

Jasper County Charter System Board Bullets

Highlights of the Jasper County Charter System Board of Education Special
Called Meeting (Tax Hearing #1)
held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 11:30 AM,
at the Central Services Office

Thank you to those Principals, Administrators, and Staff attending:
Anne Harrison, Audrey Stokes

- Mr. Schilling called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- The agenda was approved.
- Mr. Garland gave an overview of the meetings having to be conducted again. He states there was a misprint in the local paper with a \$234 discrepancy in revenue to be received. The document presented in error was an estimate of revenue received and not the actual final calculations.

Also, he presented an executive summary of how the tax rate was recommended.

- 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
- Step Adjustments for Returning Teachers, Supplements
- Projected Fuel Costs
- Replacement Vehicles for Transportation Increase in Principals Allotment (A Decrease Occurred in FY 21 due to are a reduction in QBE)
- Technology Cost Increase
- Increase in Maintenance Supplies Cost

Also 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
- Revenue Increases in TAVT, Other Local Revenues, and Foothills 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.

- Mr. Francis Wayne Bales voiced concern over the increase. He stated the process used by the Board of Education was not transparent. Mr. Bales also recommended the district consider the purchase of body cameras for employees.
- With no further public comment, the meeting was adjourned.

Highlights of the Jasper County Charter System Board of Education Special Called Meeting (Tax Hearing #2) and Regular Business Meeting held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 6:00 PM, at the Central Services Office

Thank you to those Principals, Administrators, and Staff attending:
Anne Harrison, Audrey Stokes, Peyton Proctor, Eddie Roberts, Jim Strength

- Mr. Schilling called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- The agenda was approved.
- There were no public comments
- With no public comment, the meeting was adjourned.
- The Board approved the agenda for the regular business meeting.
- 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
- David Thompson, representative from the Downton Development Authority, gave a presentation regarding the Watson Brown Grant. Monticello Historic Preservation Commission in association with the Monticello Downtown Development and partnership with Jasper County Charter System has been awarded a grant from the Watson-Brown Junior Board of Trustees to map and record the cemetery of the Old Methodist Church. The cemetery is significant to the history of Monticello and provides a unique hands-on preservation experience for our local high school students. The Board thanked Mr. Thompson for his presentation.
- Mr. Eddie Roberts, District Athletic Director, provided an update on Crowd Funding fundraiser proposed at the last Board meeting.

- Mr. Roberts provided an update on new guidelines for purchasing tickets for athletic events. Beginning August 5, 2021, Jasper County Schools will offer spectators two options for purchasing tickets for athletic events. See below for all ticket prices:

Option 1: Tickets for select events can be purchased at a reduced cost at www.gofan.com

Option 2 Tickets can be purchased at the gate (Cash only)

Season Passes are also available through www.gofan.com. The season pass will admit one person to any Jasper County Schools Athletic Event. (High School and Middle School) - Available August 5, 2021 Student \$50.00 Adults \$200.00.

- Mr. Garland provided an overview of facilities and renovations/cleaning in order to begin school. 7th grade middle school restrooms masonry work has been completed and doors should be arriving in the near future for the bathroom stalls. The old middle school concession area and greenhouse has been demolished. Due to an increase in construction costs, the system is reviewing options for replacement of the concession area. Mr. Garland also stated LS3P would be attending the next business meeting with four options and estimates to repair the roof at Central Services. Also, Mr. Paul Boney, Chief Architect of LS3P, would be answering any questions or concerns regarding architectural services contract.
- The June 2021 financial and expenditures report was presented. The system reported a 5.89% positive differential between revenues and expenditures.
- As requested from the June Business Meeting, Mr. Garland presented an update to the Board regarding the Capital Outlay Funds for the system. Currently, JCCS has \$3,749,019 in funds available for capital outlay projects. He noted the roofing project at Central Services and possibly Jasper County High School. The renovation project at Jasper County Primary School, estimated in 2019, is slated to be \$1,112,000 with the Department of Education reimbursing \$665,250. Also, the same year (2019) produced a projection of \$1,250,000 for renovations at Washington Park Elementary School. Mr. Garland stated the system needs to consider the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds to assist with the renovation projects.
- Mr. Garland reported the school nutrition vendor contracts were rolled from FY 21.
- The Board approved the sale of 32 of the 59 automotive surplus items for a total of \$8,632.
- The Board approved 8 annual days for 230-day administrators and 5 annual days for 230-day support personnel.
- Mr. Garland provided an update to the start of school regarding COVID and protocols for the upcoming school year. As of July 20, the moving average for Jasper County is .4 with 5 confirmed cases in the month of July. The hospital is

reporting 5 confirmed cases with Jasper County residents from the months of June 2021-current. The system has one employee currently in quarantine due to COVID. Most of these cases are attributed to out of state travel exposures. He stated the Georgia Department of Public Health will provide updated guidance next week. He stated a final recommendation of operations would be issued on July 29. The system's goal is to operate under "normal" conditions but the state may provide additional guidance regarding the use of masks on buses. At this time, he stated there would be firm guidelines on quarantines due to exposures and confirmed positives.

