

Board Minutes October 20, 2015

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 in the board office at 6:00 p.m. Kevin Brantley, Donald Smith, Marty Thompson and Bernard Young were present. Mr. Brantley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Young gave the invocation and Mr. Thompson 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. Young; unanimous approval.
2. The September 3, 2015, September 15, 2015 and September 22, 2015 board minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Young; unanimous approval.
3. The September 2015 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval.
4. Superintendent Rebecca Thomas presented a Resolution for a Title 50 Waiver for FY15 to be presented to the Georgia Department of Education. Resolution was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Young. Resolution is attached and becomes a part of these minutes.
5. Superintendent Thomas presented Policy IHE Promotion and Retention for first reading. First reading was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Thompson.
6. The following field trip was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Young:

JCHS Senior Class, Six Flags – “Grad Nite”, Atlanta,
May 6 – 7, 2016

7. JCES Principal Charles Howard reported that benchmark test schedule is complete and will begin soon. Mr. Howard thanked Kent Foskey and Sondra Fortner for their work on the school garden. JCES Spirit Wear fundraiser was a success. Andrea Brantley has been named JCES Teacher of the Year. The book of the month will be October 22 and PTO meeting will be November 5. Second graders will be performing at the PTO meeting.

8. JCMS/HS Principal Gary Price reported that his staff and students have had a busy month. Mr. Price reported that the parent conference had a large turnout. Benchmark tests are complete. Gina Bright is the JCHS Teacher of the Year and Magen Roberts is the JCMS Teacher of the Year. Mr. Price also updated the board on the STEM, Striving Reader and technology conferences.
9. Superintendent Thomas presented a facility use request from Relay for Life to hold a beauty pageant on March 5, 2016 in the JCMS/HS Lunchroom. Facility use request was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Young. Facility use fee will be waived.
10. Superintendent Thomas reported that due to circumstances beyond our control we will not be able to purchase the discounted LED sign from Colorwheel Signs and Graphics. Direct deposit is on schedule to begin with the October 2015 payroll. Superintendent Thomas has spoken with County Administrator Guy Singletary concerning the current ball fields at the recreation department. The commissioners have agreed to get legal advice to pursue an agreement to enable the school system to expend SPLOST funds on these fields. Superintendent also discussed the possibilities for uses of the new property. Contact has been made with The Georgia Forestry Commission for assistance with a controlled burn of the property and planting of trees. Plans are underway for adding a forestry pathway within the Agriculture Department, and the intent is to establish a teaching forest for JCHS to utilize in forestry classes. The mayor has been approached about the possibility of doing a controlled burn inside the city and we have tentative permission as long as the Georgia Forestry Commission is involved and the fire department is notified. Also, plans are underway for establishing a cross country course on the property. All of this can be done for little or no cost. Maintenance staff should be able to remove stumps, etc. after the burn with our existing equipment.
11. On a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Thompson; 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. Thompson, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval.
12. Superintendent Thomas presented personnel recommendations. Recommendations were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Thompson.

Resignations:

Olivia Dant – JCES Teacher
Ossie Moorman (retirement) - Food Service
Jeannie Costley – Bus Driver

The meeting was then adjourned.

JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent