

**Jasper City Board of Education
Board Briefs**

January 28, 2013

The Jasper City Board of Education met in regular session on January 28, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the Central Office. Members present were Chairperson Rene Simmons, Willie Moore III, Pat Nelson, Teresa Sherer, and Roy Beall. Superintendent Robert Sparkman was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Rene Simmons and the agenda was amended to add an executive session as well as moving the Superintendent's report to item #3 on the agenda. This agenda and the amendments were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Moore and a second by Mrs. Sherer. The minutes of the November 26, 2012 board meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Beall and a second by Mrs. Sherer.

The personnel report was approved.

Mrs. Debra Rhodes, special education teacher at North Highland School, was recognized as the district's latest teacher to receive certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

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

Eric Rigsby – Maddox Middle School
Sgt. Major Ray Hessler – Walker High School
Missy Bryan – T.R. Simmons Elementary School
Beverly Simon – West Jasper Elementary School
Lori Wallace – Memorial Park Elementary School

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

Sgt. Major Ray Hessler – Secondary
Missy Bryan – Elementary

January is Board Appreciation month and members of the Jasper City Board of Education were thanked for their service and dedication to the school district and the children of Jasper.

Chief Connie Rowe, Sgt. Tommy Hood and Captain Larry Cantrell from the Jasper Police Department presented their security assessment for each school in the district. They also gave information to the Board regarding future improvements to the system to protect our students and faculty from active shooter situations.

Dr. Sparkman requested that the Board adjourn into executive session. On a motion by Mr. Moore and a second by Mr. Beall, the motion carried.

The Board reconvened after executive session to continue with items on the agenda.

The November and December 2012 financial statements were presented by Monique Rector, Chief School Financial Officer. Mrs. Rector reported a General Fund ending balance for November of \$5,510,487.48 and an ending balance in the Capital Projects Fund of \$5,070,662.19. Mrs. Rector also presented the board with bank reconciliations including the local school accounts. For the month of December 2012, Mrs. Rector reported a General Fund ending balance of \$5,593,267.22 and an ending balance in the Capital Projects Fund of \$5,086,615.02. The bank reconciliations for the month of December for the schools were also presented. Sales tax information for the two months 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 Mr. Moore. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the architectural contract for the Walker High School building project. A motion to table this item was made by Mr. Nelson with a second by Mr. Beall. All Board members in attendance voted in agreement.

Dr. Sparkman recommended adoption of a motion to approve the facility usage agreement for Hope House church. On a motion by Mrs. Sherer and a second by Mr. Beall, the motion carried.

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

- Walker High School Baseball – February 28-March 1, 2013 to attend the Mid-Mississippi Classic Tournament in Jackson, Ms.
- Walker High School Baseball – February 21-February 22, 2013 to attend the Terry Sikes Memorial Tournament in Troy, AL.
- Maddox Middle School – February 24-March 1, 2013 to participate in an eighth-grade class trip to Washington, D.C.
- Walker High School Tennis – February 22-23, 2013 to participate in a tournament in Russellville, AL.
- Walker High School Tennis – February 28-March 2, 2013 to participate in the Dothan Shootout Tournament in Dothan, AL.
- Walker High School Tennis – March 8-9, 2013 to participate in the Ben Russell Tournament in Alexander City, AL.
- Walker High School Tennis – April 21-23, 2013 to participate in the State Tennis Tournament in Decatur, AL.
- Walker High School Boys' Golf – April 7, 2013 to participate in the Fairview Invitational Golf Tournament in Guntersville, AL.
- Walker High School Boys' Golf – April 28, 2013 to participate in the 5A Section golf tournament in Guntersville, AL.

On a motion by Mr. Nelson and a second by Mrs. Sherer, the motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Sparkman then recommended adoption of a motion to approve the disposal of surplus items in the district. A motion was made by Mr. Moore with a second given by Mr. Beall. The motion carried.

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