

Jefferson Academy Schools
Board of Directors & Accountability Committee Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2000

I. 1, 2, & 3.

Chairman Barry Arrington called the meeting of the Board of Directors of Jefferson Academy to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Barry Arrington, John Correa, Tom McMillen, Denise Mund, Sonja Netzer, Rod Oosterhouse, and Cindy Staudt. Guests were welcomed. The guests present are listed on the attached Audience Sign In sheet.

I. 4.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. 5.

The minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2000 were reviewed. After discussion, upon motion by Mrs. Mund, seconded by Mrs. Netzer, the minutes were unanimously adopted as amended.

I. 6.

Mrs. Mund suggested that the agenda be amended to add new items II.1., Appointment of Delegates to address Jeffco School Board regarding Property Use Issues, and renumber the agenda accordingly; she also suggested the addition of II.9., Report to the Walton Foundation; II. 10., a discussion of the recent neighborhood meeting; and II. 11., the Board/Staff Christmas party. Upon motion to amend the agenda by Mrs. Mund, seconded by Mrs. Netzer, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Arrington then moved that a new report be added as IV.7., Report on Financing Issues. The motion was seconded by Mr. McMillen, and it passed unanimously.

I. 7.

A sign up list for public comment was posted and Mr. Arrington opened the floor for guests to make public comment.

II. 1.

The Board entered into a discussion of the presentation to be made to the Jeffco Board regarding site issues. After discussion, upon motion by Mr. Arrington, seconded by Mr. Correa, Mr. Oosterhouse and Mrs. Mund were appointed to address the the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

II. 2.

This item was laid over.

II. 3.

Char Campbell led the Board in a discussion of a school-wide technology plan, including web site hosting and development. After extensive discussion, Mr. Arrington moved that JA have one official website for the K-12 program to be found at www.JAJAGS.com, with the district site being only a splash page with links to our home page; he also moved that the website be maintained through the school superintendent. The motion was seconded by Mr. McMillen. After further discussion, the motion was withdrawn with the consent of the second. Mr. Arrington then moved that JA have three web sites: a splash page hosted by the District, the JAJAGS site be solely a project site for high school computer students at JA, and the JACS Online site being the official JA K-12 site. Mrs. Staudt seconded the motion, with the proviso that all three be linked and that they be administered by the Superintendent or his designee. The motion passed unanimously.

II. 4.

Rod Oosterhouse led a discussion on the change by the District from ITBS to Terra Nova. He handed out a schedule of standardized testing, including CSAP, and suggested that JA continue with all forms of standardized testing in accordance with the schedule. Mr. Oosterhouse moved that the schedule be approved; Mrs. Mund seconded. After discussion, a substitute motion was made by Mrs. Mund to review the schedule and resubmit it to the Board in November; Mr. McMillen seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed on a 5-2 roll call vote.

II. 5.

The Board then reviewed a copy of the JAG Bylaws, and complimented the authors on a great effort in putting them together.

II. 6.

The Board then moved to a discussion of Policy 5.10, dealing with sexual harassment of of by students. Mr. Arrington moved additional language, to wit, "Any sexual advance by a staff member, whether welcome or not, shall be considered sexual harassment." Mr. McMillen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. McMillen the moved the policy as amended, Mrs. Mund seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then reviewed Policy 5.1, regarding Student's Rights. Mrs. Staudt moved, and Mrs. Mund seconded the policy. During discussion, Mrs. Staudt suggested a change to the policy to allow students to pass petitions during the lunch. Mr. Correa seconded the motion. The amendment failed on a 4-3 roll call vote. The primary motion to adopt the policy then passed unanimously.

Mrs. Netzer then moved Policy 3.5 regarding a non-reenrollment questionnaire. After discussion, the motion, seconded by Mr. Oosterhouse, passed unanimously. Mrs. Mund then moved that the survey be conducted for non-enrollees for the 2000-2001 school year; Mr. McMillen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

II. 7.

Mrs. Mund suggested that the Board Visit Day be set for November 17, 2000, with Board development to take place from 9:00 to 11:00. Mrs. Mund moved this date, Mr. Correa seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

II. 8

Mr. Arrington then reviewed his work on the facility master plan. He reviewed for the Board that the 1999 bond issue for \$2.6 million funded the majority of the high school building; the 2000 bond issue of \$550,000 was used to finish the high school and refinance the construction of the office remodeling. Mr. Arrington reviewed his thoughts about a potential junior high building to incorporate some of the needs of the high school; he also reviewed some alternative plans for the long-term facility needs. The Board asked Mr. Arrington to prepare a memo for presentation to the Board outlining these future plans and proposed costs.

II. 9.

Mrs. Mund noted that the Walton Foundation report was due early in December. Mrs. Mund agreed to supervise the production of the report. Mr. McMillen agreed to assist.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Arrington moved that the Board move out of order into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Mrs. Staudt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. After discussion, upon motion by Mr. Arrington, seconded by Mr. McMillen, the Board voted unanimously to move back into regular session.

II. 10.

Mrs. Staudt reviewed the Neighborhood Meeting for the Board held on October 9, 2000. She noted that another neighborhood meeting would be scheduled after the October 26 District Board meeting. The Board extended its thanks to Mrs. Staudt for heading up this effort.

II. 11. Mrs. Mund noted that the Board/Staff Christmas party is scheduled for December 1 at the Hyland Hills Restaurant, 96th and Sheridan.

III. 1, 2 and 3.

Mrs. Mund moved, and Mr. Correa seconded, that the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

IV. 1-4.

Mr. Oosterhouse presented the financial statements reports, and budget information to the Board. After review and discussion, Mr. Arrington moved that the Board adopt the budget, and the reports, including the establishment of three fund accounting. Mrs. Mund seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV. 5.

This item was laid over.

IV 6.

Mrs. Mund presented a written report on the Listening to Families Forums.

IV. 7.

Mr. Arrington reported that the private placement of the \$550,000 in additional funding should be completed in 3-4 weeks.

V.

There was no New Business.

VI.

The Executive Session took place previously as noted above.

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VII.

Upon motion by Mr. Arrington, seconded by Mrs. Netzer, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom McMillen
Secretary
November 14, 2000