

September 26, 2016

The Jasper City Board of Education met on September 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the Central Office. Members present were Chairperson Willie Moore, Teresa Sherer, Walker Wilson, Scott Thornley and Mary Beth Barber.

Chairperson Willie Moore called the meeting to order with the first item to be approved being the agenda. An amendment was made to the agenda to add an Executive Session meeting. A motion to approve the agenda with the above stated amendment was made by Walker Wilson with a second by Teresa Sherer. The agenda was unanimously approved.

At 5:05 pm, a motion to move into Executive Session was made by Mary Beth Barber with a second by Teresa Sherer. The motion carried.

At 5:32 pm, a motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to regular session was given by Teresa Sherer and a second given by Scott Thornley. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2016 and September 8, 2016 Board meetings was given by Walker Wilson with a second by Mary Beth Barber. The motion was unanimously approved.

The September 26, 2016 personnel report was unanimously approved on a motion by Mary Beth Barber and a second by Teresa Sherer.

District highlights were given to the Board which included: 1.) a communication plan that outlines procedures and protocol whenever an emergency should arise. This plan will be sent to each parent in the Jasper City School system. 2.) annual report- information given to the Board regarding enrollment, attendance, highlights from each school/athletic group and assessment data. 3.) school bus safety brochure which will be sent to all parents of bus riders.

Superintendent Dr. Ann Jackson called upon Chief School Financial Officer, Monique Rector, to report on the finances for the month of August 2016. The general fund had an ending balance of \$7,362,227.95 and a balance in the Capital Projects Fund of \$819,907.78. The Special Revenue Fund had a balance of \$1,807,938.08. All school bank accounts balanced without issues. Also presented were city and county tax comparisons from 2013, 2014 and 2015. A check register report was also given outlining checks paid from August 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016. A motion to approve the financial reports and bank reconciliations for the month of August 2016 was given by Mary Beth Barber with a second given by Scott Thornley and was unanimously approved.

Dr. Jackson requested adoption of a motion to approve the disposal of surplus technology items in the District. On a motion by Walker Wilson and a second by Mary Beth Barber, the motion carried.

Rita Pilling, Director of Accountability for Jasper City Schools, presented the Board with testing results from the schools in the District and remarked on improvements as well as a decline in certain areas. (Report available with Board minutes).

Mr. Jonathan Allen, principal of T.R. Simmons Elementary School, presented the Board with data from the school including ACCESS scores, ASPIRE ACT readiness data, students ACCESS tested in the EL program and student demographic data. (Report available with Board minutes.)

Mr. Eric Rigsby, principal of Memorial Park Elementary School, presented the Board with data from this school showing an increase to the reading and math programs in Memorial Park. Mr. Rigsby informed the Board that the STRIDE Academy program will be utilized both at home and in the classroom. This program will increase the percentage of reading questions answered correctly from 67% in 2015-2016 to 69% in 2016-2017 school years. (Report available with Board minutes.)

Mr. Marc Sargent, principal of West Jasper Elementary School, presented the Board with his Continuous Improvement Plan data for the 2016-2017 school year. Although there have been several barriers to achieving the level of proficiency desired, the principal and faculty are confident that the strategies outlined in the report (Report available with Board minutes) will increase the reading and math “ready” or “exceeding” levels by 2%.

All copies of reports are available for public and Board consideration.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.