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at the Central Services Office

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at the Jasper County High School

- 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.
- Mr. Garland discussed the JCCS SPLOST Referendum on the ballot March 12th. With all school facilities at or near capacity, the need for additional space in JCCS is evident. Enrollment continues to grow with 500 new students during Mr. Garland's tenure as Superintendent. Voter approval for a SPLOST renewal will allow JCCS to begin construction at Washington Park Elementary School and to construct a road connecting JCPS and WPES to provide traffic relief on GA Highway 212 during school drop-off and pick-up in early 2025.
- Ms. Pam Edge, Ms. Elizabeth Proctor, and Ms. Lisa Kelly presented the first and second grade students from Jasper County Primary School that recently won first-place awards in the STEM International "Plant the Moon Challenge" sponsored by the Institute of Competition Sciences and NASA. Students from first and second grades earned Best in Show awards for their entries determining if dwarf sunflowers could grow in simulated moon regolith. The Board recognized the students, teachers, and administration for this outstanding achievement.
- Ms. Jackson, Coach Glawson, and Coach Chancey presented the undefeated Region Champion Middle School Ladies Basketball team. The JCMS ladies' basketball team ended their season 18-0. Congratulations to all who contributed to make this achievement possible.

- Mr. Strength, Coach Pennamon, Coach Stone, and Coach Thurman presented the Jasper County High School Men's Basketball Region Championship Team. The JCHS team ended their season in the Sweet 16 after an exciting season. This was the first regional championship win for JCHS since 1991. Congratulations to the student athletes, coaches, teachers, and administration for their successful season.
- Mr. Garland shared that Jasper County Primary School and Washington Park Elementary School have received Operational status for their Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) programs which are determined by the Georgia Department of Education. Mr. Garland commended Ms. Edge and Ms. Thompson for their schools' efforts in supporting student achievement through the comprehensive use of PBIS strategies.
- Mr. Garland recognized Board members for their commitment to Jasper County in serving on the local Board of Education in honor of School Boards Appreciation Week. The JCCS community and all stakeholders extend their appreciation for their dedication and support. After many years of service to the schools in multiple capacities, Mr. Schilling (District 4) and Ms. Lynch (District 2) have determined that they will not seek reelection. JCCS is grateful for their years of service.
- Mr. Strength and members of his School Governance Team updated the board on SGT meetings and achievements at Jasper County High School. SGT members celebrated student performance on AP exams, US News and World Report recognition, milestones performance, and individual student achievement. The projected growth in student enrollment was discussed as the SGT recognized the need for additional classroom space. JCHS was built to hold 575 students and enrollment for 2024-2025 is expected to be 748.
- Ms. Thompson and members of the WPES School Governance Team presented updates in safety enhancements completed this year including a new card entry system, "buzz in" system, and inclusive playground equipment. The multiple opportunities for family engagement through parent nights and meals were discussed. Ms. Thompson presented iready reading and math data drawing attention to the growth from the first diagnostic to the second and discussed how the school reviewed the data to adjust instruction in areas of need.
- Ms. Edge and members of the School Governance Team provided the Board with updates for Jasper County Primary School. Ms. Edge reviewed the Reading and Math iready data and discussed the growth from fall to winter. Mr. Barringer, the SGT chair, spoke to the Board about needs for JCPS including professional learning to meet the requirements of the Literacy Act, grant writing support, and the availability of tutoring. Mr. Barringer also extended an open invitation to Board members to attend JCPS SGT meetings.
- Ms. Jackson and members of the School Governance Team presented the Board with updates for Jasper County Middle School. Members spoke about their efforts in providing feedback to support school improvement efforts and the opportunities to

volunteer for school events. Individual student accomplishments were shared and student reading and math performance was reviewed. Recent safety enhancements including new campus radios, keypads, and door sensors were discussed. The need for additional classroom space was discussed by the SGT. Jasper County Middle School is the oldest building in JCCS and student enrollment is outpacing the current available space.

- The Board approved the job description for Grounds Maintenance.
- The Board discussed and approved the FY25 Head Start Budget Application for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Financial and Expenditure Reports were not available due to the timing of the meeting. However, Mr. Garland updated the Board on the plans to close out FY24 for any employee leaving the system on or before June 30.
- The Board approved the minutes from the February 13, 2024, Board Business Meeting.
- The Board approved the following overnight field trips:
 - Jasper County High School, FBLA, Atlanta, GA / March 22, 2024 – March 24, 2024
- The Board approved the following fundraiser requests:
 - Jasper County High School, Football TD Club, Golf Tournament & Golf Ball raffle
 - Jasper County High School, Football TD Club, Email/ Text-a Thon
- The following facilities requests were approved:
 - Jasper County Middle School, Georgia Adrenaline Softball Team, (March, April, May, June 2024)
- Three buses have been recommended for surplus.
- One floor scrubbing machine has been recommended for surplus.
- The Board voted to enter the executive session.
- The Board voted to exit the executive session.
- The Board approved the following personnel actions based upon the recommendation by the Superintendent.

New Hire

- a. Christie Wallace, Teacher, Jasper County Middle (Effective July 29th, 2024).
- b. Mary Vandervoet, Paraprofessional, Washington Park (Effective February 21st, 2024).
- c. Ashley Johnson, Teacher, Washington Park (Effective July 29th, 2024).
- d. Kaitlyn Tabares, Teacher, Jasper County Primary (Effective July 29th, 2024).
- e. Jackie Jackson, Custodian, Washington Park (Effective March 1st, 2024).
- f. Elianny Hidalgo, Sub Food Assistant, All Schools (Effective March 6th, 2024).
- g. Lillian McGalliard, Teacher, Jasper County High (Effective July 29th, 2024).
- h. Mitchell Andrews, Sub Custodian, Jasper County High (Effective February 29th, 2024).
- i. Rudolph Tabares, Teacher, Jasper County High (Effective July 29th, 2024).

Resignation

- a. Jeremy Best, Grounds/Maintenance, Central Office (Effective February 15th, 2024).
- b. Timothy Brown, Custodian, Jasper County High (Effective February 27th, 2024).
- c. Christopher Owens, Teacher, Jasper County Middle (Effective June 1st, 2024).
- d. Michael Mitchell, Bus Monitor, Transportation (Effective February 7th, 2024).
- e. J. Scott McElheney, Teacher, Jasper County High (Effective June 1st, 2024).

Transfer

- a. Sarah Mason, Athletic Bookkeeper, transfer to Payroll Clerk, Central Office (Effective May 1st, 2024).

Retirement

- a. Debra Collins, Bus Driver/Trainer, Transportation Department (Effective July 1st, 2024).
- b. Emmett Clower, Paraprofessional, Jasper County Middle (Effective May 1st, 2024).

- The Board approved the FY25 Certified Teaching Contracts

Next Meeting Date-April 16, 2024 @ 6PM

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM

