

November 24, 2014

The Jasper City Board of Education met in regular session on November 24, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Central Office. Members present were Chairperson Willie Moore, Teresa Sherer, Walker Wilson, Steven Gillott and Mary Beth Barber.

Chairperson Willie Moore called the meeting to order with the first item to be approved being the agenda. On a motion by Mr. Gillott and a second by Mrs. Barber, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2014 meeting of the Board and a second was given by Mrs. Sherer. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Sherer and a second by Mrs. Barber, to approve the November 24, 2014 personnel report was unanimously approved.

Federal Programs Director and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jean Lollar presented the Board with data from the recently completed Federal Compliance Monitoring. Dr. Lollar gave charted information detailing the need for correction on items in the following areas: Career Technical, Federal Programs, Gifted, Policy and Budget, Prevention & Support, Special Education and Transportation. Data Governance and Technology did not receive any citations during the visit from monitors and overall the District had a 94% accuracy in the 691 total items reviewed.

A data presentation was given by North Highland School principal and Special Education Director, Betty Odom. Mrs. Odom spoke to the Board of the school's improvement goals with a special emphasis on parental involvement, attendance and behavior management. Due to health issues that come with the special needs students, attendance is a concern, however they did exceed their attendance goal with a 97% attendance average during the state monitoring timeline. Mrs. Odom said that the goal of North Highland School and their programs is to maintain or increase proficiency in Reading, Math, and Science. She also touched on the Peer Mentoring program with Memorial Park Elementary students. This twice-a-month program allows students from Memorial Park to go to North Highland School and partner with the students there on various activities, such as reading, singing, arts and crafts and other areas. The benefit from this mentoring program is that students from Memorial Park seem to develop an awareness of compassion and tolerance toward students who have differences, and the North Highland students benefit from the social and communication skills that are made available by interacting together with the mentors.

T.R. Simmons Elementary School Principal Jonathan Allen gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the goals set for this school. The administration has identified three areas of focus for improvement at T.R. Simmons. These items are: Mathematics, English Language Arts, and School Culture (attendance, tardies and parental involvement). Mr. Allen pointed out 15 action steps that they intend to implement to attain the goals set by the school. Accountability for these actions is the key to attaining their goals. Steps that teachers and administrators can use are as follows: 1) Administrative Instructional Walkthroughs; 2) Self-reflection and Growth (Educate

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Alabama); 3) Grade Level Data Meetings; 4) Vertical Team Meetings and 5) Data Collection and Presentation.

Superintendent Ann Jackson presented a plaque to Mr. Willie Moore for reaching Level III in Alabama Association of School Boards training for members of the Board. Dr. Jackson also presented a plaque to Mrs. Teresa Sherer for reaching Level II in the same training.

Dr. Ann Jackson called upon Chief School Financial Officer, Monique Rector, to report on the finances for the months of September and October 2014. In September, the general fund had an ending balance of \$5,797,876.23 and a balance in the Capital Projects Fund of \$4,562,260.60. The Special Revenue Fund had a balance of \$1,675,411.59. All school bank accounts balanced without issues. Also presented were city and county tax comparisons from 2012, 2013 and 2014. A check register report was also given outlining checks paid from September 1 – September 30, 2014. For October, the general fund had an ending balance of \$5,539,513.61. A balance in the Capital Projects Fund for October was given as \$3,925,792.01. Special Revenue account had a balance of \$1,959,108.45. City and county tax comparisons were given as well as a check register for the month of October. All school accounts balanced without problems. A motion to approve the financial reports and bank reconciliations for the months of September and October 2014 was given by Mrs. Sherer with a second given by Mr. Wilson and was unanimously approved.

CSFO Monique Rector also presented the Board with updated accounting procedures for the current Jasper City Schools Accounting Manual.

Dr. Jackson recommended adoption of a motion to approve the disposal of surplus equipment in the District. A motion to approve the disposal was given by Mr. Wilson with a second given by Mrs. Barber. The motion carried.

Superintendent Ann Jackson recommended adoption of a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the T.R. Simmons Memory Playground. The funds to purchase the playground equipment were obtained by fundraising with the PTO as well as donations from businesses and individuals in Jasper. A unanimous vote was given for the installation of this playground equipment based on a motion by Mr. Gillott and a second by Mrs. Sherer.

Dr. Jackson recommended adoption of a motion to approve the changes made to the JCS Career/Technical Manual. A motion to approve the changes was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mrs. Barber. The motion was approved with an all yes vote.

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