

Board Minutes
July 23, 2015

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, July 23, 2015 in the board office at 6:00 p.m. Kevin Brantley, Donnie Carter, Donald Smith and Bernard Young were present. Mr. Carter called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Young 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. Brantley, second by Mr. Young; unanimous approval.
2. Mr. Claude Bailey spoke to the board about concerns with the music program, discretionary funding, coaching supplements, budget, and a previous open records request.
3. Mr. Roger Holley was not present.
4. The June 16, 2015 board minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval.
5. The June 2015 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval.
6. Superintendent Rebecca Thomas presented a revised 2015-2016 School Calendar. The fall break dates are changed from October 7, 8 & 9, 2015 to October 14, 15 & 16, 2015. Revised calendar was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Young. Revised calendar is attached and becomes a part of these minutes.
7. Superintendent Thomas updated the board on air conditioning the gym at the middle/high school. Carrier is concerned that the roof may not be strong enough to support units. The opinion of a structural engineer is needed to determine the strength of the roof. On a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Young, unanimous approved was given to authorize the Superintendent to hire a structural engineer.

8. The following field trips were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Brantley:

JCHS Softball, Columbus, August 6 – 8, 2015

JCHS Softball, Valdosta, September 10 – 12, 2015

9. Principals Charles Howard and Gary Price both reported that their respective schools are ready to begin the 2015-2016 school year.
10. Superintendent Thomas invited board members to the upcoming school open houses. Superintendent Thomas informed the board that the contract has been signed on the middle/high school renovation project. Superintendent Thomas also updated the board on the athletic fields. Board members were informed that the high school has been named a priority school and more information will be forthcoming. Board members were also informed about the new behavior/discipline process entitled Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) that will be implemented this year.
11. On a motion by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Smith; 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. Brantley, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval.
12. Superintendent Thomas presented personnel recommendations. Recommendations were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Smith.

To Hire:

Brandi Rowland – JCES Teacher (pending release from her current contract)

Michael Caneega – JCHS Teacher (pending certification)

Jorge Ochoa – JCHS Teacher (pending certification)

Nancy Meeks – 49% SLO Coordinator

Redessa Crawford – 49% School Food Service Director

Substitute Teacher:

Daryl W. Price

Substitute Bus Driver:

James E Blair

Dorothy Brantley

Elizabeth Colston

The meeting was then adjourned.

JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent