

January 26, 2015

The Jasper City Board of Education met in regular session on January 26, 2015 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. 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. On a motion by Mr. Gillott and a second by Mrs. Sherer, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Chief School Financial Officer, Monique Rector, presented the Board with financial statements for the month of December 2014. Mrs. Rector reported an ending balance in the General Fund of \$5,815,300.99. Special Revenue Fund was showing a balance of \$1,703,297.51 and the Capital Projects Fund was showing a balance of \$3,938,209.82 as of the end of December. Sales tax figures for the month (city and county) were given as well as bank reconciliations from the district and each school. A motion to approve the financial report for the month was given by Mrs. Sherer with a second by Mr. Wilson. The motion carried.

The first item on the Superintendent's Report was to recognize the Teachers of the Year for each school and for the district. Teachers being recognized are as follows:

Lutis Moore – Maddox Middle School
Lisa O'Mary – Memorial Park Elementary School
Cathy Jones – T.R. Simmons Elementary School
Bernice Farris – West Jasper Elementary School
Kayla Goetz – Walker High School

District winner for elementary level is Lisa O'Mary, library/media specialist at Memorial Park School and secondary level winner is Lutis Moore, career/technical teacher at Maddox Middle School. District winners will compete for the State title.

The minutes of the December 15, 2014 and the January 13, 2015 meetings were presented and unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Barber and a second by Mrs. Sherer.

Dr. Jackson recognized the accomplishments of Jessica Moore – AP Physics B, and Melissa Dutton – AP English, for their achievements in the A+ College Ready Program as “Super Newbie” and “Best New Teacher”. Each teacher received a certificate.

Trent Hall, Project Manager from Hoar Project Management gave the Board an update on the progress of the Walker High School construction project. Mr. Hall showed a powerpoint with pictures of the progress as well as gave facts on budget amounts.

Data presentations were given by Eric Rigsby, principal at Memorial Park Elementary and Rita Pilling, former principal of West Jasper Elementary. Mr. Rigsby presented results on the 2013-2014 ASPIRE testing for Memorial Park students. These results showed the school's national standing as well as data on the STAR Reading and Math programs.

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Mrs. Pilling presented areas of notable achievement of the students at West Jasper Elementary. Their data reflected positive trends in performance in reading, math and science based on the 2013-2014 Global Scholar Performance Series achievement assessments and the Alabama Science Assessment.

January is Board Member Appreciation Month and Dr. Jackson and the district schools presented the Board with homemade crafts and snacks, showing their appreciation for the hard work and time that each member of the Board gives to the children of our schools, the faculty and administration of the District, as well as leadership in the community of Jasper.

Superintendent Jackson requested adoption of a motion to approve the disposal of surplus equipment for the District. A motion was made by Mrs. Sherer with a second by Mr. Wilson. The motion carried.

Dr. Jackson requested adoption of a motion to approve the extension of the facility usage agreement for Walker High School. Mr. Gillott made a motion to approve the extension with a second by Mrs. Barber. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Superintendent requested adoption of a motion to approve the equipment bid for Walker High School career technical department. The bid was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Barber and a second by Mrs. Sherer.

Dr. Jackson requested adoption of a motion to approve the indoor track and field team for Walker High School and Maddox Middle School. Mrs. Sherer made a motion to accept this request and a second was given by Mr. Gillott. The motion passed with an all yes vote.

Superintendent Jackson requested adoption of a motion to approve the overnight trip for the Walker High School girls basketball team to travel to Orlando Florida in December 2015 to participate in the Holiday Basketball Tournament. Mr. Gillott made a motion to approve this overnight trip with a second by Mrs. Barber. The motion was approved with 4 Board members voting yes. Mr. Moore abstained from voting.

Dr. Jackson also requested adoption of a motion to approve the overnight trip for seven students from West Jasper Elementary to attend the 7th Annual GEMS (Girls Engaged in Math and Science) Expo in Columbiana AL from February 20-February 21, 2015. With a motion made by Mrs. Sherer and a second by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried with an all yes vote.

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