments from the public.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda – The consent agenda was approved as presented.

4. Positive News and Communications – Michael Carr was honored as an IESA Scholar Attitude Award winner. Anthea Zumbahlen was honored as a Golden Apple Award Finalist. Erin Schackmann and Logan Andrews were honored as Golden Apple Scholar Winners. Nikki Schackmann and Ryan Meinhardt were honored for being chosen to attend the Youth to Washington event.

5. Consideration of Seniors’ Last Academic Day – High School administration announced that the seniors’ last academic day will be Monday, May 16th with the remaining days to be “senior week” pending a successful completion to the school year.

6. Building Renovation Update – Phil Benefiel gave an update on the progress of building renovations. To date the project is still on schedule and within budget.

7. Transportation Report – An update was given regarding district officials meeting with city officials to cooperatively work toward traffic and parking considerations surrounding the Jr./Sr. High School and Newton Elementary beginning the 2011-2012 school year.

8. Board Reports – The board was updated on upcoming professional development opportunities hosted through IASB, FOIA requests, a grant opportunity and a legislative update.

9. Approval of Prime Contracts for Building Renovations – The Board approved the following Prime Contracts: Grunloh Construction with a low bid of \$704,000 as the general trades contractor; Boos Plumbing and Heating with a low bid of \$74,300 as the Plumbing contractor; Lanhuser Sheet Metal with a low bid of \$168,135 as the HVAC contractor; Pals Electric Inc with a low bid of \$505,400 as the Electrical Contractor. Upon accepting the bids and determining general conditions, fees and contingency the total cost of the Jr./Sr. High and Newton Elementary renovations is \$1,972,484.

10. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Providing for the Issuance of General Obligation School Bonds – The Board approved the issuance of \$2,000,000 in working cash fund bonds and \$100,000 in Health Life Safety Bonds. The tax rate of the bonds will be set at .08 per \$100,000 EAV.

11. Approval of Final 2010-2011 School Calendar – The Board approved the final 2010-2011 school calendar as presented setting the last day of school as 5/26/11.

12. Consideration and Possible Action on Donation of Generator – The board had discussion regarding a generator donation. No action was taken at this time.

13. Consideration and Possible Action of School Photography Contract – LifeTouch Photography was awarded the contract for school photography services.

14. Approval of Surplus Items: The following items were declared as surplus for the 5/21/11 auction: (11) Desk Modules from the Tech Lab, (1) Teacher's Desk, (2) Small 3 drawer storage cabinets, (1) 2' X4' wooden top table, (2) Book Shelf, (2) Stools, (1) Drafting Table.

15. Discussion of Trophy Storage and Display: The board discussed possible solutions to the surplus of trophies that have been stored at West School.

16. Discussion of Board Committees: The Board discussed maintaining the following Board appointed committees: Policy, Building, District NCLB/Parent/Teacher Advisory, Wellness, Technology, SESE Delegate Governing Board.

17. Discussion Regarding District Technology Infrastructure: The Board discussed the potential of upgrading the technology infrastructure at the Jr./Sr. High and Newton Elementary.

18. The Board entered into Closed session at 9:15 p.m. for the purposes defined in the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiating matters; the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; and student disciplinary matters. The Board entered into Open Session at 11:30 p.m.

19. Approval of Employee Retirement Requests – The following employee retirement requests were approved: Susan Shull (2011), Patti Litchfield (12/31/11).

20. Action Upon Proposed Reclassification of an Administrative Employee: The Board approved to reclassify David Parker from the position of principal within the district to assistant principal.

21. Acceptance of Bids for the Sale of Real Estate – The Board accepted the high bid of \$121,000 from Kent Probst for the sale of Muddy-West School.

22. Consideration and Possible Action on a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Sale and Conveyance of a School Site of JCCU #1 – The Board approved the Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Sale and Conveyance of the James Lantern Hill lot.

23. Student Disciplinary Cases – The board approved that Student 4-18-11A be expelled from Jasper County Community Unit School District No. 1 beginning 4/19/11 – 12/23/11 and was further moved that the expulsion

be stayed and the student be placed on Principal's Probation to be served at Safe School until the end of the 2010-2011 school year and return to NCHS under Principals Probation.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, May 16th at 8:00 p.m.

