

Jasper County Charter System Board Bullets

Highlights of the Jasper County Charter System Board of Education Meeting
held on Tuesday April 19, 2022 6PM,
at the Central Services Office

Thank you to those Principals, Administrators, and Staff attending:
Audrey Stokes, Anne Harrison, Susan Stone, Dionka Jackson, Jim Strength

- Mr. Schilling called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- The agenda was approved as presented
- Opening ceremonies were held.
- Mr. Schilling led the Board and audience in the reading of the mission and vision statement.
- There were no public comments
- The March 2022 Financial and Expenditure reports were presented to the Board. Revenues exceeded expenditures by 14.5%. Mr. Schilling also provided a brief overview of a recent tax assessor meeting that he attended along with Mr. Garland. He noted a significant increase in property values due to inflated purchase prices. He stated it is the intent of the Board of Education to consider a full rollback for the FY 23 budget. Mr. Garland also concurred with the statement as he noted \$37,000,000 in real growth to the digest in Jasper County will significantly help with over budget considerations. Mr. Garland also stated that he would present a budget proposal at the May business meeting.
- Mr. Garland and Anne Harrison presented to the Board the financial audit for FY 2021. Per the detailed report, there were zero findings from the report\
- Mr. Garland recommended to the Board for approval of \$109,803 in funds to cover the local cost of the \$2000 supplement to the 51 employees not included in the HB 190 bill signed by the Governor. These employees are in classifications that were designated for funding as designed by the bill. However, Jasper County did not receive funds for these specific employees as they are paid from federal programs budgets and not state allocations. Also, Mr. Garland recommended to the Board for approval of \$31,338 to cover the FICA contributions (Social Security) for the system. The Board approved as presented
- Mr. Garland recommended to the Board for the approval of the FY 23 Custodial Supply Contract. He recommended the contracted amount of \$90,171.78. This demonstrates an increase from the FY 22 amount of \$67,771.88. However, Mr. Garland noted these numbers denote the amount our provider, Globe Chemicals,

will lock in the price for upon approval. Contracted amount expenditures for FY 22 have totaled approximately \$41,000. He requested approval at this time due to the rising cost of custodial supplies nationally and the fear of shortages with supplies in the future. With approval, the system is guaranteed pricing up to the new amount. He also noted the addition of several other items in the contract which has been purchased at a regular rate during the past year. The Board approved the request.

- Mr. Garland presented to the Board capital outlay requests for furniture and parking lot restriping for JCPS and WPES. These requests totaled \$168,076. He stated the requests are being made at this time due to shipping delays. He highlighted a strong recommendation to proceed for JCMS lunchroom tables and chairs totaling \$34,875 and replacement of 25 JCHS lunchroom tables totaling \$24,750. The Board approved Mr. Garland's recommendation of purchasing the lunchroom tables and chairs for JCMS and the lunchroom tables for JCHS.
- Mr. Garland presented the Jasper County 4H agreement to the Board. The request for \$18,593 demonstrated an increase of \$656 from last year's requests due to benefit increases. The Board approved as presented.
- The Board approved minutes from the March 22, 2022 regular business meeting as presented.
- The Board approved the following fundraiser requests:
 - JCHS English Department, Concessions at Poetry and Art Festival (April 28/29)
 - JCHS Cheerleading, Spirit Bundles, August-November 2022 (Football)
 - JCHS Cheerleading, Spirit Package, May-July 2022
 - JCHS Cheerleading, Donation Letters, April 29, 2022
- The Board approved the following overnight field trip request:
 - JCHS Beta Club Nashville 6/30/22-7/5/2022
- Mr. Garland presented highlighted recommended changes to the 2022-2023 student handbooks. He asked the Board to review the proposals and provide feedback before the May 10, 2022 regular business meeting as the entire handbook will be presented for final approval. The following recommendations were based upon reviews from administrators at the school and district level and SGT recommendations.
 - A variety of recommendations were noted in the student code of conduct at all school levels.
 - Makeup work: Students with excused absences have 5 days to make up work from the day of return. Students with unexcused absences

can make up work aligned with the number of absences (example, a student misses two days of school will be allowed two days upon return to make up work. There will be an after school day dedicated to all students with unexcused work under 10 days from till 5 PM at each location. Once a student has reached 10 days of unexcused absences, then the student will not be eligible to make up work.

