

Jasper County Charter System Board Bullets

Highlights of the Jasper County Charter System Board of Education Meeting held on Tuesday June 9,2026 at 6PM, at the Central Services Office

- Ms. Dennis called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- The agenda was amended for the announcement of the sole finalist of Superintendent and the action item to approve the recommendation from the Superintendent of the Principal at Washington Park Elementary School.
- Mr. Garland led the opening ceremonies along with the reading of the mission and vision statement
- There were no public comments.
- Ms. Coward, Vice Chairman of the Board, read a statement on behalf of the Board announcing Tracy Blackburn as the sole finalist for the position of Superintendent for the Jasper County Charter System. Ms. Blackburn currently serves as the Chief of Learning and Leadership for Newton County Schools. After an extensive process to identify the next Superintendent, the Board identified Ms. Blackburn as the leader whose skills, experience, and professional demeanor were best suited to lead the district. Having made the announcement of the sole finalist, the Board of Education must wait a minimum of 14 calendar days before conducting a meeting where the final action and vote can take place naming Ms. Blackburn as the next Superintendent. The application documents submitted by Ms. Blackburn and a press released to the media and public. These documents will be placed on the district's website.
- The Board voted to enter executive session
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- The Board approved the purchase of 75 laptops for Jasper County High School at the amount of \$61,500 from Pro Logic ITS. The purchase was to address issues with connectivity in dual enrollment courses for high school students with the technical schools' platforms.
- The Board approved the purchase of furniture for the new CTAE wing at Jasper County High School in the amount of \$90,975.14 from Burchfield Office Solutions. ESPLOST funds will be used to purchase the goods.

- The Board approved the 2026-2027 Letter of Agreement with the Jasper County Sheriffs Department. Within this agreement are the terms for hiring an additional School Resource Officer (SRO) to serve at JCPK/JCPS/WPES.
- The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Jasper County Family Connections for use of the Literacy Bus during the summer of 2026.
- The Board approved the Foothills Collaborative Operating Agreement for FY 27.
- The Board approved the purchase of an intercom system to be used as a replacement at Jasper County Middle School in the amount of \$197,481 with consider for the potential purchase of additional switches to install the system for maximum connectivity across the campus. The Board approved an amount not to exceed \$250,000 as this was the budgeted amount for the initial discussion of implementation. Superintendent Garland stated the estimated cost for the switches will be around \$20,000 making the total project cost \$217,481.
- Mrs. Misty Garvin, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning reviewed the 2022 Cognia Report and gave the board an outline of the upcoming Cognia review.
- Mrs. Garvin also provided the Board with a copy of the 27-28 District Improvement Plan along with examples of how the Consolidated Title grant monies align with the goals and action steps in the District Improvement Plan. She also updated the Board on the upcoming cross functional monitoring review that will occur in November and showcased the documents that have been submitted to the GaDOE for review.
- Mr. Garland provided the Board with a brief update on the construction projects within the system. The WPES addition received a certificate of occupancy as the only work being completed at this time is to the grounds of the facility and deep cleaning of the new structure as furniture has been ordered and will arrive soon. At JCHS, the metal panels will be installed this week to the exterior and a status inspection is slated to be conducted as well. At this time, the date of completion will be the third week of July. It was also noted the gym floor replacement at JCMS is moving forward without issues as well as the painting of the existing building at WPES.
- The Board approved the following personnel recommendations from the Superintendent:

New Hire

- Dr. Eric Thompson, Principal Washington Park Elementary School effective July 1, 2026

Next Meeting Dates:

June 23, 2026 @ 6PM Budget Hearing #1 and Regular Business Meeting

June 30 2026 @ 6:30 PM Budget Hearing #2 and Approval of FY 27 Budget

- The Board voted to adjourn at 10:52 AM