

# Jasper County Charter System Board Bullets

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Highlights of the Jasper County Charter System Board of Education Monthly Business Meeting held on Tuesday July 15, 2025, 6:00 PM in the Jasper County Board of Education Meeting Room.

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- Mr. Wilson called the monthly business meeting to order
- The agenda was approved as presented
- Opening ceremonies were held
- The mission and vision statements were read by Mr. Kelly
- There were no public comments
- Mr. Garland provided a review of the JCCS instructional vision of student success. He highlighted points of emphasis on ensuring college and career ready graduates.
- Mr. Garland shared with the Board the 2024-2025 Advanced Placement Exam results. A total of 275 exams (school record) were attempted by 159 students (school record) with a passing rate of 57.23% as 92 of 159 students passed at least one exam with a score of 3 or better. 65.8% of the total number of exams received a score of 3 or better which is considered college/career ready by educational standards. The grade distributions by exam were as follows:

27 (9.8%) with a score of 5  
63 (22.9%) with a score of 4  
101 (36.7%) with a score of 3  
66 (24%) with a score of 2  
31 (11.3%) with a score of 1

The Calculus AB, Calculus BC, English Language and Composition, Precalculus and Psychology were all above the national percentage pass rate.

- Ms. Janet Clower, School Nutrition Director, provided the Board with participation numbers from the 2024-2025 school year as compared to the 2023-2024 school year. System wide, there was a 3.8% increase in breakfast participation and a 11.9% increase in lunch participation. All schools showed an increase in both breakfast and lunch participation. The Board thanked Ms. Clower and the School Nutrition Team for their work and efforts.

- Mr. Garland provided a construction update to the Board. First, the PreK addition is slated for substantial completion by July 25<sup>th</sup> in order to be open for the first day of school. There is a ribbon cutting ceremony for the addition's opening right before open house on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Next, the Washington Park addition has experienced some delays but is still on schedule to be ready opening day of the 2026-2027 school year. The delays were encountered due to some needed changes to dirt work and drainage. With the changes, there has been no additional funds needing to be added to the budget of \$8,599,702. Mr. Garland also stated the new office area for the addition, which is the area entering into the existing building on the right, is making significant progress towards completion. This area includes a new nurses station. Finally, Mr. Garland stated work will begin on the JCHS CTAE addition in early August as contracts have been issued and initial orders for materials have been submitted. The project is slated for completion in time for the 2026-2027 school year.

Also, Mr. Garland noted existing buildings are beginning to finalize projects for the summer as the following are at or near completion:

Central Services Roof Replacement  
JCPK Interior Entrance Instillation  
JCMS Painting of Hallways and Cafeteria  
JCMS and JCHS Gym Floor Refinishing

Mr. Garland stated the hallway flooring project will be delayed due to availability of materials. The goal will be for the work to be completed during the October break. Finally, he noted that lockers on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade wings of JCMS will not need to be replaced as a vendor has been secured to conduct repairs. He stated the 7<sup>th</sup> grade wing will look for alternatives in locker replacement.

Finally, he commended the maintenance staff and custodial team in their diligence in ensuring schools will be ready by opening day for staffs.

- The Board approved The Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) Risk Management Fund renewal of \$161,070. This was an increase of \$23,312. The Board also approved the Workers Compensation Fund renewal of \$112,108. This was a decrease of \$5,572.
- The Board approved the FY 26 Georgia Department of Education training plan as presented.
- The Board approved the FY 26 Foothills Collaborative Operating Agreement as presented.
- The Board approved the second reading as presented of the revision to Policy BBA: Board Officers, Policy BCBI: Public Participation in Board Meetings, and

Policy BH: Board Code of Ethics. The Board approved the second reading the rescinding of Board Policy BC: Board Meetings. The Board approved the adoption of Board Policy BCAC: Special Board Meetings and BHA: Board Member Conflict of Interest.

- Mr. Garland presented the following policies for 1<sup>st</sup> reading as they have been recommended by the Georgia School Board Association (GSBA) for revision.

Policy DCL: Fund Balance

Policy DFK: Gifts and Bequests

Policy DIE: Fraud Prevention

Policy DJCB: Salary Reductions

Policy DJEA: Purchasing Authority

Policy DJED: Bids and Quotations

Policy DK: Student Activities Fund Management

Policy DO: School Properties Disposal Procedures

Policy EE: Food Services Management

Policy EED: Vending Machines

Policy EEE: Wellness Program

The Board will consider these for action at the August business meeting.

- Mr. Garland presented consideration for rescinding Board Policy DC: Annual Operating Budget, Board Policy FGG: Facilities Project Change Orders, Board Policy DJAA; Authorized Signatures and Board Policy EDDA; Special Use of School Buses as this was recommended by the GSBA. The Board will consider this as an action item in the August Business Meeting.
- Mr. Garland presented in first reading Board Policy DCK: Level of Budgetary Control, Board Policy DJEAC: Purchasing or Credit Card Use Special Board Meetings and BHA: Board Member Conflict of Interest as new policies recommended by GSBA.
- There was no financial and expenditures report as closeout is currently occurring on the FY 25 budget and the FY 26 budget has not been approved.
- The Board approved the minutes from the June 24, 2025 Monthly Business Meeting.
- The Board approved the following overnight field trips:
  - Jasper County High School Cross Country, Helen Ga, October 2, 2025-october 3, 2025
- The Board approved the following item(s) for surplus

➤ JCHS Weight Room Equipment

- The Board Did Not Enter Executive Session
- The Board approved the following personnel action based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

**New Hire**

- a. Rheba Roberts, Substitute Teacher, Effective 8/6/2025.
- b. Lisa Batchelor, Substitute Teacher, Effective 8/6/2025.
- c. Terrance Phillips, 49% JCVA Coordinator (Effective 7/16/2025).
- d. Kayla Kiker, Paraprofessional, Jasper County Primary (Effective 7/29/2025).
- e. Matthew Garvin, Paraprofessional, Jasper County Primary (Effective 7/29/2025).
- f. Amanda Farley, Paraprofessional, Jasper County Primary (Effective 7/29/2025).

**Transfer**

- a. Elianny Hidalgo, Food Assistant at Jasper County Middle to Food Assistant at Jasper County Primary (Effective 8/1/2025).
- b. Teresa Bowden, Food Assistant at Jasper County Primary to Food Assistant at Jasper County Middle (Effective 8/1/2025).

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

- The Board voted to adjourn at 7:05 PM.

Next Meeting Dates:

- July 29, 2025 First day for 190 day employees to report to work for 2025-2026 year.
- July 30, 2025 8 AM Education Celebration at Jasper County High School
- August 4, 2025 3:30 PM JCPK Open House and Ribbon Cutting for addition
- August 4, 2025 All Schools Open House
- August 6, 2025 First day of school for students
- August 19, 2025 6PM Monthly Business Meeting