- Dress Code: The major changes recommended for approval states students will not be allowed to wear pants with holes or hoodies. There was some discussion regarding these recommendations as it was noted by administrators attending the meeting that these have been major issues throughout the school year.
- Grading: The following changes were recommended.

K-2 – Standard based report cards, common assessments.

3-5-- No homework, 6-9 grades per nine weeks, 10% of average grades would be from summative tests and 90% from daily grades.

6-8— 70% average of formative assessments (minimum of 9) 30% average of summative assessments (minimum of 3). Any students attempting high school credit will follow the high school grading policy

9-12--- 40% average of summative assessments (minimum of 8) 50% average of summative assessments (minimum of 5) 10% average of daily grades.

- Mr. Garland presented a partnership proposal from the Morehouse School of Medicine with implementation of the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Behavioral Health Care Support Initiative. The Jasper County Charter Systems role will be to select BOE approved prevention courses that are evidenced-based to adolescents at all schools. The Board approved the request.
- The Board voted to enter executive session:
- The Board voted to exit executive session:
- The Board approved the following personnel actions recommended by the Superintendent:
New Hire:
 - a. Antonio Standifer, Substitute Custodian, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 04/01/2022)
 - b. Brittany Ross, Substitute Custodian, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 04/11/2022)

- c. Jamie Farnsworth, Substitute Custodian, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 03/31/2022)
- d. Mae Dickson, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 08/02/2022)
- e. Amanda Billings, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 08/02/2022)
- f. Ronda Brown, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 08/02/2022)
- g. Darrell Booth, Maintenance Helper, Jasper County Maintenance Department(effective 04/11/2022)
- h. Mandy Fletcher, Bookkeeper, Washington Park Elementary School(effective 05/02/2022)
- i. Robert Rosser, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 05/01/2022)
- j. Kathy Kendrick, Teacher, Jasper County Middle School(effective 08/02/2022)
- k. Jennifer Christian, Teacher, Jasper County Primary School(effective 08/02/2022)
- l. Susan Henson, Teacher, Jasper County High School(effective 08/02/2022)
- m. Alisha Lynwood, Substitute School Nutrition Assistant, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 04/19/2022)
- n. Taylor Yancey, Substitute School Nutrition Assistant, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 04/19/2022)

Resignation:

- a. Jeanne Howell, Teacher(Part-Time), Jasper County Primary School(effective 05/27/2022)
- b. Dusti Whitner, Paraprofessional, Jasper County Primary School(effective 05/27/2022)
- c. Eva Murphy, Paraprofessional, Jasper County Primary School(effective 05/27/2022)
- d. Jaime Murell, Paraprofessional, Jasper County Primary School(effective 05/27/2022)
- e. Stephanie Clemons, School Nutrition Assistant, Washington Park Elementary School(effective 04/22/2022)
- f. Brittney Bryant, Teacher, Jasper County PreSchool(effective 05/27/2022)
- g. Ronda Brown, Paraprofessional, Jasper County PreSchool(effective 05/27/2022)
- h. Jonita Hulett, Substitute Custodian, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 04/08/2022)
- i. Kimberly Miller, Teacher, Jasper County Middle School(effective 05/27/2022)
- j. Robert Rosser, Paraprofessional, Jasper County Primary School(effective 04/29/2022)
- k. Ashley Adams, Teacher, Jasper County Middle School(effective 05/27/2022)

Retirement:

- a. Sandra Candler, School Nutrition Assistant, Jasper County Primary School(effective 05/27/2022)

Termination

- a. Jennifer Dunn, School Nutrition Manager, Washington Park Elementary School(effective 03/25/2022)

The Board approved administrative contracts, Central Services contracts, and PreK/Headstart contracts as presented

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Garland noted he surveyed the faculty working in classrooms at JCPK and the majority (65%) agreed the purchase of cameras for all classroom would be of benefit to the program.

Mr. Garland also asked if the Board considered the request at the March meeting to move the June Regular Business Meeting date. The board will make a final decision at the May 10, 2022 meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

The Board Approved a motion to adjourn at 8:04 PM

Next Meeting: Board Business Meeting May 10, at 6PM