

June 6, 2018

The Jasper City Board of Education met on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. in the boardroom at the Central Office. Members present were Willie Moore, Walker Wilson, Scott Thornley, Teresa Sherer, and Mary Beth Barber.

Chairperson Willie Moore called the meeting to order with the first item to be approved being the agenda. Dr. Jackson advised the Board of an amendment to the agenda adding Handbook Updates 1st Reading and adding items # 4-6 to the personnel report. A motion to approve the amended agenda and amended personnel report was made by Scott Thornley with a second by Mary Beth Barber. The motion carried.

The Superintendent recommended adoption of a motion to approve the following personnel actions:

1. Approve the employment of Molly Bailey as Library Media Specialist at Maddox Intermediate School, effective August 6, 2018.
2. Approve the following 21st Century Community Learning Center Summer Program faculty and staff for June 4-July 27, 2018 (employment via Kelly Educational Staffing):
Aide (Special-Ed)
 - Meijah Mo-Nay McCollum
3. Approve the employment of Meagan Fields, assistant principal at Jasper Jr. High School, to principal at T.R. Simmons Elementary School, effective date to be determined.
4. Approve the employment of Will McDaniel as History/PE Teacher and Defensive Coordinator at Jasper High School, effective date to be determined.
5. Approve the employment of Gretta McDaniel as Science Teacher at Jasper Jr. High School effective August 6, 2018.
6. Approve the employment of Saige Harding as Special Education Teacher with Coaching Duties at Jasper Jr. High School effective August 6, 2018.

A motion to approve the June 6, 2018 personnel report was made by Scott Thornley with a second by Mary Beth Barber. The motion carried.

Superintendent Dr. Ann Jackson proudly introduced Mrs. Meagan Fields, current Assistant Principal of Jasper Jr. High School, as the new principal at T.R. Simmons Elementary School. Mrs. Fields passionately thanked the Board for this opportunity as she expressed her view and goals to make T.R. Simmons Elementary School even better going forward.

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Dr. Jackson called upon Mr. Lutis Moore, principal of Jasper Jr. High School, to recognize his new employee(s). First of all, Mr. Lutis Moore congratulated Mrs. Fields on her new position. He commented on the great working relationship he and Mrs. Fields have had, how much the faculty respects her, and that he does not want to give her up. At the same time, Mr. Lutis Moore thanked the Board and Dr. Jackson for making such a great choice.

Mr. Lutis Moore also introduced Saige Harding, a former student of Walker High School and football player, as a man of character and his new JJHS Special Education Teacher with Coaching Duties. Mr. Harding thanked the Board as he expressed his excitement to be a part of Jasper City Schools.

Finally, Mr. Lutis Moore advised the Board of another new employee at Jasper Jr. High School being Mrs. Gretta McDaniel as Science Teacher. He and Dr. Jackson both advised the Board of her outstanding credentials including a background in the medical field.

Dr. Jackson made mention of the other new personnel, not able to be present at the meeting for introduction, and deemed them as being great assets to Jasper City Schools.

Superintendent Dr. Jackson provided the Board with recommended updates to the Handbook for 2018-2019. One of the main changes for security purposes being the requirement of backpacks to be clear or mesh for all students. Mr. Thornley questioned the need for this to apply to the younger grades. Dr. Jackson, along with Mr. Jonathan Allen, advised of many of the issues of questionable items being brought into school in backpacks have actually been amongst the younger students. Mrs. Mary Beth Barber asked about putting the information of the possibility of this new handbook update on our website in efforts to get the word out to parents, etc. Board president Willie Moore advised that may need to wait until the action has officially been approved. The Board also asked if Early Drop-off for students would continue next school year and Dr. Jackson confirmed, yes, that would continue.

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