

January 23, 2017

The Jasper City Board of Education met on January 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the Central Office. Members present were Willie Moore, Teresa Sherer, Walker Wilson, Scott Thornley, and Mary Beth Barber. Superintendent Dr. Ann Jackson was also in attendance.

Chairperson Willie Moore called the meeting to order with the first item to be approved being the agenda. Dr. Jackson requested an amendment be made to the posted agenda to include the first reading of changes/additions to the current Board policy. A motion to approve the agenda with the amendment was made by Teresa Sherer with a second by Scott Thornley. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2016 and January 6, 2017 board meetings was given by Mary Beth Barber and a second given by Teresa Sherer. The motion was unanimously approved.

The personnel report was unanimously approved on a motion by Walker Wilson and a second by Mary Beth Barber.

Superintendent Jackson recognized January as being Board Appreciation Month in Alabama. She presented the Board with a certificate for their dedication and service to the students, faculty and administration of Jasper City Schools. The principals of each school also were in attendance to express their appreciation for the role that the Board members play in making sure that the students have the support they need to excel.

Mrs. Rita Pilling provided the Board with an overview of the *Understanding Alabama's A-F Report Card System*. The system gives scores in four areas: learning gains, student achievement, local indicators and the graduation rate for high schools. Mrs. Pilling reported that 92% of our students in grades 4-8 had learning gains and that Jasper City Schools is boasting a graduation rate of 92%. Mrs. Pilling stated that we are continuously looking at instructional practices that impact student learning, so that 100% of our students experience learning gains.

Ray Clark, Energy Manager for the District, presented the Board with his observations regarding the energy usage at the schools and Central Office. Overall savings are being seen since the Schneider Corporation implemented their program to reduce energy usage and make our facilities greener.

Project Manager Jay Kirkpatrick with Hoar Program Management gave the Board an update on the status of the new high school facility. He stated that there are/were some lighting issues, a couple of roof leaks and a pipe leak, being reported that are currently being addressed by contractors and those repairs should be completed as soon as possible. Mr. Kirkpatrick also briefly touched on the issue of traffic congestion in front of the school, as well as the driveway into and away from the school.

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Superintendent Dr. Ann Jackson called upon Chief School Financial Officer, Monique Rector, to report on the finances for the month of December 2016. The general fund had an ending balance of \$7,018,265.30 and a balance in the Capital Projects Fund of \$5,945,305.42. The Special Revenue Fund had a balance of \$1,452,280.37. All school bank accounts balanced without issues. A check register report was also given outlining checks paid from December 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. A motion to approve the financial reports for the month of December 2016 was given by Scott Thornley with a second given by Walker Wilson and was unanimously approved. A motion was also given to approve the bank reconciliations for the District was made by Walker Wilson and a second given by Teresa Sherer. The motion carried.

CSFO Monique Rector also presented the Board with budget amendment #1. Adjustments to the general fund, special revenue fund, capital projects fund and fiduciary fund were given (see attached amendment). The budget amendment was unanimously approved on a motion by Teresa Sherer and a second by Mary Beth Barber.

The first reading of two proposed changes/additions to the Board policy were requested by Mrs. Rector. Change #1 is regarding current policy 4.4.3 – Advertising, and the addition of policy # 4.4.4 – Naming Board Facilities. The Board will vote on these policy changes/additions at the next meeting of the Board, which is tentatively scheduled for February 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Jackson requested adoption of a motion to approve the bid for weight room equipment for the new Jasper High School. The winning bid was submitted by Total Strength & Speed. A motion to approve this bid was given by Mary Beth Barber with a second by Walker Wilson. The motion carried.

Superintendent Jackson requested adoption of a motion to approve the overnight field trips listed below:

- Walker High School HOSA Student Organization to attend the 2017 HOSA State Leadership Conference on February 23-24, 2017 in Montgomery AL.
- Walker Boys and Girls Tennis Teams to attend the Muscle Shoals Shootout on February 10-11, 2017 in Muscle Shoals AL.
- Walker Boys and Girls Tennis Teams to attend the Decatur Invitational on March 17-18, 2017 in Decatur AL.
- Walker Boys and Girls Tennis Teams to attend the AHSAA State Tournament on April 24-25, 2017 in Decatur AL.

The overnight school field trips were unanimously approved on a motion by Scott Thornley and a second by Mary Beth Barber.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.