

Jasper County Charter System Board Bullets

Highlights of the Jasper County Charter System Board of Education Meeting held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Central Services Office

Thank you to those Principals, Administrators, and Staff attending:

Anne Harrison, Buddy Cain, Jim Strength, Dan Kelley, Suzanne Arena, Lianna Nix, Erin Hendricks, Dr. RaNae Fendley and Audrey Stokes

- Mr. Schilling called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- The agenda was approved with Recognition of High School Cross Country Teams moved to December 2020 business meeting.
- Opening ceremonies were held.
- Mr. Schilling called for public comments. Pastor David Artessa spoke to the board thanking the system for their commitment to students during these trying times. He also spoke in support of Principal Buddy Cain in regards regarding his leadership during the past few months as the high school has faced challenges due to global events.
- JCHS SGT delivered a presentation to the BOE. Principal Buddy Cain introduced Monica Peete to the board and she delivered an update on online learning and graduation rate for the school. Next, Suzanne Arena provided an update on the math departments efforts to build a schedule which meets the needs of students. Linanna Nix spoke of the successes with the Read 180 and System 44 programs used by the school to promote literacy. Finally, Erin Hendricks gave a presentation on the leadership development program at the school. The Board thanked Mr. Cain and the team for an outstanding presentation.
- Mr. Garland presented the attendance and health report and gave a detailed presentation regarding COVID-19 (see attachment). Since August 26, 2020 (beginning of instructional days for the year), there have been 23 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Jasper County Charter System. This includes students participating in face to face instruction and staff. The following breakdown was provided:

Week of September 4	7
Week of September 11	6
Week of September 18	5
Week of September 25	1
Week of October 2	1
Week of October 9	1
Week of October 16	2
Week of October 23	1
Week of October 30	2

Week of November 6	1
Week of November 13	5
Current Week	12

- Mr. Garland presented an overview of local and state FTE counts. At the state level, There are 33,255 less students enrolled in public schools. Jasper County is down from 2,412 to 2,373 in a comparison from October 2019 and October 2020. There is much discussion at the state level on the impact financially with systems as many students are choosing alternate education due to COVID-19.
- Mr. Garland recommend the board accept the Smartboard RFP proposal submitted by Solutionz in the purchase of eighty (80) devices for classrooms at JCPK, JCPS, WPES and JCMS. Funding used to purchase the devices will be provided by the Innovative Approach to Literacy (IAL) grant for JCPK, JCPS and WPES. Title I funds will be used to purchase the devices at JCMS.

\$54,947.72 to be paid from Title I funds.

\$259,039.28 to be paid from IAL grant funds.

Additional line items include:

Maintenance contract for 1 year @ \$13,280

Guaranteed Network Secure @ \$3,500

3 days of Professional Development @ \$2,999 per day -Total \$8,997.

With this recommendation, local funding will not be needed if approved.

The board approved the recommendation.

- Mr. Garland presented the September Financial Report for the district. To date, revenues have exceeded expenditures by 5.70 %.
- The Board approved the SPLOST schedule as presented.
- Mr. Garland made a recommendation for the BOE chair, BOE vice chair, Superintendent and Finance Officer update signature cards for safety deposit box at bank. The Board approved the recommendation.
- The Board approved Mr. Garland's recommendation for employee stipends to be issued with the December 2020 payroll with the following specifications:

A one-time stipend be issued to all full-time and part time employees (excluding substitutes) based on the following rates:

\$100 per certified employee based on 8 hours per day.

\$75 per non-certified employee based on 8 hours per day.

The amount for both certified and non-certified employee shall be prorated for part-time employees based on their regular schedule hours.

The stipend is in recognition of the efforts by the Jasper County Charter System faculty and staff to ensure a high quality education for all students during the fall semester of 2020.