- Minutes were approved from June 7, 2021 Called Meeting (Architect Interviews), June 15, 2021 Tax Hearing # 1, June 15, 2021 Tax Hearing #2 & Business Meeting, and June 23, 2021 Tax Hearing #3.
- The following fundraiser request were approved as presented:
 - JCHS Beta Club "Hire a Helper" August 2-August 10.
 - JCMS Yearbook Student Sales January 2022-March 2022
 - JCMS Concessions August 11, 2022-May 24, 2022
 - JCMS FBLA "Meat Sticks" August 11, 2022-May 24, 2022
- The following overnight field trip requests were approved as presented:
 - JCHS FFA Morganton, Georgia August 13, 2021-August 15, 2021
- Policy GARH-Paid Parental Leave and Policy IDE (3) Competitive Interscholastic Activities Grades (6-12) were presented for 1st reading. Mr. Garland stated the system is consulting various legal opinions on how to apply the new mandated parental leave and an update would be provided during 2nd reading.
- The Consolidated LEA Improvement Plan was presented to the board for approval. He presented the following executive summary and provided a detailed explanation on plans for school improvement:
 - Coherent Instructional System and Effective Leadership was rated overall Emerging.
 - Family and Community Engagement and Professional Capacity was rated overall Operational.
 - Supportive Learning Environment was Clearly Operational.
 - Communication was considered a primary factor in terms of school improvement.
 - 1% Increase in the number of students with 10+ absences.
 - 3-5 Reading maintained proficiency levels in Milestones compared to 2019.
 - 5-8 Math Milestone scores demonstrated the greatest decline in percentage scoring Levels 2-4.
 - 9-12 Milestones improved proficiency as compared to 2019.
 - A 50-point increase in SAT Math as compared to the 2020 official results.
 - A 32-point increase in SAT ERW as compared to the 2020 official results.

- SAT participation is down from 67% to 45%.
- KK,1,2 MAP Results were above average.
- Lowest MAP Growth areas were 3rd,4th,6th and 8th grade.
- Overwhelmingly Math grown determine by MAP showed Males outperformed females in grades KK-5, and females outperformed males in grades 6-10
- Hispanics are outperforming other ethnic groups in math
- Students need direct instruction in reading, math, and writing.
- Consistency in teaching with rigor is a concern
- The need for a leadership development program or provide leadership opportunities is evident.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent regarding the document 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.** Amber Jones, Paraprofessional, Jasper County Primary School (effective 08/03/2021)
- b.** Madison Taylor, Paraprofessional, Jasper County Primary School (effective 08/03/2021)
- c.** Meagan Haddock, Paraprofessional, Jasper County Primary School (effective 08/03/2021)
- d.** Rosalie Harris, Bookkeeper, Jasper County Primary School (effective 07/13/2021)
- e.** Frank Altschul, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 09/20/2021)
- f.** Rebekah Miller, Receptionist, Jasper County High School (effective 07/20/2021)
- g.** Kelly Burke, Teacher, Jasper County Middle School (effective 08/03/2021)
- h.** Frank Mitchell, Custodian, Jasper County High School (effective 07/05/2021)
- i.** Brian Edwards, Technology Specialist, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 07/26/2021)
- j.** Ambriel Wyatt, Substitute Custodian, Jasper County Board of Education (effective 07/20/2021)
- k.** Amanda Vance, Paraprofessional, Washington Park Elementary School (effective 08/03/2021)
- l.** Valerie Johnson, Paraprofessional, Washington Park Elementary School (effective 08/03/2021)
- m.** Kyle Koho, Teacher, Washington Park Elementary School (effective 08/03/2021)
- n.** Dodie Chupp, Bus Driver, Jasper County Transportation Department (effective 08/11/2021)
- o.** Brittany Farnsworth, Bus Driver, Jasper County Transportation Department (effective 08/11/2021)
- p.** Ashley Boyd, Athletic Trainer, Jasper County High School (effective 08/02/2021)

Resignation

- a.** Brynisha Clements-Perez, Paraprofessional, Washington Park Elementary School (effective 06/30/2021)
- b.** Sam Hadaway, Athletic Trainer, Jasper County High School (effective 06/30/2021)
- c.** Patricia Holierhoek, Paraprofessional, Washington Park Elementary School (effective 06/30/2021)
- d.** Lindsay Schultz, Secretary, Jasper County Preschool (effective 07/15/2021)
- e.** Brittany Hamlin, Custodian, Jasper County Primary School (effective 07/09/2021)

Transfer

- a. Joshua Crouse, Teacher, Jasper County Middle School, transfer from Teacher at JCMS to Counselor at Jasper County Middle School (effective 07/20/2021)
- b. Elvira Waddell, School Nutrition Assistant, Jasper County Middle School, transfer from SN Assistant at JCMS to School Nutrition Assistant Manager at Jasper County High School (effective 08/02/2021)
- c. Jessica Ravenel, Instructional Coach, Jasper County Primary School, transfer from Instructional Coach at JCPS to Interim Assistant Principal at Jasper County Primary School (effective 07/20/2021)

Contracts:

Ella Walker 49% JCMS PEC
 Jennie Voyles 49% JCHS PEC

- OLD BUSINESS- NONE
- NEW BUSINESS-NONE
- The Board of Education approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.
 The next meetings of the Jasper County Board of Education will be as follows:
 - July 29, 2021 5:00 PM Called Meeting (Tax Hearing #3)
 - August 17, 2021 6:00 PM Regular Business Meeting