

Jasper County Charter System Board Bullets

Highlights of the Jasper County Charter System Board of Education Meetings held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 (Work Session) and Tuesday, January 19, 2021 beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Central Services Office

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

January 12, 2021 Dionka Jackson, Anne Harrison, and Audrey Stokes

January 19, 2021 Dr. Angela Gordon, Anne Harrison, and Audrey Stokes

- Mr. Schilling called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- The agenda was approved as presented. Opening ceremonies were held.
- Mr. Schilling called for public comments. There were none.
- WORKSESSION The Board voted for Mr. Schilling to remain Chairperson and Ms. Lynch to remain as Vice-Chairperson
- WORKSESSION The Board selected the following members to serve on subcommittees:
 - Personnel: Dr. Barton and Ms. Lynch
 - Finance: Mr. Rice and Mr. Schilling
 - Academic: Mr. Schilling and Ms. Lynch
 - Policy: Mr. Schilling and Ms. Dennis
 - Facilities: Dr. Barton and Mr. Rice
- WORKSESSION The Jasper County Middle School SGT provided an update for the Board. Ms. Emily Beasley, Ms. Angie Lee Willis and Ms. Sheila Jones delivered the report. In the update, Ms. Jones expressed the need for an update of current reading materials for the media center. The Board thanked both ladies for the presentation.
- Dr. Gordon gave an update regarding the status of Jasper County Virtual Academy (JCVA). The program is currently serving approximately 85 students. Of these students, 24 are transfers from out of county or home school. The Board thanked Dr. Gordon for her presentation.
- Mr. Garland presented the attendance and health report to the BOE. Also he provided an update regarding COVID 19. Since the last BOE meeting held in December, there have been 17 reported employee positives of COVID-19 with 23 students as reported with a positive case as well.

Also, nine employees age 65+ received the vaccine for COVID-19 on Monday. This was the first of two rounds to be administered of the vaccine. Mr. Garland stated more employees of the system should be able to access first dosage of the vaccine sometime in February.

The Board also recommended consideration of antibody testing within a 90-day window for faculty and students in lieu of quarantine. The board charged Mr. Garland with developing procedures to imbed with our current structure of contact tracing to include this type of testing.

- Mr. Garland presented an update of facilities. Mr. Garland introduced various projects needing to be considered for renovations/new construction during the next five years. Work is currently beginning on construction of a new cross country course at the JCHS athletic complex. \$7500 has been budgeted for this project. Also, lights are being installed in the batting cage at the complex. A \$9,000 budget has been allocated for both projects. These funds have already been allocated in the general maintenance budget for FY 21. He also recommended \$45,000 be allocated from SPLOST funds to provide additional lighting at the JCHS athletic complex and for field maintenance on the JCHS practice football/soccer facility. The Board approved the request.
- The December 2020 financial report was presented. Revenues exceeded expenditures by 10.05%.
- The Board voted to approve the extension of the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act from December 31, 2020 to February 16, 2021. The Board also voted to approve the use of sick leave to take care of school age children quarantined due to COVID-19.
- The minutes for the December 15, 2020 regular business meeting were approved as presented.
- The following fundraisers were approved as presented:
 - Jasper County High School, Baseball, 20 for \$20 Donation sales
 - Jasper County High School, Baseball, Raffle sales
 - Jasper County High School, Competition Cheerleaders, T-Shirt Quilt sales
 - Jasper County Primary School, Candy Bags sales
- The following facilities use agreements were approved as presented pending no conflicts with school activities:
 - Jasper County High School Gym, JC Travel Sports/Gym/Basketball, January 10, January 24, February 6,7,21,25, March 6,7,11,16,25,30
 - Jasper County High School Auditorium, Jasper County Sheriff's Department, February 16, 18.
 - Jasper County High School Auditorium, Downtown Development Authority, January 25.

- Mr. Garland delivered the following good news items:
 - The Jasper County Middle School (JCMS) “CoderCaneZ” Cyber Robotics team claimed second place in Region 3 nationwide while earning a spot in the Top 22 in the world in its first season of competition of the CoderZ Junior Training Camp.

