

February 27, 2017

The Jasper City Board of Education met on February 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the Central Office. Members present were Willie Moore, Teresa Sherer, Walker Wilson, Scott Thornley, and Mary Beth Barber. Superintendent Dr. Ann Jackson was also in attendance.

Chairperson Willie Moore called the meeting to order with the first item to be approved being the agenda. Dr. Jackson requested an amendment be made to the posted agenda to include the addition of an overnight field trip request, a draft calendar for first reading, approval of the paving bid for the new high school and add item #2 to the personnel report. A motion to approve the agenda with the amendment was made by Scott Thornley with a second by Teresa Sherer. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2017, January 23, 2017, January 27, 2017 and February 9, 2017 board meetings was given by Mary Beth Barber and a second given by Scott Thornley. The motion was unanimously approved.

The February 27, 2017 personnel report was unanimously approved on a motion by Teresa Sherer and a second by Walker Wilson.

Dr. Jackson called upon Beth Kennedy, Career Technical Director at Walker High School to showcase several departments representing the Business Management and Administration, Health Science, Culinary Arts, Precision Machining, and the US Army JROTC. The students wore their simulated workplace or Career and Technical Education Student Organization competitive and professional attire and told the Board members about the programs they were enrolled in and how these programs have impacted their future.

Superintendent Jackson presented the Board with a plan for Foster Care students in the Jasper City district. This plan addresses the requirement for foster care provisions under Title I of ESSA which require state educational agencies (SDE) and local educational agencies (LEA) to collaborate with child welfare agencies to ensure educational stability and minimize educational disruptions for children in foster care.

Dr. Jackson gave the Board a Transition Plan for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. This plan is to create a goal for the use of transition teams to schedule meetings, welcome students, teachers, and parents, create special programs and initiatives to assist in the transition to a new school.

The Board was given information regarding the upcoming Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten registration for Jasper City Schools. Registration will take place at T.R. Simmons Elementary School on May 1-2, 2017 with a make-up day on May 4, 2017.

Superintendent Dr. Ann Jackson called upon Chief School Financial Officer, Monique Rector, to report on the finances for the month of January 2017. The general fund had an ending balance of \$7,261,240.19 and a balance in the Capital Projects Fund of \$5,393,618.05. The Special Revenue Fund had a balance of \$1,936,719.61. All school bank accounts balanced without issues.

A check register report was also given outlining checks paid from January 1, 2017 to January 31, 20167. A motion to approve the financial reports and bank reconciliations for the month of January 2017 was given by Scott Thornley with a second given by Mary Beth Barber and was unanimously approved.

CSFO Monique Rector presented the Board with the winning bid for the purchase of 2 school buses for the district. The winning bid was given to Transportation South in the amount of \$95,487.00. The other bid came in from Busworx Bluebird at \$92,999.00. The reason the low bid did not qualify for this purchase is that the specifications required for the buses were not met by Busworx. The bid was unanimously approved on a motion by Teresa Sherer and a second by Walker Wilson.

CSFO Monique Rector also presented the Board with the winning bid for the paving package for the new high school. The bid was given to Norris Paving and Asphalt in Birmingham AL for the amount of \$193,000.00. Dunn Construction and Southeastern Sealcoating presented a higher bid for the project. On a motion by Walker Wilson and a second by Teresa Sherer, the paving bid was unanimously approved.

Superintendent Jackson presented the Board with the following overnight/out of town field trip requests:

- Walker/Jasper High School attending the Shrimp Festival Volleyball Tournament in Gulf Shores AL on October 12-15, 2017.
- Walker/Jasper High School attending the Sparkman High School Softball Tournament in Harvest AL on March 31-April 1, 2017.
- Walker/Jasper High School attending the State Beta Club Convention in Birmingham AL on March 30-31, 2017.

A motion was made by Teresa Sherer with a second by Mary Beth Barber. The motion carried.

A draft 2017-2018 district calendar was presented to the Board for their consideration. This calendar will be presented for approval at the March 27, 2017 Board meeting.

The first reading of the addition to the Board policy outlining the use of service animals by students in the schools was given to the Board. This new policy will be approved by the Board at the March 27, 2017 meeting.

Dr. Jackson requested adoption of a motion to approve the addition of Board policy 4.4.3 (Advertising) and policy 4.4.4 (Naming Board Facilities). A motion to approve the policy additions was made by Teresa Sherer with a second by Scott Thornley. The motion was unanimously approved.

At 6:00 p.m., a motion to convene into Executive Session was made by Teresa Sherer. A second was given by Scott Thornley. The motion was unanimously approved. (Copy of Certificate of Compliance is attached.)

At 6:50 p.m., a motion to adjourn from Executive Session was made by Mary Beth Barber with a second by Teresa Sherer. The motion carried.

An amendment to the agenda was made by Walker Wilson with a second by Scott Thornley to include the following:

“The Board desires to give Eddie Jackson permission to negotiate on behalf of the Board, the purchase of land for use of right of way, contingent on acceptable survey, title & engineering.”
The amendment carried.

A request was made by Willie Moore III to adjourn into a Board work session. Mary Beth Barber made a motion for this request with a second by Teresa Sherer. The motion was unanimously approved.

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