

Superintendent's Report

January 10, 2017

Chair -----, Members of the Board, thank you for the opportunity to present the Superintendent's Report.

Happy 2017! Welcome to the first Board meeting of the new year.

Turning the page on a new calendar year is always a time for reflection, recalibration, and refocus in a school district because it marks the time when staff and students hit the half-way mark of the school year. This is a time to focus on what has worked in the classroom, school, and district during the first semester, and how we can collectively improve student learning and inspire our staff in the upcoming semester so we can finish the school year strong.

We all must stay focused on *Vision 2020* and making it real and alive in our buildings and classrooms, and we must all be accountable in our ownership and engagement in transforming a school system that has worked really well for some students to a system that works really well for every student. I see *Vision 2020* on my school visits. Kudos to the students and staff at Hite Elementary School. I saw personalized learning that incorporated student choice.

Oaths of Office were administered to Mr. Brady, Mr. Gies, and Dr. Kolb. Congratulations and thanks to JCPS alum Judge Clayton for administering those oaths.

Congrats Chair _____ and Vice-Chair _____.

Congrats to our principals, teachers, and students of the 31 "Distinguished" schools that were recognized tonight.

CBO Hudson and CFO Hardin presented you the draft of the DRAFT BUDGET—which is a reporting of estimated revenues and expenditures for 2017-18. This is merely a starting point. It shows the initial status before changes are made through decisions in the budget process. The draft budget is not submitted to the State. At the next Board meeting, you will be asked to approve the allocations. That decision will be incorporated into the budget. There is a long process (with a scheduled update in March) before we ask for your approval in May of the Tentative Budget.

Safety of our students and employees is our top priority. Dr. Raisor provided an overview of safety procedures and protocols, with recommendations for continuous improvement.

The Board approved a Legislative Agenda on December 13. Based on feedback and review of documents and per the request of the Board, the Board would like to approve a legislative position on charter schools.

Dr. Raisor will explain the list (that was reviewed by KDE in December) that is submitted again as a draft to KDE for review of all the District facility needs.

JCPS became a District of Innovation in 2013. We have collaborated with KDE and other Districts of Innovation for the past several years. In fall of 2016, Districts were asked to update their plans through an iterative process. KDE was impressed with *VISION 2020*. APPROVAL WILL BE REQUESTED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item IX.O.1 Approval of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Fayette County Public Schools—Entering into a formal agreement with Fayette County Public Schools satisfies the Model Procurement Code requirement and will allow the districts to explore cooperative bidding and purchasing when such is deemed to be in the best interest of the Boards. Combining the purchasing power of the two largest school districts in the state may prove to provide a savings of financial resources to both districts. JCPS currently participates in the Partnership for a Green City with Louisville Metro, Airport Authority, MSD, LWC, TARC, and UofL. Purchases include copier paper, solid waste disposal service, and single stream recycling service. Also, JCPS is a member of the Kentucky Purchasing Cooperative and currently purchases library supplies, bleachers and installation, playground equipment, scoreboards, cafeteria furniture and small-wares from our co-op bids. JCPS benefits from the combined purchasing power. Model Procurement law requires us to have these agreements if we are going to purchase off another entities bid. By having these co-op agreements, we are able to purchase based on the lower price, which due to the higher combined purchase volume would be lower than we could obtain from our own individual bid.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Huff who created a Trust in 1999 for scholarships for JCPS students. Mr. Huff's first wife, Evangeline Huff, was a teacher in Jefferson County many years ago, until her premature death. Mr. Huff received Evangeline's pension, which he and his second wife, Ruth, benefitted from during their nearly 50 years of marriage. To honor Evangeline's time as an educator, Alan and Ruth felt their entire estate should go to benefit students graduating from Jefferson County high schools. This is an agreement to consent for the principal of the Trust to be paid to the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation which will use the net income for scholarships according to the terms of the Trust.

The request to rename Moore Traditional School is being made to delete "traditional" from the school name, since Moore is not a traditional school. The school's name will be Marion C. Moore School. Moore High School opened in 1969 and was named for Ms. Marion C. Moore, one of the four original counselors in Jefferson County Public Schools who also served as a teacher and principal. In 2005, the name was changed to Moore Traditional School.

There is a recommendation to officially appoint Dr. Willner as the Board representative to the Cradle to Career Cabinet. Cradle to Career is a commitment by this community to support students as they move through the education pipeline with wrap-around support.

The Board's dashboard provides information on staff and student attendance, staff vacancies, and referrals and suspensions. Time spent on learning is critical to the success of our students. Here is the dashboard currently.

Vacancies.....In July 2016, we had 996 minority teachers. In January 2017, we had 1,044 minority teachers and that remains around 15.8 percent teachers are minority.

Thanks to the Somali Community for including myself, Dr. Averette, and Resource Teacher Pam Sheehan in a community conversation on Saturday night. As you know, our Limited English Proficient subgroup is our fastest growing. According to JCPS data books, LEP population has increased by 25 percent - approximately 1447 students in the last five years (since 2013-14). We serve 7224 LEP students in the 2016-17 school year (as reported in the data books).

We are expanding our ESL Newcomer Academy by 10 classrooms. *Vision 2020* recognizes that diversity and differences are assets of JCPS.

I appreciate the opportunity to participate as a member of the Commissioner's Accountability Steering Committee. The Accountability work groups have worked for months to design elements of Kentucky's new school accountability system under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Those recommendations were given to the Accountability Steering Committee which, in turn, will make recommendations about the overall system to Dr. Pruitt who will seek approval from the Kentucky Board of Education. The current timeline calls for a new system for 2017-18.

Chair -----, I am recommending for approval the consent agenda later in the meeting.