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## Recap of the February 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Education

### School Calendar 2010-11

The Board of Education has approved the third draft of the 2010-11 school calendar. The first day of student attendance will be Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, and the last day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Copies of the 2010-11 school calendar will be distributed to staff members as soon as the date for 2010 Homecoming is established.

### Summer School Calendar 2010

The 2010 summer school calendars received approval from the Board. Elementary summer school will operate June 7<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 AM-2:00 PM, with breakfast being served 7:10-7:25 AM, and lunch served 11:30-11:55 PM. Jennings Junior High School will operate June 7<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 AM-2:20 PM, with breakfast served at the same time as the elementary schools and lunch served 11:20-11:45 AM. Jennings Senior High summer school will operate June 7<sup>th</sup>-July 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 AM-12:30 PM (no summer school on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>), with breakfast served from 7:25-7:40 AM. Lunch is optional from 12:35-12:55 PM. JETS will operate on the same schedule as the senior high except meals will not be served.

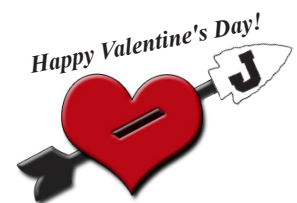
### Hand-Held Computer Initiative

Through a new initiative, Board members have declared 750 of the district's Palm TX hand-held computers as surplus property. There are three phases included in the hand-held computer initiative. Phase I calls for the sale of some of the hand-helds to the community and general public with the proceeds being put back into the technology department. Phase II is a graduation incentive program whereby seniors with a 2.0 grade point average, 26 units of credit and 91% attendance will receive a hand-held computer upon graduation. Phase III of the initiative will enable teacher use of the remaining hand-held computers (approximately 60 per building) on a check-out basis.

### Building Reports

**Jennings Junior High School**--Principal Richard Bass provided a report to the Board which focused on the junior high's mission statement, MAP data, Safe Harbor students as well as strategies and interventions aimed at increasing student achievement. Seventh grade student Paul Thomas provided a report on the "Red Folder" program which allows students to track their own academic progress

**JETS**--Principal Gregory Almus shared with Board members the JETS theme of "Don't You Just Love a Celebration" where student achievement is recognized through drums, symbols, bells and the placement of a red apple on the JETS "tree of knowledge." Mr. Almus also reported on the computer-based individualized learning plans offered at JETS, strategies for increasing student achievement, community partnerships, and the Taste of Jennings event to be held March 3, 2010.



**Audit 2008-09** Mr. Michael O'Connell, Chief Financial Officer, provided a report on internal control related matters and advisory comments received from Schowalter & Jabouri, P.C., as a result of the audit performed for the year ending June 30, 2009.

**Attendance** For the month of January, district-wide student attendance was 92%.

**Positions Available** Individuals may apply online at [www.jenningsk12.net](http://www.jenningsk12.net) for the following positions.

- Assistant Principal--Jennings Junior High School.
- Girls' Assistant Track Coach--Jennings Senior High School.

In addition, individuals interesting in serving as school crossing guards should contact the City of Jennings Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at 2120 Hord Avenue, or by calling 388-1164.

**Personnel** The Board of Education accepted the **resignation** of Ms. Rebecca Irving, junior high math coach, effective at the end of the 2009-10 school year. In addition, the following personnel will **retire** at the end of this year: Ms. Cheryl Philipak, senior high math; 1SG William Calvin, Jr., JROTC; and Mrs. Sue Steinmeyer, Jennings Senior High secretary. Ms. Monica Barnes has been **reassigned** from part-time to full-time district-wide assessment coordinator.

**Sympathy** It is with deep sympathy that we announce the death of: 1) the grandmother of Mrs. Juliana Luckett, reading coach at Kenneth Hanrahan Elementary; 2) grandmother-in-law of Mrs. Sonji Lay, Northview/Gary Gore Elementary art teacher; 3) father of Mrs. Bindu Rajesh, second grade teacher at Fairview Primary; 4) grandmother of Mrs. Tanya Kollack, Northview fourth grade; and 5) grandmother of Mr. Chris Ludbrook, senior high science.

