

Jasper County Charter System Board Bullets

Highlights of the Jasper County Charter System Board of Education Meeting
held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 6PM,
at the Central Services Office

- Ms. Dennis called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- The agenda was approved as presented
- Opening Ceremonies were held
- The vision and mission statement were read.
- Ms. Towonder Dennis, Board Chairman, asked for any public comments. She read a statement about the rules for public comment and provided the chain of command when it comes to student matters of concern.

The first speaker for public comment was Robert Little as he addressed the Board with concerns about how tardies were being addressed at the High School.

The next speaker was Asher Gray as he voiced about how board meetings should be livestreamed through social media.

- The Board acknowledged Tam Benton, Family Services Coordinator at Jasper County Preschool has been nominated for the Georgia Leadership Institute for Improvement (GLISI) “Hidden Heroes” Award.

The Hidden Heroes Campaign is an annual event that recognizes educators and school staff members who go above and beyond to make a difference in their schools, as well as throughout their communities. In her nomination, Mrs. Jessica Ravenel, director of JCPK wrote, "Tamara is a trusted resource for our families, providing guidance and support to help them thrive. She actively serves on numerous community committees [...] where she works tirelessly to connect families with the resources they need."

Voting will close on November 21. Voting is permitted once per day per person. Follow the link to vote!! <https://hiddenheroes.glisi.org/2025/entry/287>

- The Board recognized Jasper County Middle School for their receipt of the High School Achievement Math Award. Principal Dionka Jackson was present for the recognition as JCMS met the criteria at the high-school level based on the Algebra: Concepts & Connections EOC, which is the state test for mathematics in high school. Last year, 25 students participated in the course with a proficiency rate of 96%.

- Mr. Jim Strength, Director of Student Services, provided the Board with a detailed presentation regarding Full Time Equivalency Enrollment (FTE) and Attendance. During the October reporting period, Jasper County reported 2720 in FTE as compared to 2706 for the reporting period of October 2024. Since 2021-2022, the system has grown 356 FTE. There are 398 total employees in the system with 243 begin certified and 155 being non-certified. Attendance is improving across most schools and grade levels, especially in terms of the 5 and 10 absence thresholds. Board member Matt Kelly asked about the MS attendance rate from the charter system foundation report and Mr. Strength stated the discrepancy was in reporting as the state's threshold for attendance measures is 10% of the total number of school calendar days compared to 10 days total absences. Board Chairman Towonder Dennis asked how tardies impact the attendance calculations and Mr. Strength answered they are part of the independent student records but not in the calculation for daily attendance.
- Ms. Misty Garvin, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning/Federal Programs, provided the board with a presentation regarding the accreditation timeline for COGNIA. Accreditation analyzes student performance, stakeholder perception and feedback, and classroom/learning environment observations. During the April 2022 COGNIA accreditation process, the system received an Indicator of Education Quality Score of 337.58 which demonstrated Accredited with Merit. Ms. Garvin and Mr. Garland both stated that the overall scores were impacted by the pandemic as there were some areas that were not fully calculated. Board member Michelle Coward asked if the overall score was truly reflective of the systems efforts. Mr. Garland stated the score was reflective of the measurement conducted during the period but the pandemic did impact how the accreditation process was conducted. Ms. Garvin agreed the process this time, barring any events such as another worldwide pandemic, will be more thorough and provide a clearer picture of overall performance. The goal is to achieve a score of 360 or higher which would make JCCS Accredited with Distinction. COGNIA will provide their report to the system in 2027-2028 as formal training on the process will begin for stakeholders during the 2026-2027 school year.
- Ms. Mary Tumlin, Career Technical Agricultural Education (CTAE) Director, provided the board with a presentation regarding the Career and Technical Instruction (CTI) program for students with disabilities as well as a detailed presentation regarding Work Based Learning (WBL). The goal of CTI is to help students successfully transition to employment or continue their education after high school. Furthermore, with WBL 86 students are employed with 65 businesses across 5 counties. As of 11/10/2025, student have attained 9368 hours of employment through the program. Johnnie Sue Moore is the coordinator of WBL for JCCS.
- The Charter System Annual Report was also presented by Ms. Tumlin. This is an annual required report outlining the efforts of JCCS with expectations as a Charter System. The report outlines the districts performance in workforce and postsecondary readiness highlighting the partnership with Southern Crescent in dual enrollment classes, specifically welding, the 2024 SAT average of 1005

