

# Jasper County Charter System Board Bullets

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Highlights of the Jasper County Charter System Board of Education Meeting  
held on Tuesday May 18, 2021 6:00PM,  
at the Central Services Office

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

Anne Harrison, Audrey Stokes, Buddy Cain, Jim Strength, Dr. RaNae Fendley, Rydell Jackson, Kathy Hatchett, Dionka Jackson and Jerry Williams

- Mr. Schilling called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- The agenda was approved.
- Opening ceremonies were held.
- Mr. Schilling called for public comments. There were none.
- Dionka Jackson and Kathy Hatchett presented Perla Bautista and Zaniyah Kelly as the 2021 Jasper County Charter System REACH Scholarship nominees. REACH Scholars are selected in middle school and sign a contract along with their parent/guardian to maintain a 2.5 HOPE-Calculated GPA, remain crime, drug, and behavior issue free, and meet with a volunteer mentor and academic coach until they graduate from high school. To be awarded their scholarship, each Scholar must continue to meet program requirements until high school graduation. If a student does not fulfill program standards, they risk losing their \$10,000 scholarship. The Board congratulated both candidates.
- Mr. Garland and the Board of Education recognized Dr. RaNae Fendley, Executive Director of Student Services, Mr. Charles “Buddy” Cain, Principal of Jasper County High School and Mr. Jerry Williams, Transportation Director for Jasper County Charter System for their years of service to the system. Mr. Garland noted all were retiring at the end of the school year and he thanked them for their service to the system. Dr. Fendley has served the system for six years Mr. Williams has served the system for 34 years while Mr. Cain has served the system for 15 years. The Board and Mr. Garland presented all with a plaque to express their gratitude for their dedication to the system.
- Mr. Garland delivered a Powerpoint Presentation regarding the recent release by US News and World Report of America’s Best High Schools. Jasper County High School was recognized by the report as ranking inside the top 40% of all high schools in the State of Georgia and the United States. A total of 426 high schools in Georgia and 17,857 high schools nationally were recognized.

- **College Readiness 30%**

The proportions of 12th graders who took and earned a qualifying score on at least one AP or IB exam. Earning a qualifying score is worth three times more than just taking.

- **Math and Reading Proficiency 20%**

Aggregated scores on state assessments that students may be required to pass for graduation.

- **Math and Reading Performance 20%**

How aggregated scores on state assessments compare with U.S. News' expectations given the proportions of students who are Black, Hispanic and from low-income households.

- **Underserved Student Performance 10%**

Scores on state assessments aggregated just among students who are Black, Hispanic and from low-income households. These scores are compared with what is typical in the state for non-underserved students, with parity or higher being the goal.

- **College Curriculum Breadth 10%**

The proportions of 12th graders who took and earned a qualifying score on AP and IB exams in multiple areas. More exams are valued more than fewer exams up to a maximum of four. Earning a qualifying score on an exam is worth three times more than taking.

- **Graduation Rate 10%**

The proportion of entering ninth graders who graduated four academic years later.

The high school received a college readiness index score of 22.8 which was second overall in the region. The following high schools attained the college readiness index listed below.

- Morgan County High School 23.9
- Jasper County High School 22.8
- Mary Persons High School 22.5
- Greene County High School 18.1
- Bleckley County High School 14.2
- Alcovy High School 13.6
- Jackson High School 11.4
- Putnam County High School 8.4
- Jones County High School 7.6

- The attendance and health report was presented to the Board of Education. Mr. Garland stated there were zero cases of COVID-19 reported during the past week and the previous two days. Mr. Garland also asked the Board to formally approve the relaxation of the required wearing of facial covering for all staff and students in grades 6-12. The Board approved the recommendation.
- The April 2021 financial and expenditures report was presented. With 83% of the fiscal year complete, the system reported a 12.73% positive differential between revenues and expenditures.
- Mr. Garland delivered the FY 22 budget recommendation to the Board of Education. Expenditures are projected to increase by 2.94% however the total amount is less than the FY 20 budget.
  - FY 20 to FY 21 saw a decrease in overall budget of -3.23%. (\$24,843,000 to \$24,040,193).
  - FY 21 to FY 22 projects an increase in overall budget of 2.94%. (\$24,040,193 to \$24,746,866).
  - Increases are due to the following items (included but not limited to):
    - An Increase in Teachers Retirement System (\$93,990)

- Step Adjustments for Returning Teachers, Supplements (\$373,000)
- Projected Fuel Costs (\$50,000)
- Replacement Vehicles for Transportation (\$70,000)
- Increase in Principals Allotment (A Decrease Occurred in FY 21 due to a reduction in QBE) (\$13,000)
- Technology Cost Increase (\$67,000)
- Increase in Maintenance Supplies (\$65,000)
- In FY 22, there is an increase in QBE of \$908,374. However, it is still short \$771,344 from FY 20.
- Joint Development Revenue Sharing **Loss** increases from **\$99,877 to \$246,033**
- Forest Land Protect Act Revenues decrease (-\$146,600).
- Revenue Increases in TAVT (\$100,000), Other Local Revenues (\$50,000), and Foothills (\$70,000) are noted.
- Percent of Taxes Collected Increased from 93% to 94%.

Mr. Garland recommended a proposed millage rate of 16.838 for the FY 22 budget cycle. This demonstrates a 1.34% increase in property taxes. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$175,000 is approximately \$13.76 and the proposed tax increase for a non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$125,000 is approximately \$11.10.

Since there is an increase, a recommendation was made to hold budget hearings on June 15 AM @ 11:30 AM, June 15@ 6PM (Regular Business Meeting) and June 23 @ 1PM. The Board approved the recommendation.

- Mr. Garland presented guidelines for Cares II and American Rescue Plan monies awarded to all school systems as a result of the pandemic. He stated this money cannot be used to supplant existing funding as the intent is to provide a safe return to normal operations while offsetting revenue losses due to the pandemic. Technology, remedial program to offset learning loss opportunities, and creating a safe & healthy environment (facilities) are some of the ideas for use of the money. Mr. Garland will deliver a preliminary plan at the June Board meeting.
- The Board agreed to meet June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 to hear proposals from architectural firms for their services. The goal is to have a recommendation by the June 15, 2021 regular business meeting.
- The Board approved the purchase of 60 Lenovo Thinkbooks with a 15.6” screen, 16GB of RAM and 256 GB of Storage from ByteSpeed. The cost of the devices is \$50,700. This is for the faculty and staff of Jasper County Middle School and the monies for purchase will come from Title I funds.
- The minutes from the April 26, 2021 regular business meeting were approved as presented.
- The following facilities use requests were approved as presented:
  - Jasper County Middle School, Ms. Ruby Griggs Memorial Service, May 1, 2021
  - Jasper County High School, JC Travel Sports, June-July, 2021
- The following overnight trips were approved as presented:

- Jasper County High School, Baseball Team to Hazlehurst GA, April 29, 2021- April 30, 2021
  - Jasper County High School, Girls Golf to Hawkinsville GA, May 17, 2021-May 18, 2021
- The following fundraisers were approved as presented:
    - Jasper County Middle School, Football, TV Raffle sales
    - Jasper County Middle School, Football, Football Donation Letter Sales
    - Jasper County High School, Baseball, Raffle Sales
    - Jasper County High School, Baseball, Kids Youth Camp
    - Jasper County High School, Basketball(Boys), Doughnut Sales
    - Jasper County High School, Basketball(Boys), Gourmet Popcorn Sales
    - Jasper County High School, Basketball(Boys), Summer Team Showcase
    - Jasper County High School, Cheerleaders, Spirit Wear Sales
    - Jasper County High School, Cheerleaders, Finger Pom Sales
    - Jasper County High School, Wrestling, Doughnut Sales
    - Jasper County High School, Football, Helmet Drive
    - Jasper County High School, Football, Family Donation Letter Sales
    - Jasper County High School, Football, Discount Card Sales
  - Policy DK (Student Activities Fund Management) was approved at 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.
  - Mr. Garland presented the Administrative Team Meeting Agenda for the dates of June 1-June 10. He also invited everyone to participate in the meeting on June 2 @ 8:30 to be held in the Jasper County High School Auditorium. At this time, he will present the State of the Schools address to all stakeholders.
  - Spring 2021 MAP data was presented to the Board of Education. Mr. Garland noted the following results:
    - A total of 1826 students participated in the Math administration
    - A total of 1789 students participated in the Reading administration.
    - There are 1958 students enrolled in KK-10 in Jasper County Charter System

Reading Participation Rate

91.4%

Math Participation Rate

93.2%

### **% of Students Above National Norm (50<sup>th</sup> Percentile)**

Reading

921/1789=51.5%

Math

899/1826= 49.23%

## **% of Students Meeting College and Career Readiness as Defined by MAP**

Reading (40<sup>th</sup> Percentile)

1127/1789=63%

Math (60<sup>th</sup> Percentile)

694/1826=38%

Mr. Garland noted significant gains in math from the Winter 2020 MAP administration. Progress has been made toward the overall goal of 75% College and Career Readiness in the area of Reading and 50% College and Career Readiness in the area of Mathematics.

- The JCCS Family Engagement Plan and School Compacts were approved as presented.
- The Board made a motion to enter executive session
- The Board made a motion to exit executive session
- The Board of Education made a motion to approve the personnel moves recommended by the Superintendent:

### **New Hire**

- a. Abraham Holloway, Teacher, Jasper County High School (effective 07/2021)
- b. Jennifer Holloman, Teacher, Jasper County Primary School (effective 08/03/2021)
- c. Frank Mitchell, Substitute Custodian, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 05/10/2021)
- d. Edna Wynn, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 03/25/2021)
- e. Alyssa Waddell, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 03/25/2021)
- f. Megan Terrell, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 03/25/2021)
- g. Amber Purcell, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 03/25/2021)
- h. Emily Broxson, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 03/25/2021)
- i. Andrea Hudgins, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 03/25/2021)
- j. Janessa Lawrence, Substitute School Nutrition Assistant, School Nutrition Department (effective 05/10/2021)
- k. Jenny Lowe, Assistant Principal, Washington Park Elementary School (effective 07/2021)
- l. Tasia Ellis, Assistant Principal, Jasper County High School (effective 07/01/2021)

### **Resignation**

- a. Kelly Burke, Teacher, Jasper County Middle School (effective 06/02/2021)
- b. Crystal Sanford, Counselor, Washington Park Elementary School (effective 06/2021)
- c. Frank Workman, Paraprofessional, Jasper County High School (effective 06/02/2021)
- d. Deborah Edwards, Teacher, Washington Park Elementary School (effective 06/02/2021)
- e. Heidi Pitt, Substitute Bus Driver, Jasper County Transportation Department (effective 05/14/2021)
- f. Andria Bishop, Teacher, Jasper County Middle School (effective 06/2021)

**Transfer**

- a. Timothy Brown, Substitute Custodian, Jasper County Board of Education, transfer from Substitute Custodian at JCHS to Custodian (Full-Time) at JCHS (effective 05/03/2021)
- b. Kamwanya Belle, Counselor, Jasper County Middle School, transfer from Counselor at JCMS to Assistant Principal at Jasper County High School (effective 07/01/2021)

**Retirement**

- a. Tina Peden, Bus Driver, Jasper County Transportation Department (effective 06/24/2021)

**Termination**

- a. Megan Terrell, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 05/17/2021)

- OLD BUSINESS- NONE
- NEW BUSINESS-NONE
  
- The Board of Education approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.  
The next meetings of the Jasper County Board of Education will be as follows:
  - June 7, 2021 5:30 PM Called Meeting to Interview Architects
  - June 15, 2021 11:30 AM Called Meeting for Budget Hearings
  - June 15, 2021 6:00 PM Monthly Business Meeting (Budget Hearings)
  - June 23, 2021 1:00 PM Called Meeting for Budget Hearings