The entire team includes Robert Arizmendi, Perla Bautista, Jace Campbell, Jackson Cheek, Jackson Connally, Grace DeGarmo, Owen Diaz, Colton Engel, Robert Faith, Jr., Guadalupe Garcia, Ceselie Gresham, Rebekah Hanson, Zoe Holcombe, Levi Hood, Bryson Jackson, Jr, Collyn Jenkins, Kinze Johnson, Alesha Jordan, ZaNiya Kelly, Kyla Levester, Kyle Levester, Ansleigh Lewis, Casidy Manning, Savanna Martin, Austin Mayes, Addyson Mercer, Rihanna Mitchell, Corey Rand, Hailey Roper, Riley Savage, Sarah Skinner, James Sliger, Stephanie Smith, Calleigh Stanley, Madelyn Taylor, Christopher White, and Dustin Young, Jr.
 - Duke Smith, a freshman in the Audio, Video Technology, and Film program at Jasper County High School, won third place in the "Buckle Up Georgia" annual video contest about the importance of safe driving. Duke was honored at Turner Field in Atlanta at the Georgia High School Football Championships and won an iPad Air.
 - Raquel Ross who was born with a deformity in her left hand received a 3D hand from the technology class at Crisp County High School in Cordele, Georgia. Kindergarten teacher Melissa Houston coordinated the efforts by communicating with her colleague Jessica Young. The students, through the assistance of Ms. Houston, took measurements of Raquel’s palm, create a prototype and then made adjustments before printing the final hand. The hand is made where the fingers contract (open and close) when the wrist is manipulated.
- (WORKSESSION) Mr. Garland presented the PSAT results from the fall administration at JCHS. A total of 62 Sophomores took the exam. 58% met the ERW benchmark score while 26% met the Math benchmark score. 21% of the students met both benchmarks.
- After a discussion, the Board approved the Middle School Community Coach Certification Guidelines as presented with consideration of applying the same guidelines at the high school level. The Board charged Mr. Garland to research previous policy in terms of community coaches. The topic will be addressed at the next board meeting held in February.
- The Board approved the Superintendents recommendation of Milestone results count 10% of the student’s total grade. Mr. Garland presented a survey conducted by Alicia Moore, District Testing Coordinator in which opinion on the weight of the exam was split between .01% and 10%. He also presented evidence from last week’s

administration of the Milestones in Coordinate Algebra where the grade from the exam would increase the overall average in 15 of 16 students participating in the testing.

- 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:

WORKSESSION

New Hire

- a. Patricia Duke, Nurse, Jasper County High School (effective 01/04/2021)

Transfer

- a. Jilda Chapman, School Nutrition Assistant, Washington Park Elementary School, transfer from School Nutrition Assistant at WPES to School Nutrition Assistant Manager at WPES (effective 01/11/2021)
- b. Rydell Jackson, Teacher/Head Football Coach, Jasper County High School, transfer from Teacher/Head Football Coach at JCHS to Transportation Director at Jasper County Transportation Department (effective 06/01/2021)
- c. Tiffany Anderson, School Nutrition Assistant(Full-Time), Washington Park Elementary School, transfer from School Nutrition Assistant at WPES to Substitute School Nutrition Assistant at Jasper County Board of Education (effective 01/11/2021)

Retirement

- a. Jerry Williams, Transportation Director, Jasper County Transportation Department (effective 05/31/2021)

BUSINESS MEETING

New Hire

- a. Christina Stachowicz, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 01/14/2021)
- b. Amber Sharifi, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 01/14/2021)
- c. Paul Kelly Jr., Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 01/14/2021)
- d. Megan Abbott, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 01/14/2021)

Retirement

- a. Charles Cain, Principal, Jasper County High School (effective 06/30/2021)
- b. Angie Lee Willis, Teacher, Jasper County Middle School (effective 05/31/2021)

Termination

- a. Jamie Farnsworth, Custodian, Jasper County High School (effective 01/15/2021)

- Mr. Garland provided the Board an update on the head football coaching search. At the close of the application notice, there were 71 individuals interested in the position. Mr. Garland stated 11 were selected for interview and the goal was to recommend a candidate for the position at the February meeting.
- OLD BUSINESS- Ms. Lynch asked about notification of guidelines for antibody testing in regards to COVID. Mr. Garland stated a message was sent out Friday with his COVID update and protocols were being developed to notify students beginning next week.
- NEW BUSINESS- Mr. Schilling asked for an update at the February Board meeting in regards to participation in Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment programs.
- The Board of Education approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM

The next meetings of the Jasper County Board of Education will be as follows:

- February 16 @ 3:30 PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE)