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### **Board Briefs for December 14, 2023**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at **6:09 pm** after **Public Hearing**

Roll Call- *all present*

Invocation and Pledges- *invocation led by Dr. Fields*

*Presentation of Colors by Judson High School Army JROTC*

- US Guard: Cadet / 2nd Lt **Jace Jenkins**
- US Flag: Cadet / Lt. Col **Sebastian Bernal**
- TX Flag: Cadet / 2nd Lt **Erick Valdivia Kahler**
- TX Guard: Cadet / Master Sgt **Bryan Salgado**

Pledge Leader-

- **Vivian and Gwendolyn Stevenson** from Escondido Elementary

### **RECOGNITIONS**

#### ***JISD Christmas Card Winners***

- *W. Quin Milord-Routh, Crestview Elementary School, 2nd Grade*
- *Zander Jameson, Judson Middle School, 7th Grade*
- *Anne Johnson, Judson High School, 12th Grade*

**VMHS Cyber Team (17th top-performing high school in the nation)-** *Mr. Joshua Bailey*

- *Nigel Badeo*
- *Jacob Campos*
- *John Campos*
- *Jarod Campos*
- *Gustavo Gerardo*
- *Ashton Shurtleff*
- *Jaeden Turner*

### **2023 CPS Energy Demand Response Program**

- Judson ISD Energy Management- Judson ISD averaged more than 3200 KW resulting in an incentive check for \$228,087.75.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

- None

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**Bond & Construction Report-** updates presented by Ben Mora, Executive Director of Facilities Planning; a timeline of project completion for security projects is being requested by the Project Manager that is overseeing the fencing and air-conditioning in the gym

**IB Sunsetting-** information presented by Cecilia Davis, Deputy Superintendent of Innovation, Business & Operations; IB program at Judson HS does not have any students currently enrolled; the program will not continue in the 2023-2024 school year

### **CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT ITEMS**

**Items A, B, E, F, H from agenda passed unanimously**

C. Consider and take action regarding approving expenditures equal to or greater than \$50,000- Stanford- items include a van and box truck for Technology- these were budgeted for two years, however, the vehicles were not available, Education Advanced program for Master Scheduling; motion to split item to vote separately, Faulkner seconds motion- Education Advanced- **passed unanimously**; Vehicles- **passed 6-1**

D. Consider and take action regarding approving the attached amendments to the budget for the 2024 fiscal year- Macias- cross function transfers were discussed; state allotments of 55% of required spending for certain programs (SCE, CTE, BIL)- that money must be spent within 3 years were discussed; move money to purchase VAPE sensors; **passed unanimously**

G. Consider and take action regarding approving a Proclamation to Declare January 2024 School Board Recognition Month- *proclamation read by Dr. Fields*; **motion passed unanimously**

### **DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ITEMS**

Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the Judson ISD Annual Financial Audit Report for the Fiscal Year 2023- *presentation of the audit report was presented by Mike del Toro and Jeremy Barbatto from ABIP. Concluded that financials are in accordance with general accounting principals; Internal controls- risk assessment, review processes and procedures and how they relate to financial reporting- no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies; reviewed management document- difficulty completing the audit- significant turnover, transition to a new accounting software system, large number of corrections needing to be made; motion to approve the audit report was **passed unanimously***

Discussion and possible action regarding approving the District Improvement Plan- DIP was reviewed during the last DSBC meeting; request to add retention/turnover rate to

*the DIP as an additional item- the DSBC did not agree to the addition; **motion passed unanimously***

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ITS UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2024"; LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DISTRICT STAFF TO EXECUTE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH- *selling the rest of the bonds instead of in increments in order to move forward with projects; **motion passed unanimously***

*Discussion and possible action regarding approval of inductees for the 2023 Civic and Athletic Hall of Honor; Judson HS 1983 Football Team, Mari Zeppenfeldt for Civic Hall of Honor; **motion passed unanimously***

*Discussion and possible action regarding approval of RFQ 23-16 Technology Consultant for Bond 2022 and related projects; **motion passed unanimously***

*Discussion and take possible action regarding approval of the Texas Education Agency Class Size Waiver recommendations for specific grade levels- *The state requires that districts submit an exception if an individual classroom exceeds the required maximum of 22; Judson ISD will submit an exception for 48 classrooms; **motion passed 6-1****

*Discussion and possible action regarding approval of amendments to the 2023-2024 Compensation Plan; *adding grant funded positions, adding rate for Adventure Club; **motion passed unanimously****

*Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the Job Order Contract (JOC) for contractor services for the Wraparound Project Phase II at Wagner High School; *complete curb work and lines for the portable buildings; **motion passed unanimously****

*Consider and take possible action regarding Board Operating Procedures- *request to have a special board meeting to discuss changes to the procedures**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS/REPORTS**

*Intruder Detection Security Audit- JHS, WOE, CRE no findings*

*Judson Education Foundation 2023 3rd quarter update- *Executive Director of JEF, Lexie Greathouse presented 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financials and upcoming events**

*Discuss 2022 Bond Playground and Sports Flooring Projects (Ryan)*

*Discuss elementary and secondary discipline issues (Faulkner)- *questions answered by Michelle Hillard-Bullock, Director of Pupil Services**

*Discuss Employee Retention (Faulkner)- *requested data pertinent to the agenda item requests was presented by Dr. Nicole Taguinod**

*Policy Update 122 affecting (LOCAL) Policies, First Reading- *updates to policies as per TASB; request by Ms. Ryan to review the LEGAL policy updates**

*Policy Update Affecting EIC(LOCAL) First Reading- relating to class ranking*

*Update on Board Training, Conferences, Events and Board Committee Updates- each board member shares significant events and updates*

*Board Member Requests- standing item to request reports that do not currently exist*

### **CLOSED SESSION-**

*Consider and take possible action(s) regarding the Personnel Report and Updates Including New Hires, Resignations and Administrative Appointments*

- 1. Assistant Superintendent of Operations- Mr. Daniel Brooks*
- 2. Woodlake Hills Middle School Principal- no action taken*
- 3. Coronado Village Elementary School Principal- Dr. Melissa Martinez*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting reconvened at 10:30 pm*

*Meeting adjourned at 10:32 pm*

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