

Jasper County Charter System Board Bullets

Highlights of the Jasper County Charter System Board of Education Meeting held
on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 6:00PM,
at the Central Services Office

- Mr. Schilling called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- The agenda was approved.
- Opening ceremonies were held.
- The Mission and Vision Statements were read.
- There were no public comments.
- The Board heard a presentation by Dr. M.K. Jordan regarding the Citizen Development Program, which is commonly known as JROTC. Dr. Jordan serves as the area director for JROTC which includes Jasper County. The Citizen Development Program is designed to promote citizenship through civics classes based on the core values of honor, courage, and commitment. Dr. Jordan presented ways that the district could add the program to its current offerings if the student interest supported implementation. A minimum of 10% of the school enrollment must participate in order to become a fully operational program. The board thanked Dr. Jordan for his presentation.
- The Board elected the following officers for the 2024 calendar year:
 - Chairman- Bill Schilling
 - Vice Chair- Erin Lynch
- The Board approved the following sub-committee members:
 - Facilities- Ms Dennis, Mr. Wilson
 - Personnel- Ms. Dennis, Mr. Wilson
 - Curriculum-Mr. Schilling, Ms. Lynch
 - Policy-Mr. Schilling, Ms. Coward
 - Finance- Ms. Lynch, Ms. Coward

- Board of Education Norms were discussed.
- The Board approved the BOE business meeting schedule for February 2024- January 2025.
- The December 2023 Financial and Expenditure Report was presented to the Board. Revenues exceeded expenditures by 6.73%. Mr. Garland noted the system should receive a midterm adjustment based on the increase in current enrollment.
- The Board discussed the 2025 Budget Timeline. The goal is to have a budget finalized by June 30, 2024.
- Mr. Garland presented the College and Career Readiness Performance Index results. In the area of Content Mastery, Jasper County Primary, Jasper County Middle, and Jasper County High demonstrated gains. Jasper County Middle School and Jasper County High School demonstrated progress on closing the gaps. The district has been focused on writing initiatives during the 2023-2024 school year to make progress toward closing the gap. Readiness scores have improved at all four schools. While district attendance continues to be a focus for JCCS, according to the CCRPI, student attendance exceeds the state average at Jasper County Primary, Washington Park Elementary, and Jasper County High School.
- Mr. Garland presented the Jasper County Charter System Job Fair which will be held on February 10, 2024. Informational flyers have been shared widely via a variety of means. Additional advertising will continue until February 10th to reach as many candidates as possible. Pre-registrations indicate that there is significant interest in JCCS.
- Ms. Camilla Moss presented an update on the School Nutrition program. Ms. Moss shared the program participation rates. She noted an increase in overall participation at all schools. Breakfast participation ranges from 40.8% at JCHS to 71.0% at WPES. Lunch participation rates range from 53.4% at JCHS to 74.6% at JCPS. Free and reduced eligibility percentages for the district have increased significantly at all schools due to direct certification of families through other agencies. With the current percentage of students qualifying for free and reduced lunches (69.24%), the district will submit an application for Community Eligibility Provision. If approved, all students will be able to eat no cost during the 2024-2025 school year.

Ms. Moss also noted an increase in overall unpaid balances for meals at all schools during the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year. The district is contacting those

families that do not qualify for free/reduced lunches attempting to secure payments. Mr. Garland noted the school nutrition program operates as its own enterprise and does not receive local or state funding. Several individuals and organizations have contributed to the school nutrition program in the past however the charges now are exceeding the receipts from these individuals or organizations.

Beginning February 1, 2024, the following policy shall be implemented in the Jasper County Charter System for the remainder of the school year.

In grades Pre-K through 5, parents will be contacted following one meal charge. Students will continue to receive regular meals while the School Nutrition Program works with families to collect the debt. Limitations for charges will be established with the parent/ guardian which may be negotiated based on the needs of the family. In grades 6-12, Students in middle/ high school may charge up to five (5) meals. Parents/Guardians will be notified by either email, written, or verbal notice once the child reaches the maximum of 5 charged meals. Should a student exceed the number of allowed meal charges; the child will be offered an alternative meal until such time the debt is paid in full.

The School Nutrition Program will solicit the help of principals, counselors, and local administrators to work with families to collect the debt as well as evaluate the family's need for assistance.

The Board commended Ms. Moss for the presentation and recognized the efforts of the school nutrition staff to ensure all students receive a quality breakfast or lunch each day.

- The Board approved the minutes from the December 12, 2023 Board Business Meeting.
- The Board approved the following fundraiser requests:
 - Jasper County Primary School, Media Center, School Store sales
 - Jasper County Primary School, Physical Education Dept, Online Donation sales
 - Jasper County Middle School, FFA, Little Caesar's Pizza Kits
- The Board approved the following overnight field trip requests:
 - Jasper County Middle School, FFA, Covington, GA / January 26, 2024 – January 26, 2024
 - Jasper County Middle-High School, JCMS-JCHS FFA, Perry, GA/February 20, 2024- February 25, 2024
 - Jasper County High School, HOSA, Atlanta, GA/February 29, 2024-March 2, 2024
 - Jasper County High School, FFA, Covington, GA/March 1, 2024-March 2, 2024

- Jasper County High School, TSA, Athens, GA/March 14, 2024-March 15, 2024
 - Jasper County High School, FCCLA, Athens, GA/March 17, 2024-March 19, 2024
 - Jasper County High School, FFA, Macon, GA/April 24, 2024-April 27, 2024
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- The Board voted to enter executive session.
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- The Board voted to exit executive session.
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- The Board approved the following personnel actions based upon the recommendation by the Superintendent:

New Hire

- a. Regan Clement, Teacher, Washington Park (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- b. Eunice Blackmon, Part-Time Teacher, Pre-K/Head Start (Effective January 4th, 2024).
- c. Ansley Hargrove, PEC Paraprofessional, Washington Park (Effective January 18th, 2024).
- d. Clarendia Green, Custodian, Jasper County Middle (Effective January 8th, 2024).
- e. Quasheanna Banks, Substitute Teacher, District Wide (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- f. Carrie Boyett, Substitute Teacher, District Wide (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- g. Kay Brooks, Substitute Teacher, District Wide (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- h. Tomonzio Cooper, Substitute Teacher, District Wide (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- i. Tabitha Davidson, Substitute Teacher, District Wide (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- j. Ashaleeyaia Finch, Substitute Teacher, District Wide (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- k. Bekki Gauntt, Substitute Teacher, District Wide (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- l. Cindy Glanton, Substitute Teacher, District Wide (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- m. Sabrina Harrison, Substitute Teacher, District Wide (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- n. Tanekia Kelly, Substitute Teacher, District Wide (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- o. Priscilla Pennamon, Substitute Teacher, District Wide (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- p. Rhonda Ballard, Substitute Teacher, District Wide (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- q. Mary Vandervoet, Substitute Teacher, District Wide (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- r. Jermain Washington, Technology Specialist (Effective January 22nd, 2024).

Resignation

- a. Amanda Vance, PEC Paraprofessional, Washington Park (Effective January 16th, 2024).
- b. Claranda Green, Custodian, Jasper County Middle (Effective January 19th, 2024).
- c. Daniel Kelley, Network Technology Specialist, District, (Effective January 4th, 2024).

Retirement

- a.** Ginger Ivey, Finance Clerical Assistant (Effective May 1st, 2024).
- b.** Peyton Proctor, Executive Director of Operations, (Effective June 1st, 2024).

Old Business: NONE

New Business: NONE

Next Meeting Date-February 13th @ 6PM

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM