

State Standards for Schools

Hobbs:

- Booker T. Washington Elementary School — AYP* not met
- Broadmoor Elementary School — Meets AYP
- College Lane Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Coronado Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Edison Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Jefferson Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Mills Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Sanger Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Southern Heights Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Stone Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Taylor Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Will Rogers Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Highland Junior High School — AYP not met
- Houston Junior High School — AYP not met
- Hobbs Freshman School — AYP not met
- Hobbs High School — AYP not met
- Hobbs Alternative School — Meets AYP

Eunice:

- Mettie Jordan Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Caton Middle School — Meets AYP
- Eunice High School — Meets AYP

Jal:

- Jal Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Jal Junior High School — Meets AYP
- Jal High School — Meets AYP

Tatum:

- Tatum Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Tatum Junior High School — Meets AYP
- Tatum High School — Meets AYP

Lovington:

- Ben Alexander Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Jefferson Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Lea Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Yarbro Elementary School — Meets AYP
- Llano Elementary School — AYP not met
- Taylor Middle School — AYP not met
- Lovington Junior High School — AYP not met
- Lovington High School — Meets AYP
- New Hope High School — AYP not met

*AYP = Annual Yearly Progress

Jal School Board includes familiar faces

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Jal School Board members comprise familiar faces who are returning to serve again.

Thanks to the Feb. 1 Jal School Board elections, veteran board members Rhonda Watson and Jackie Ford are continuing their service.

Watson has served since about 1997 and Ford has held a board position since about 1998.

"Rhonda and Jackie bring a lot of experience to the board," said Jal Superintendent Rick Ferguson in an earlier interview. "I think overall we will have strong board members who just want the best for this district and our students."

The district will also see the return of Allon Dobbs and Johnny Owen, who both have previously served on the board and stepped aside so that their wives could be hired by the school district.

"I had to sit out six months so that my wife could be hired as a seventh-, eighth- and ninth-grade math teacher," Owen said.

Both men sat out at least the required six months and then sought a school board seat in the next election, which was in February.

For Dobbs, who was born in Jal, serving on the board was something he wanted to do to give back to the community.

"I really didn't even know what all they did when I first went for the position," Dobbs said. "I told them that I just wanted to help and felt like this would be a good place for me to give my time and energy."

Since then, both men said they have learned a lot about the

board and are glad to be serving again. One of the worries both men share for the district is about the budget.

"Our money situation is something we are going to have to really watch," Owen said. "That's what has me very concerned."

Dobbs is also troubled by the numbers the district has to work with and how that will affect providing for Jal students.

"Trying to keep up with the new technology is important these days," Dobbs said. "Our kids have to keep up with the advances, but with our budget I just don't know how we can keep up."

While Dobbs and Owen are returning to the board with several previous years of experience, Kelly Deck is returning after being appointed in October 2004 and running unopposed in February.

Deck said that serving on the board was something she wanted to do for her children.

"I try to do as much as I can with my kids," Deck said. "I wanted to serve for them, but there are kids out there whose parents aren't involved and they don't really have anyone interested in them. I wanted to make a difference for those kids, too."

Since Deck is new she said she is still "learning the ropes," but has "enjoyed serving."

"I really just wanted to help and wanted to help as a board member."

Owen and Deck were sworn in during the March 8 board meeting while Watson, Ford and Dobbs were sworn in during board training in late February.

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