- The minutes for the October 20, 2020 regular business meeting were approved as presented.
- The following fundraisers were approved as presented:
 - Jasper County Primary School Library, Email address, magazine sales
 - Jasper County Primary School Library, Santa or Holiday shop sales
 - Jasper County Middle School Girls/Boys Soccer, Little Caesars Pizza Kits sales
 - Jasper County Middle School Girls/Boys Soccer, 50/50 raffle sales
 - Jasper County Middle School Wrestling, 55” TV raffle sales
- The following overnight athletic trip request was approved as presented:
 - Jasper County High School: Competition Cheerleaders to Columbus GA February 15-February 16 2021.
- The following facilities use request was approved as presented:
 - JC Travel Sports: JCMS Gymnasium November 7, 2020
 - Jasper County Recreation Department: JCMS Gymnasium December 7, 2020-March 4, 2021
 - Jasper County Recreation Department: WPES Gymnasium December 1, 2020-February 25, 2021
- Mr. Garland delivered the following good news items:
 - Jasper County Middle School announced its Students of the Month for October:
 - 6th Grade: Sarah Franklin Alexander and Nolan Dean
 - 7th Grade: Gracie Arnold and Elizabeth Roberts
 - 8th Grade: Mackenzie Greninger and Corey Rand
 Teacher of the Month is Jordan Stone and Support Person of the Month is Josh Stone.
 - Jasper County Primary School Artists of the Month:
 - Kindergarten:
 - Alyssa Melton, Madeline White Braxton Womack
 - First Grade
 - Laney Thomaston, Bentley Davis, Julianna Martin
 - Second Grade
 - Delani Cook, Bradley Futral, Sam Moore

- Washington Park celebrates the Student's of the Month for October for demonstrating the character skill of responsibility.

Andrew Pittman, Henry Perez-Perez, Avery McCrae, Karina Vera, Amara Johnson, Lyla Nesler, Wes Garvin, McKenzie Brown, Keilynd Porter, Elijah Whidby, Kameron Rosser, Kolton Willard, Zoey Gee, Kristina Hamblin, Kassidy Hodges, Bradon Esparza, Wailer Sands, Bryant Blackmon, Christian Brown, Madison Woods, Ricardo Lara, Addison Powell, Alexis Tinsley, Brayden Gray & Alan Bautista.

- Mr. Garland announced the system wide graduation rate for 2020 at 94.58%. This is a significant increased from the previous year and is well above the state average of 83.8%.

In a breakdown of the various subgroups identified with our system, Jasper County exceeded the state overall average in all areas.

	JCCS	State of Georgia
Overall	94.58%	83.8%
Economically Disadvantaged	93.8%	79.7%
Students with Disabilities	75.0%	70.2%
White	93.5%	87.3%
Black	100%	81.4%

- Mr. Garland presented the system wide SAT and ACT scores from 2020 as follows:

ACT

	JCCS	State
Composite	18.2	20.6
English	17.5	19.9
Math	17.6	20.2
Reading	19.2	21.2
Science	18	20.6

SAT

	JCCS	State
Total	462	523
Math	483	528
ERW	944	1051

- Mr. Garland delivered a college readiness report from MAP data collected in fall 2020. The report demonstrates a 75% probability of passing a college level course in the respective subject area as compared to SAT results.

Grade	Total Number of Students Participating	Reading (SAT predicted score of 480 or better)	Math (SAT predicted score of 530 or better)
6	179	56.7%	8.3%
7	181	52.6%	11.7%
8	186	58.4%	14.0%
9	161 Reading/184 Math	52.2%	19.6%

- The Board of Education approved a motion to enter executive session.
- The Board of Education approved a motion to exit executive session.
- The Board of Education approved the following personnel recommendations made by the Superintendent:

New Hire

- a. Kathy Hatchett, ESOL Coordinator (**49%**), Jasper County Board of Education(effective 11/03/2020)
- b. Tiffany Price, Parent Engagement Coordinator, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 11/16/2020)
- c. Brittany Farnsworth, Substitute Bus Driver, Jasper County Transportation Department (effective 11/09/2020)
- d. Erica Johnson, Bus Driver, Jasper County Transportation Department (effective 11/18/2020)

Resignation

- a. Sandra Mason, School Nutrition Assistant, Jasper County Primary School (effective 11/08/2020)
- b. Rebekah Mullinax, Family Resources Coordinator, Jasper County Pre-K/Headstart(effective 11/27/2020)

Transfer

- a. Josh Stone, Paraprofessional, Jasper County Middle School, transfer from Paraprofessional at JCMS to Paraprofessional at Washington Park Elementary (effective 11/02/2020)
- b. Tamara Benton, Secretary, Jasper County PreSchool, Transfer from Secretary at JC PreSchool to Family Service Coordinator at Jasper County PreSchool (effective 11/30/2020)

Retirement

- a. Teresa Williams, Technical Data Specialist, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 01/29/2021)

- Old Business---Mr. Garland stated the board consider meeting as a team to participate in the GSBA virtual conference December 2 and 3.
- New Business---NONE
- The Board of Education approved a motion to adjourn. The adjournment time was 8:28 PM.
- The next meetings of the Jasper County Board of Education will be as follows:
 - December 15, 2020 6PM Business Meeting