

Jasper County Charter System Board Bullets

Highlights of the Jasper County Charter System Board of Education Meeting
held on Tuesday January 25, 2022 6PM,
at the Central Services Office

Thank you to those Principals, Administrators, and Staff attending:
Audrey Stokes, Anne Harrison, Peyton Proctor, Alicia Moore

- Mr. Schilling called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- The agenda was approved as presented
- Opening ceremonies were held.
- Dr. Barton led the Board and audience in the reading of the mission and vision statement.
- Jason Parr spoke during public comment about the Board's consideration in donating a retired bus to his program. The Board charged Mr. Garland to research the legal parameters of this proposal and to respond within a timely fashion to Mr. Parr's request.
- The Board approved the following sub-committee members

Facilities –Mr. Rice and Dr. Barton
Personnel-Dr. Barton and Ms. Lynch
Curriculum-Ms. Lynch and Mr. Schilling
Policy-Mr. Schilling and Ms. Dennis

- Mr. Garland provided a COVID-19 update. He noted a significant increase the past three weeks in the number of reported confirmed and presumptive positive cases. He also noted there is other illnesses within our schools that is causing multiple absences for both students and staff. After discussion of the current state of the system in terms of COVID, the Board approved the following protocols effective January 26, 2022.
- ❖ If a student or staff member is CONFIRMED positive via testing, then the period of isolation shall be five (5) days from either the start of symptoms OR test date.
- ❖ If a student or staff member starts with fever and DOES NOT receive a CONFIRMED positive test, the system will follow the general rule of 24 hours fever free without the use of medication before a return to work/school is allowed.

- ❖ If a student is deemed exposed, then communication of the exposure to the parent may be via a private message through apps such as Classroom Dojo, Remind, etc.... This is due to the high volume of calls and the inability to access some families in a timely manner. The individual schools will communicate how future exposures will be reported to families at each individual school as various platforms are utilized by classrooms/schools across the district.
 - ❖ If a staff member is CONFIRMED positive via testing, then they will communicate with the building administrator to ensure accurate reporting.
 - ❖ The system will continue with facial covering requirements for the remainder of the week as defined by the 1/21/2022 COVID report and will evaluate for potential changes to any guidance on the 1/28/2022 COVID report.
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- The December 2021 Financial Report was presented. Revenues exceeded expenditures by 14.60%. Mr. Garland also noted the December 2021 ELOST collections were \$146,531 which is the highest amount for the calendar year.
 - The Board unanimously approved the recommendation from Mr. Garland of a \$1400 annual increase to the local certified salary schedule and a \$.90 per hour increase to the local non-certified salary schedule effective July 1, 2022.
 - The Board voted not to approve a proposal of becoming the fiscal agent for Jasper County Family Connections
 - The Board voted to table consideration of a homestead value freeze for the FY 23 fiscal year.
 - Mr. Garland recommended to the board tabling the School Resource Officer proposal until the February business meeting. He stated that a meeting with the Sheriff has been planned in order to specifically answer questions regarding roles and responsibilities of both agencies in such an agreement. The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of securing an officer for the district to be based at Jasper County High School.
 - Minutes were approved from December 14, 2021 Business Meeting.
 - The Board approved the following fundraisers as presented:
 - Jasper County Primary School STEAM-T-Shirt sales week of April 25, 2022
 - Jasper County Primary School STEAM- Donut sales March 18-25

- Alicia Moore gave a detailed presentation of GMAP testing. GMAP will be field tested in grades 3-8 this spring for math and reading, science will be field tested in the spring of 2023, social studies will be field tested in 2024. Also, the high school will begin field testing in all four core areas in 2024.
- The Board approved a motion to enter executive session.
- The Board approved a motion to exit executive session.
- The Board approved the district safety plan.
- The Board approved the following personnel actions recommended by the Superintendent:

New Hire

- a.** Anna Cottingham, Custodian, Jasper County High School(effective 01/18/2022)
- b.** Mary Heard, Substitute Custodian, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 01/06/2022)
- c.** Hannah Crooms, Substitute Custodian, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 01/06/2022)
- d.** Sierra Whidby, Substitute Custodian, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 01/11/2022)
- e.** Tasha Hay, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 01/14/2022)
- f.** Brittany Carr, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 01/14/2022)
- g.** Weslyn Taylor, Substitute Teacher, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 01/14/2022)
- h.** Christina Brimberry, Alternative School Instructor, Jasper County Middle School(11/29/2021)

Resignation

- a.** Ashley Mitchell, Substitute Custodian, Jasper County Board of Education(effective 12/14/2021)
- b.** Iesha Nix, Custodian, Jasper County Primary School(effective 02/02/2022)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

The Board Approved a motion to adjourn at 8:06 PM

Next Meeting: Board Work Session February 15, 2022 @ 6PM