
Mrs. Ginger Bailey -Chairman
Mr. Charles W. Gibson- Superintendent

Attendees

Voting Members

Ms. Ginger Bailey, Chair

Dr. Nancy Nash, Vice Chair

Mr. Alfred Pitts, Board Member

Mr. Mike Gordon, Board Member

Mr. Kimbrell Washburn, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Charles Gibson, Superintendent

I. Call to Order - Chairman Ginger Bailey

Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors.

a. Pledge and Invocation

Chairman Bailey led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation was led by Mr. Kimbrell Washburn.

b. School Board Reports

i. Board Member's Report

Dr. Nancy Nash enjoyed her recent visit to Jones County High School. Dr. Nash thanked everyone for their contributions in making the Jones County School System successful.

Mr. Mike Gordon commented all of his questions in reference to the construction at JCHS were answered during his recent visit.

Mr. Alfred Pitts thanked all the schools, principals, and staff for making him feel welcome when he visits. He appreciates everyone's kindness.

c. Chairman's Report

Chairman Bailey stated seeing where construction is needed on the recent visit to JCHS was a good experience and she appreciates Mr. Earl Colvin, Superintendent Gibson and Mr. Lance Rackley for answering the board members questions.

d. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gibson shared a Jones County School System data sheet showcasing academics, operations, transportation, financial efficiency star ratings and awards.

Superintendent Gibson introduced, Joy Carr, the Jones County Family Connection Coordinator. Mrs. Carr discussed the Juvenile Justice Victims Pilot Project. The purpose of

the VOCA Formula Grant Program is to provide federal funding to support victim assistance and compensations programs, and to provide training for diverse professionals who work with victims. The program also develops projects to enhance victims' rights and services and to undertake public education and awareness activities on behalf of the crime victims. The Criminal Justice Coordinating council has awarded \$100,000 in funding to Jones County Operation Early Intervention in order to implement evidence-based and trauma-informed services to delinquently charged youth who have been directly impacted by trauma, abuse and neglect. The Jones County Board of Commissioners will act as the fiscal agent for this grant. The money will be released on March 19, 2020.

Superintendent Gibson recognized the CRMS basketball team along with Coach Charles David. Coach David introduced Coach Anthony Hines, and Coach Dennis Woolfolk, Jr. and expressed his thankfulness in having them coach the basketball team. Coach Hines introduced each basketball player individually. Coach Hines stated these young men are outstanding and he feels they will succeed in making Jones County proud. Coach Hines thanked Mrs. Leslie Poythress and Mr. Dennis Woolfolk for their support.

Superintendent Gibson recognized, Kaitlyn McCain from TWES, as a spotlight teacher, stating she goes above and beyond in her duties as a GNETS teacher. Ms. McCain shared she works with the students who have emotional behavioral disorders and has been employed with GNETS for 8 years. Ms. McCain is pleased with the growth and social skills she sees in her students.

II. Consent Items

a. Agenda

The agenda was approved by consent as presented.

b. Minutes of Meetings

i. Minutes of January 9, 2020 - Work Session - Special Meeting

The minutes of the January 9, 2020 Work Session Special Meeting were approved by consent as presented.

ii. Minutes of January 14, 2020 - Regular Board Meeting

The minutes of the January 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were approved by consent as presented.

iii. Minutes of January 25, 2020 - Work Session - Special Meeting

The minutes of the January 25, 2020 Work Session Special Meeting were approved by consent as presented.

c. School Fundraisers

The school fundraisers were approved by consent.

III. Community Input/Special Recognition

a. Student Spotlight - Jeffrey Tharpe (TWES)

Mr. Tharpe introduced Emily Chapman and Asa Varnadoe. Mr. Tharpe shared both students are part of the TWES LEGO League Robotics Team. To be a part of this team requires a huge commitment, since it can be very time consuming to build the projects and then present them at competitions. Mr. Tharpe stated both Emily and Asa are outstanding students and they excel in the classroom as well as being a member of the LEGO League Robotics Team. Emily and Asa showcased several of their LEGO projects to the board using a special mat.

b. Spotlight on Community Partners - Jeffrey Tharpe (TWES)

Mr. Tharpe explained Chris Davis at Ace of Gray was his community spotlight representative. Unfortunately, Mr. Davis was not able to be present at the board meeting. Even though Mr. Davis does not have children at TWES anymore, he continues to be very supportive. One of the biggest events TWES holds each year is math night at ACE Hardware. Mr. Tharpe appreciates the continued support and generosity of Mr. Davis.

IV. Report Items

a. Strategic Goal I: Increase Student Achievement and Success

i. Literacy Report/Communities in Schools - Amy Marlowe/Tawndee Dillard

Tawndee Dillard spoke about the communities and schools program at GES. The main part of this program is reading and tutoring for kindergarten through 3rd grade students who are falling below grade level. Ms. Dillard was pleased they did not see a decline in reading capabilities coming back from Christmas break. Ms. Dillard is working in tandem with the teachers to target different strategies to increase reading levels.

