

**Board Minutes**  
**April 23, 2021**

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, April 22, 2021 in the board office at 6:00 p.m. Chris Fields, Kevin Brantley, Alvin P. Moorman, Donald Smith, and Marty Thompson were present. Chairman Fields called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Moorman gave the invocation and Mr. Brantley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The following business was transacted:

1. The proposed agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Moorman; unanimous approval.
2. The March 16, 2021 meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval.
3. The March 2021 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
4. Superintendent Morris presented and discussed Policy GBIA: Teacher Evaluation Appeals for first reading.
5. Mr. Charles Howard, Elementary Principal, recognized Mrs. Anna Palmer, the Elementary School and System Wide Teacher of the Year. He praised her ability as a strong teacher. He noted that he was “proud to have her as a teacher at JCES” and described her as “truly awesome”. He then discussed the discipline data for his school. He said discipline referrals were down as there were only 9 for the month of March. He announced Milestone testing will be May 7 – 14, 2021 for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and May 10 – 14, 2021 for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Finally, he was excited to share that two book vending machines have been ordered and will be located at the elementary school and Piggly Wiggly. Students will receive tokens that can be used in the machine to obtain a book. These machines are being paid from CaresAct funding to help with learning loss in the area of literacy due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
6. Dr. Chris Watkins, Middle/High School Principal, discussed the discipline data for his school. He noted that referrals were down. He announced information about EOG testing. Next, he was very excited to recognized the winners of the GA Young Authors’ writing contest. He noted these students were excellent writers. Jaycee Grant and Emily Norris were present to receive their recognition in person.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Jaycee Grant
  - 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Natalie Walters
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Chloe Ivey
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade – Emily Norris
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade – Jake Rowland
  - 11<sup>th</sup> grade – Sara Carter
  - 12<sup>th</sup> grade – Kayla Klemens

7. Superintendent Morris complimented our students on their achievements. He stated that “we have students constantly competing in academics and sports at the state level. This speaks volumes about the quality of kids we have in Johnson County”. He also commended the staff, parents and community for always going above and beyond to support our students.
8. On a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval was given to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee. After discussion, a motion was made to come out of executive session by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Moorman; unanimous approval.
9. Superintendent Morris presented personnel recommendations for the 2021-2022 school year. The recommendations below were approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Smith with Fields, Moorman, Smith, and Thompson voting YES and Brantley abstained.

**To Hire:**

John Buxton, Middle/High Principal  
Julie Kight, Director of Literacy  
Hannah Bracewell, Elementary Teacher

10. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD  
OF EDUCATION**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Superintendent**