- The Board approved the following policy with no changes to existing language as recommended by GSBA:

Policy JBC: School Admissions

Policy JBCCA(2): Unsafe School Choice Option

Policy JCDAE: Weapons

Policy JGC: Student Health Services

Policy JGCC: Infectious Diseases

Policy JGFGB: Concussion Management

Policy JGI: Child Abuse or Neglect

Policy JKA: Solicitation of Students

Policy JR: Student Records

Policy JRA: Student Data Privacy Complaints

- The Board approved the schedule of approved local option sales tax projects year ended June 30, 2025 to be ran in the paper as required by law.
- The Board approved a modification to the payroll calendar reflecting changes to the payroll cutoff dates for December 2025 and January 2026. This does not change the actual payroll issue date.
- The Board approved minutes from the, Monthly Board Business Meeting held on October 21, 2025 and Board Work Session November 4, 2025.
- The Board approved the following overnight field trip requests:
 - JCHS Beta Club State Convention in Savannah, Georgia (November 30, 2025-December 2, 2025)
 - JCMS Jr. Beta Club State Convention in Savannah, Georgia (December 4, 2025-December 6, 2025)
 - JCHS/JCMS FFA Livestock Show in Perry, Georgia (February 17, 2026-February 22, 2026).
 - JCHS FFA Greenhand Jamboree and Leadership Conferences in Covington, Georgia (Febrary 27, 2026-February 28, 2026)
 - JCHS HOSA State Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Georgia (March 5, 2026-March 7, 2026)
 - JCHS TSA State Leadership Conference in Athens, Georgia (March 19, 2026-March 20, 2026)
 - JCHS FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Columbus, Georgia (March 25, 2026-March 27, 2026)
 - JCHS CTI State Competition in Eatonon, Georgia (April 15, 2026-April 17, 2026)
- The Board approved the following fundraiser requests:
 - JCHS Theatre Advertisement Sale (December 2025-February 2026)
 - JCHS National History Day Hat Day (December 19, 2025)

- JCHS National History Day Teacher Pet Look-A-Like Contest (December 8, 2025-December 12, 2025)
- JCHS National History Day T-Shirt Sale (January 6, 2026-January 30, 2026)
- JCMS Ag and STEM Chick- Fil-A Biscuit Sale
- The Board approved the following facilities use request:
 - JCHS Cafeteria and Commons Area, Jasper County Board of Commissioners (12/11/2025)
- The Board voted to enter executive session
- The Board voted to exit executive session
- The Board approved the following personnel recommendations from the Superintendent:

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- a. Sheree Gail Reinhardt, Transportation, Bus Monitor (effective 10/28/25, approved 10/27/25)
- b. Lauren B Rankin, Counselor JCHS (effective 11/03/25, approved 10/29/25)
- c. Emily Black, School Nutrition Substitute, Floater (effective 12/01/2025)
- d. Lisa Martinez, School Nutrition Substitute, Floater (effective 12/01/2025)
- e. Gabriella Thomas, School Nutrition WPES, Food Service Assistant (effective 12/08/25)
- f. Jessica Tidrick, School Nutrition JCPS, Food Service Assistant (effective 12/08/2025)
- g. Kathey Preffer, Transportation, Substitute Bus Driver (effective 11/17/25) (Correction)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: December 2, 2025 Board Work Session CANCELLED

- The Board voted to adjourn at 9:38 PM

Next Meeting Dates:

December 16th @ 6PM Monthly Business Meeting

