

**Jasper City Board of Education
Board Briefs**

January 24, 2011

The Jasper City Board of Education met in regular session on January 24, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. in the Maddox Middle School Theater.

Mr. John Skalnik, Chief School Financial Officer, presented the financial report for the months ending November 30, 2010 and December 31, 2010. Mr. Skalnik reported a General Fund ending balance for November of \$4,619,995.87 and an ending balance in the Capital Projects Fund of \$6,072,875.73. Mr. Skalnik also presented the board with bank reconciliations including the local school accounts. For the month of December 2010, Mr. Skalnik reported a General Fund ending balance of \$4,839,470.69 and an ending balance in the Capital Projects Fund of \$6,048,988.41. 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. The financial statements were unanimously approved.

Superintendent Robert Sparkman presented a list of surplus equipment to be disposed of as suggested by the principals and recommended adoption of a motion to accomplish the disposal. Mrs. Simmons made a motion to approve and Mr. Beall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Sparkman recommended adoption of a motion to approve overnight field trips for the following sporting events: WHS Baseball – March 3rd & 4th to Jackson MS; WHS Anchor Club - March 5th & 6th to Eufaula AL; WHS Tennis Team – February 17th through the 19th Dothan AL; WHS Tennis Team – March 4th & 5th to Russellville AL; WHS Tennis Team – April 14th through 16th to Hendersonville TN; and WHS Tennis Team – April 27th through 29th to Montgomery AL. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Superintendent then recommended adoption of a motion to approve the updated district HAACP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points) program provided by the CNP Director, Beckie Martin. The program was approved.

The Board approved the personnel report.

Dr. Sparkman then recognized the members of the board for the outstanding service they provide to Jasper City Schools. They were given gifts of appreciation by the individual schools and central office recognizing the hard work and dedication they give to the students, faculty and staff of our district.

Superintendent Sparkman recognized the 2010-2011 Teachers of the Year for the school district. The teachers recognized were as follows:

Ms. Teresa Kitchens – Walker High School
Ms. Brenda Stepp – Maddox Middle School

Ms. Meagan Fields – Memorial Park Elementary School
Ms. Dion Nelson – T.R. Simmons Elementary School
Ms. Melanie Turner – West Jasper Elementary School

The winner of the secondary teacher of the year for 2010-2011 was Ms. Teresa Kitchens – Walker High School, and the winner of the elementary teacher of the year was Ms. Melanie Turner – West Jasper Elementary School.

The following teams and individuals were recognized for excellence in their respective sport:

- Walker Viking Volleyball Team and Coaches – 5A Area 13 Champions – State Playoffs – Regional Tournament
- Walker Viking Boys' Cross Country Team – 3rd Place in the 5A State Cross Country Meet
- Walker Viking Football Team – 3rd Place 5A State Ranking; 5A Region 6 Runner-Up; 2nd Round State Playoffs
- Mason Drummond – Selected to the First Team 2010 5A All-State Football Team as Linebacker
- C.H. Scruggs – Selected to Participate in the 2010 Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Classic
- Jacqueuse Kirk – Selected to the 2010 5A All-State Football Team as an Honorable Mention Defensive Back and also Selected to Participate in the 2010 Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Classic.

Next on the Superintendents' report was a brief recognition of the 21st Century Learning Center and their accomplishments thus far. The JCS 21st Century Learning Center is featured in an article in the Winter 2011 issue of *Healthy Weight Initiative Newsletter*, published by the Alabama Department of Public Health. This update was given by the Director of Auxiliary Services, Elliott Harris.

Mr. Jeremy Crigger, principal of Walker High School, presented to the Board his plan for *Walker Workshop* (Walker Online Course Initiative). The Walker Workshop is an innovative program providing instruction through online courses, allowing students the opportunity for extra study, community service and job shadowing. Classes that are currently offered are English 12, Government/Economics, Creative Writing and Health.

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