

January 27, 2017

The Jasper City Board of Education met on January 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the boardroom at the Central Office. Members present were Chairman Willie Moore, Walker Wilson, Scott Thornley and Mary Beth Barber. Superintendent Ann Jackson was also in attendance.

Chairperson Willie Moore called the meeting to order with the first item to be approved being the agenda. An amendment to the agenda was given by Dr. Ann Jackson to include the approval of an overnight field trip. The agenda was approved with the amendment on a motion by Mary Beth Barber and a second by Walker Wilson.

A motion was made by Scott Thornley to approve the overnight field trip for West Jasper Elementary students (Girls Engaged in Math and Science Expo – GEMS) in Huntsville AL on March 3rd and 4th. A second was given by Walker Wilson and the motion carried.

Dr. Jackson presented the Board with options to alleviate the traffic issue at the new high school on Viking Drive. Due to the terrain and the overall condition of the remaining property at the high school site, road construction conditions are a concern. Mr. C.W. McGehee and Stephen Blankenship with McGehee Engineering Corporation in Jasper AL, spoke to the Board at length regarding options for constructing an alternate entrance and exit for the high school. Three motions were made by the Board regarding the upcoming road construction project as follows:

1. A motion was made by Walker Wilson and a second was given by Scott Thornley to approve the services of McGehee Engineering to evaluate the parcel of land for the proposed road construction project. The motion was approved.
2. A motion was made by Scott Thornley and a second by Mary Beth Barber to approve the seeking of bids to outside companies to cut and remove the timber that is necessary for construction. This motion was approved.
3. A motion was made by Walker Wilson and a second by Mary Beth Barber to approve the services of Lathan Associates Architects to design the road project, seek environmental bids, and to seek bids for the paving work for the road project. The motion was approved.

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