

January 27, 2014

The Jasper City Board of Education met in regular session on January 27, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the Central Office. Members present were acting Chairperson Willie Moore III, Walker Wilson, Teresa Sherer, and Roy Beall. Rene Simmons was absent for this meeting. Superintendent Robert Sparkman was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Moore and the agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Wilson and a second by Mrs. Sherer. The minutes of the December 17, 2013 board meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Mrs. Sherer and a second by Mr. Beall.

The October, November and December 2013 financial statements were presented by Monique Rector, Chief School Financial Officer. Mrs. Rector reported a General Fund ending balance for October of \$6,051,587, November balance of \$6,153,182 and December balance of \$6,293,312. The Capital Projects Fund balance as of November 2013 was \$4,239,401.71 and for December the balance was \$4,280,654.09. Mrs. Rector also presented the board with bank reconciliations including the local school accounts for all three months. Sales tax information for October, November and December was presented to the board members as well as check registers and local revenue comparison charts. Mr. Beall made a motion to approve the financial statements for the months of November and December, with a second given by Mrs. Sherer. The motion was unanimously approved. Mrs. Rector notified the Board of the upcoming district audit which will take place in late February.

Superintendent Sparkman recommended adoption of a motion to approve the following overnight field trip requests:

- Walker High School Band – April 4-6, 2014 to perform at the University of Mobile Jazz Festival on April 4th, and the deck of the Battleship USS Alabama on April 6th in Mobile.
- Walker High School Band – November 19-23, 2014 to perform in the “Magnificent Mile Lights Festival” parade in Chicago, IL.
- Walker High School Tennis – February 27-March 1, 2014 to participate in the Dothan Shootout Tournament in Dothan, AL.
- Walker High School Tennis – March 7-8, 2014 to participate in the Auburn High School Tournament in Auburn, AL.
- Walker High School Tennis – March 14-15, 2014 to participate in the Ben Russell Tournament in Alexander City, AL.
- Walker High School Tennis – April 4-5, 2014 to participate in the Austin Tournament in Decatur, AL.
- Walker High School Tennis – April 22-25, 2014 to participate in the State Tennis Tournament in Mobile, AL.
- West Jasper Elementary School – February 28-March 1, 2014 to attend the GEMS (Girls Engaged in Math and Science) University Expo in Columbiana, AL.
- West Jasper Elementary School – May 14-16, 2014 to participate in a 3-day educational experience at Camp McDowell.

- Walker High School Encore – March 19-22, 2014 to perform at the Walt Disney World Magic Music Days program in Orlando, FL.
- Walker High School Interact Club – January 30-February 1, 2014 to attend a youth leadership conference in Huntsville, AL.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson to approve the overnight field trip requests with a second by Mr. Beall. The motion carried.

Dr. Sparkman requested adoption of a motion to approve the disposal of surplus items in the district. These items are computer and electronic equipment that are now obsolete. The motion to approve the disposal was given by Mrs. Sherer and a second by Mr. Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

The personnel report was approved unanimously.

Also on the Superintendent's Report, the Jasper City School Board members were recognized for Board Appreciation month. The members were given a plaque of appreciation as well as small tokens from the schools.

Dr. Jean Lollar was recognized by the National Association of Federal Education Programs Administrators with the state leadership award in recognition of 17 years of service to the leadership, support and promotion of activities and goals of the Federal Programs of the Alabama State Department of Education and the National Association of Federal Programs.

Teachers of the Year for the Jasper City School District were recognized by Superintendent Sparkman. Those teachers are as follows:

Lisa Mellott – Maddox Middle School
Teresa Kitchens – Walker High School
Tyra Beaird – T.R. Simmons Elementary School
Amanda Chesser – West Jasper Elementary School
Sharon Abbott – Memorial Park Elementary School

Also recognized were the district elementary teacher and secondary teacher winners:

Lisa Mellott – Secondary
Tyra Beard – Elementary

In the last order of business, Dr. Jean Lollar presented the Board with information regarding the upcoming AdvancED district accreditation team visit. The Board members would be involved in this visit with interviews conducted by the team.

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