Ms. Marlowe presented a FY20 Mid-Year Literacy Data Snapshot. Ms. Marlowe stated former Governor Nathan Deal issued a challenge in 2012 for all students to be reading on grade level by the year 2020. She said we hope to be at 50% by the end of the year and will continue to grow hoping one day to reach 100%. Mrs. Marlowe said Jones County has been outpacing the state for the last few years. She was pleased to not see a decline in reading levels when the students came back from Christmas break this year. Currently, all kindergartners are reading at level A and are on track to continue to move forward. Ms. Marlowe introduced the Adopt a Pet Program implemented in December 2019. Children were able to adopt a donated stuffed pet to take home, promising to read 20 minutes a night to their pet.

ii. Jones County College and Career Academy Report - Laura Rackley

Ms. Laura Rackley gave an update on the happenings at JCCCA.

Some of the highlights were:

- Purchased a JCCCA Microbus to be used for field trips, CTSO travel and community outreach
- Purchased an FFA truck and trailer to be used for transporting livestock to competitions
- With the Connect Grant of \$67,000 the construction lab was able to buy cabinet making equipment

Ms. Rackley stated HB 444 has passed the Senate and was being considered by the House. This bill places a 30 hour cap and limits 11th and 12th graders to dual enrollment. Ms. Rackley also presented a PowerPoint showing the performance levels of the students enrolled in CTAE programs who had completed their chosen pathway.

b. Strategic Goal IV: Increase Organizational Effectiveness

i. GSBA: Governance Team Achievement Recognition Levels - FY20

Ms. Geneva Brazier discussed the different recognition levels under GSBA. Currently, the Jones County Board is a level III, which is exemplary. Ms. Brazier shared the requirements for maintaining exemplary status.

ii. Financial Report - Tonya Merritt

Ms. Merritt reviewed the January financial report, which reflects 58.33% of the fiscal year.

V. Action Items

a. Strategic Goal I: Increase Student Achievement and Success

b. Strategic Goal IV: Increase Organizational Effectiveness

i. Media Furniture – Dames Ferry Elementary School

Superintendent Gibson recommended the approval of the contract with Nisewonger Audio Visual Center to provide new media furniture for Dames Ferry Elementary School for an estimated one-time cost of \$84,987.00 utilizing \$44,987.00 from L4GA grant funds and \$40,000.00 from the school's general fund account.

Motion made by: Dr. Nancy Nash

Motion seconded by: Mr. Kimbrell Washburn

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

ii. GMP for Additional Projects – Jones County High School

Superintendent Gibson recommended the approval of the GMP with Parrish Construction to complete additional projects at Jones County High School for an estimated cost of \$3,051,536.00 utilizing \$153,079.00 from the 2014 SPLOST and \$2,898,457.00 from bond funds.

Motion made by: Mr. Mike Gordon

Motion seconded by: Mr. Kimbrell Washburn

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Dr. Nancy Nash expressed gratitude to the other board members for helping us question and gain understanding of where the money is being spent.

Mr. Alfred Pitts thanked Mr. Lance Rackley and Mr. Earl Colvin for showing the board members where construction is needed and for answering all their questions.

VI. Executive Session

Superintendent Gibson recommended the board enter Executive Session.

Motion made by: Mr. Kimbrell Washburn

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mike Gordon

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

- a. For the purpose of discussing personnel matters, discussing purchase of, disposition of, or leasing of property, reviewing student disciplinary tribunal appeal, consideration of matters involving student educational records information disclosure, discussing records protected from disclosure under the Open Records Act, discussing school safety plans, or consulting with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation or other legal matters.

Superintendent Gibson recommended the board exit Executive Session.

Motion made by: Mr. Kimbrell Washburn

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mike Gordon

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

VII. Personnel Action

a. Strategic Goal III: Maintain High Quality Personnel

i. Personnel Recommendations - Monthly

Superintendent Gibson recommended the approval of all personnel as detailed in Executive Session.

Motion made by: Dr. Nancy Nash

Motion seconded by: Mr. Alfred Pitts

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

ii. Certified Administrative and Support Staff Renewals 2020-2021 school year.

Superintendent Gibson recommended the approval of all Certified Administrative and Support Staff Renewals for the 2020 - 2021 school year as detailed in Executive Session.

Motion made by: Mr. Alfred Pitts

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mike Gordon

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Alfred Pitts refrained from voting for employee #24.

VIII. Adjourn

a. Next Meeting - March 5, 2020 3:00 P.M. - Work Session - Special Meeting

b. Next Meeting - March 10, 2020 6:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting

Chairperson

Secretary