



Jasper County Charter System

Tracy R. Blackburn, Superintendent

Board Update

Highlights of the Jasper County Charter System Board of Education Meeting held on Tuesday July 21, 2026, at 6PM, at the Central Services Office

Opening and Recognitions

- Ms. Dennis called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.
- The agenda was approved as presented.
- Ms. Blackburn led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the reading of the district mission and vision statements.
- There were no public comments.
- Ms. Blackburn recognized the Jasper County Charter School System for being named a 2025-2026 National Beta District of Distinction.
- The National Beta District of Distinction award was presented to the Board to proudly display at the district office and WPES, JCMS, and JCHS principals were presented with a plaque to display in their building.

Informational Items

- The Board received an overview of the new traffic plan for Jasper County Pre-K, Jasper County Primary School, and Washington Park Elementary School. The plan is designed to support a safer and more efficient arrival and dismissal process as the school year begins. A [video](#) was viewed and will be shared out with parents to help visualize the new procedures. A special thank you to Richard Brand of Encore Creative Group for their production of the video.
- The Board reviewed the 2026-2027 Student Chromebook Fee Schedule, including the update on fees for damaged devices, procedures for assessing damage, and the optional device insurance available to families.
- The Board reviewed the electronic devices procedures that support HB 1009 and Board Policy JCDAF and the new state requirements. Students in grades PK-12 may not use personal electronic devices during the regular school day, and the district reviewed expectations and consequences for violations.

June 2026 Financial Report

- The June 2026 draft financial reports were presented for the General Fund, Federal Funds, Head Start, Pre-K, and School Nutrition. The fiscal year was 100%



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complete; however, the reports remain draft until year-end closeout and audit procedures are completed.

- General Fund revenues totaled approximately \$37.77 million, or 104.64% of the projected amount. Revenues were approximately \$1.68 million above projections.
- General Fund expenditures totaled approximately \$38.59 million, or 97.98% of the budgeted amount. Expenditures were approximately \$796,000 below budget.

Business Items Approved

- **FY26 General Fund Budget Amendment**
 - The Board approved the final FY26 General Fund budget amendment. Total budgeted revenues remained \$36,050,113, and total budgeted expenditures remained \$39,389,652; the amendment did not increase the overall budget.
 - The amendment reallocated existing expenditure authority among functional categories to align the final budget with actual year-end expenditures and the appropriate accounting classifications.
- **Capital Outlay - Amendment to the Mandatory Addendum for WPES and JCHS**
 - The Board approved amendments to the mandatory owner/architect contract for the Washington Park Elementary School and Jasper County High School state capital outlay projects stating the maximum cost of the Board's responsibility. Washington Park Elementary School - \$123,542; Jasper County High School - \$143,091.
 - The amendments provide the funding documentation required as part of the Georgia Department of Education capital outlay and reimbursement process.
- **Bond Bus Purchase - Four Buses**
 - The Board approved the purchase of four school buses at a total cost of \$618,000. State bond funding will provide \$352,440, leaving a local share of \$265,560.
- **HES Contract**
 - The Board approved the HES contract for \$923,302.18.



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Superintendent's Consent Agenda

- The Board approved the following meeting minutes:
 - May 12, 2026, Business Meeting
 - June 9, 2026, Called Business Meeting
 - June 23, 2026, Tax and Budget Hearing #1
 - June 23, 2026, Regular Business Meeting
 - June 30, 2026, Tax and Budget Hearing #2
- The Board approved the following fundraiser requests:
 - JCHS Technology Student Association and Film, 2026-2027
 - Jasper County Primary School, 2026-2027
- The Board approved the facility-use request for Olive Avenue Productions for July 2026.

Executive Session

The Board voted to enter Executive Session.

The Board voted to exit Executive Session and return to the regular meeting.

Personnel

The Board approved the following personnel recommendations from the Superintendent:

New Hire

- a. Stacey Crutchfield, SFS Assistant, WPES (effective 7/29/26)
- b Rhonda Mooney, SFS Assistant, WPES (effective 7/29/26)
- c. Tiffany Mast, SFS Substitute, Floater (effective 8/5/26)
- d. Heather McKenna, SFS Substitute, Floater (effective 8/5/26)
- e. Ann Birden, SFS Substitute, Floater (effective 8/5/26)
- f. Minerva Horsham, Sub Bus Driver, Transportation (effective 7/31/26)
- g. Kaylee Madaris, Sub Bus Driver, Transportation (effective 7/31/26)
- h. Karen McClain, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, BOE (effective TBD)
- i. Nolan Ensley, CTAE Ag Teacher, JCMS (effective 7/24/26)
- j. Eddie Roberts, PEC Teacher 49%, JCMS (effective 7/24/26)
- k. Devin Mims, SFS Assistant, JCHS (effective 7/29/26)



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l. Karen Maddox, Math Teacher 49%, JCHS (effective 7/24/26)

m. Brian Brocato, Assistant Principal, JCHS (effective TBD)

Transfer

a. Ira David Allen, From JCMS Assistant Principal to Director of Athletics and Public Relations (effective 7/22/26)

b. Shannon Thompson, From District Instructional Coach to JCHS Assistant Principal (effective 7/22/26)

c. Brooke Stroud, From JCPS Teacher Development Specialist to JCPS Instructional Coach (effective 7/22/26)

d. Laura Stallings, From Athletic Bookkeeper to Administrative Assistant for Teaching and Learning (effective 7/22/26)

e. Kimberly Ragan, From WPES Assistant Principal to District Coordinator of Assessment and Data Analysis (effective 7/22/26)

Release from Contract

a. Paula Caldwell, Math Teacher, JCHS (effective 7/21/26)

Other Business and Adjournment

- Old Business: NONE
- New Business:
 - The next scheduled Board business meetings are August 18, 2026, and September 15, 2026.
- The Board voted to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.