

Jasper County Charter System Board Bullets

Highlights of the Jasper County Charter System Board of Education Meeting
held on Tuesday December 14, 2021 6PM,
at the Central Services Office

Thank you to those Principals, Administrators, and Staff attending:
Jim Strength, Camilla Moss, Audrey Stokes,

- Mr. Schilling called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- The agenda was amended to add School Board Voting Districts as an action item.
- Opening ceremonies were held.
- Mr. Garland led the Board and audience in the reading of the mission and vision statement.
- There were no public comments.
- Mr. Garland provided a COVID-19 update. He noted a slight increase the past couple of weeks in the number of reported confirmed and presumptive positive cases.
- The Board approved a bid for \$42,000 from Southern Oak Contractors, LLC for labor in the construction of a middle school baseball concession stand.
- The Board approved Jasper Memorial Hospital emergency rights to use well water from a well located on Jasper County Middle School property. This is an update to a previously approved agreement from several years earlier.
- The Board approved announcing the surplus of 17 sets of lockers in storage that were removed from the middle school during renovations.
- The November 2021 Financial Report was presented. Revenues exceeded expenditures by 4.94%.
- The Board approved Effective 1st Nine Weeks 2021-2022- All JCCS Full-Time Custodians and School Nutrition Employees will be eligible for a perfect attendance stipend of \$100 per each nine-weeks. Also, all Full-Time Custodians and School Nutrition Employees meeting the criteria of consideration for perfect attendance shall have their names placed in a pool for a drawing to be conducted at the end of the school year. The successful candidate shall receive a one-time stipend of \$500 to be paid upon selection.

- Mr. Garland recommend to the Board a one-time stipend of \$200 for all JCCS personnel employed as of October 19, 2021 to be paid with the December 2021 payroll. The recommendation does not include substitute employees of the system. The Board approved as presented.
- Mr. Garland briefed the Board of Education regarding the potential of securing a full-time School Resource Officer for the system effective at the beginning of the 2022 -2023 school year. He stated having discussions with Sheriff Pope regarding the placement and he is working with JCSD in securing the cost of starting the position within the system.
- Minutes were approved from November 9, 2021 Called Meeting and the November 16, 2021 Business Meeting
- The following Use of Facilities was approved as presented:
 - Jasper County High School, FERST Readers March 5, 2021
- The Board approved the following fundraisers as presented:
 - JCHS Film & TSA, Art Club, 40th Annual Les Steele Art and Talent Showcase.
- The Board approved the Board Meeting Calendar for February 2022-January 2023.
- The Board approved the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented.
- Mr. Garland gave an update on the recently received information delivered from the Federal Government on the requirement for head start employees to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 effective January 31, 2021. Also, the requirement states all students age 3 or older participating in the head start program be required to wear a mask at all times. Mr. Garland stated there are religious and medical exemptions available. He is working with Ms. Moss, Director of Pre-k and Headstart, in gathering additional information regarding the mandates and they plan to meet with parents after the holiday break. There is much interest in vaccine mandates at the national level and several court actions have been initiated blocking the mandates. He noted speaking with the Board attorney for additional guidance in options for students and staff.
- Mr. Garland announced the JCHS science faculty has been selected to present at the SSTAGE Promising Practices Conference. The conference highlights the most promising practices for Multi-Tiered Student Support Teams. The team was chosen to present on the teaching for mastery techniques the department utilizes to remediate and strengthen students' understanding of content.

- Mr. Garland provided the Board an update on the PSAT administration of October 13, 2021. A total of 115 sophomores participated in the statewide PSAT administration. The number of 10th grade participants represents 73.2% of the total sophomore enrollment in the system. The group attained an average score of 867. The JCCS score represents the 40th percentile nationally. This compares to the state of Georgia average score of 889. The state average PSAT score represents the 44th percentile nationally. 17% of JCCS test-takers met both college readiness benchmarks in Evidence Based Reading/Writing (430) and Mathematics (480). This compares to 27% of 10th graders statewide. 19% of JCCS test-takers met the Mathematics benchmark. This compares to 30% of 10th graders statewide. 46% of JCCS test-takers met the Evidence Based Reading/Writing benchmark. This compares to 54% of 10th graders statewide. 52% of JCCS test-takers met no benchmark while 43% of the 10th graders statewide did not meet one benchmark. A score of 867 on the PSAT converts by most scales to an SAT score between 1020-1030. A score of 889 on the PSAT converts by most scales to an SAT score between 1030-1040.

He noted the SAT goal for this year's graduating class (2022) is 1040 based upon a 45% participation rate.

- The Board reviewed a proposal for redrawing school board district voting boundaries as proposed from the new census. The option modifies the current defined boundaries. Mr. Garland recommended the School Board Voting District and the County Commissioners Voting Districts be the same for citizens to have a clear idea of their representation. After discussion, the Board approved as presented. The proposal will now go to the County Commissioners for consideration.
- The Board approved a motion to enter executive session.
- The Board approved a motion to exit executive session.
- The Board approved the following personnel recommendations from the Superintendent.

New Hire

- a. Dulce Martinez, Interpreter/Translator, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 11/08/2021)
- b. Monica Dallas, Custodian, Jasper County Middle School(effective 12/06/2021)
- c. Sarah Miller, Custodian, Jasper County Primary School(effective 12/06/2021)
- d. Austin Bledsoe, Substitute Custodian, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 11/19/2021)
- e. Jennifer Holifield, Tech Data Specialist, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 01/03/2022)
- f. Anna Cottingham, Substitute Custodian, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 11/29/2021)
- g. Ashley Mitchell, Substitute Custodian, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 11/29/2021)

Resignation

- a. Andrea Hudgins, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 12/03/2021)
- b. Austin Bledsoe, Custodian, Washington Park Elementary School(effective 11/19/2021)

Transfer

- a. Cara Bockholt, Tech Data Specialist, Jasper County Board of Education, transfer from Tech Data Specialist at Jasper County Board of Education to Director of Technology(Professional Development) at Jasper County Board of Education(effective 01/03/2021)

Retirement

- a. Perry Hyde, Director of Maintenance, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 06/30/2022)

Termination**Release from Contract**

- a. Aubree Thacker, Teacher, Jasper County Primary School (effective 12/31/2021)

OLD BUSINESS-NONE
NEW BUSINESS-NONE

The Board Approved a motion to adjourn at 8:03 PM PM

Next Meeting: Board Work Session January 11, 2022 @ 6PM