

Board Minutes
February 24, 2015

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 in the board office at 6:00 p.m. Kevin Brantley, Donnie Carter, Donald Smith, Marty Thompson and Bernard Young were present. Mr. Carter called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Thompson 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. Smith; unanimous approval.
2. Administration recognized the following Teachers of the Year:

Amy Jackson, JCHS TOTY
Siterro Wheeler, JCMS TOTY
Starlet Taylor, JCES/System-wide TOTY

3. Bobby Hall spoke to the board about his desire for the Young Farmer program to be a full time program as it was in the past. Mr. Hall made several supporting statements and feels it is beneficial to students and the community.
4. Rob Veal Jr. spoke as the newly elected Young Farmer President. Mr. Veal gave his opinions about why he feels the Young Farmer program was cut to a part-time program and would like answers as to why this was done.
5. Bill Johnson also spoke to the Board about the Young Farmer Program. Mr. Johnson cited many statistics about the importance of agriculture to the community. Mr. Johnson also inquired as to what observations, considerations, justifications and expected results led to the decision to cancel the young Farmer Program.
6. Alan Frost, former board member, spoke to the board about Code of Ethics concerns, micromanagement by the board and the lack of focus by the board on student achievement. Mr. Frost encouraged citizens to educate themselves about proper conduct of board members.
7. Paul Harris was not present
8. The January 13, 2015 called board minutes and the January 20, 2015 regular board minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.

9. The January 2015 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
10. Superintendent Thomas gave a report on the Young Farmer Program as requested at the previous board meeting. Superintendent Thomas outlined the process involved in order to apply for the program. The funding process was discussed at length.
11. Donald Smith made a motion to apply for a full-time Young Farmer Grant, second by Brantley. During discussion of this motion, Superintendent Thomas stated that it would be irresponsible of her to recommend this at this time without budget figures. Board members Thompson and Young agreed with Superintendent Thomas. Motion carried with 3 YES votes and 2 NO votes. The 3 YES votes were cast by Brantley, Carter, and Smith. The 2 NO votes were cast by Thompson and Young.
12. The board discussed the possibility of going to the GSBA Summer conference each year instead of the Winter conference. Superintendent Thomas will investigate what constitutes the year in which board members can receive the required training.
13. Superintendent Thomas presented Policy EEF Competitive Foods for second reading. Second reading was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Brantley. Policy is attached and becomes a part of these minutes.
14. The following field trip and fund raisers were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Brantley:

JCHS Beta Convention, Atlanta, March 6 – 8, 2015

JCES, Media Center, Computers for Education, March 9 – 13, 2015

JCES Media, Michael P White Book Sale, Feb. 25 – March 6, 2015

JCHS Tennis, Donations for Piggly Wiggly gift card,

Feb.25 – March 13, 2015

JCES P.E. Dept., Jump Rope for Heart, March 5 – 6, 2015

JCMS FFA, Boston Butts, March 20, 2015

JCHS B/G Track, Father/daughter dance (admission), April 4, 2015

15. JCES Principal Charles Howard discussed Georgia Milestone testing, an upcoming visit from illustrator Michael P White, Read Across America Week/Dr. Seuss and the upcoming PTO meeting.

16. JCMS/HS Principal Gary Price gave board members a calendar of events going on at the middle/high school and discussed the upcoming Prom. Mr. Price announced the upcoming Region 5 archery meet to be held at the middle/high school.
17. The following facility use requests were presented by Mr. Charlie Lindsey and were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Brantley:
 - 4th of July Committee, Miss Independence Pageant,
Band Room, 5-9-15
 - Hotshots, 5K & Fun Run, JCES Parking Lot, 5-9-15Facility use fee will be waived.
18. Ms. Tecia McKay informed the board that Johnson County Schools is a member of the state's ESOL consortium and the consortium met AMAO and Johnson County's English as a second language students are making adequate progress. Each school and the district will begin having parent planning meetings in March and April. The meetings will focus on data and seek parent input on federal programs budgeting for next school year. Ms. McKay also shared updates on professional learning presentations made by system employees regionally and at the state level. System will be receiving a Teacher Quality Grant that will offer teachers the opportunity to participate in professional learning in Science over the summer.
19. Dawn Howell, Special Education Director, reported that Johnson County Special Education personnel will be participating in a panel forum at the upcoming GCASE conference. Teachers, parent mentors, directors and students from our local GLRS will be presenting on the ASPIRE project. Sallie Lunzmann, Regina Lindsey, Dawn Howell and one of our high school students will be presenting on this student-centered project.
20. Redessa Crawford, Food Service Director, reported that Johnson County's food service program had an Administrative Review on February 10 – 12 and was found to be in compliance. USDA will be in the system on March 9 – 13 to review processes of the food service program and will interview students and parents.

21. Superintendent Thomas updated the board on CCRPI status of all schools in light of the proposed legislation to form the Opportunity School District. While the system has no school that would qualify if this legislation passes, Johnson County Middle School and Johnson County High School both have scores that would qualify in two of the three previous years. See chart below.

JOHNSON COUNTY CCRPI SCORE COMPARISON

	2012	2013	2014	2014 State Avg.	2012-14 % gain/loss
JCES	63.2	66.3	75.3	72.6	+12.1
JCMS	58.3	59.2	69.1	73.1	+10.8
JCHS	58.4	65.1	52.6	68.3	-5.8
DISTRICT	60.7	64.4	67.2		+6.5

For the benefit of the two new board members, Superintendent Thomas gave a report on the recently purchased property. This same report was given in the fall to the previous board. Approximately one half of the acreage is suitable for building and an architect has assisted the system in looking at possible scenarios for athletic fields. The board would like for Ms. Thomas to look into options involving a continued joint use of the recreations fields and making improvements. Superintendent Thomas also reported that the school system has received a striving reader grant that will help with reading and literacy at all schools. Approximately \$120,000 start-up funds will be received this fiscal year. More information on funding for future years will be forthcoming. Superintendent Thomas spoke to the board about the flexibility options for school systems. All systems must choose one of the options by June 30, 2015. Superintendent Thomas will schedule an information session for the board after she attends a meeting on March 18, 2015.

22. Patrice Tanner updated the board on Direct Deposit. Tentative plans are to have this process in place in the fall of 2015.

23. 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. Thompson, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval.

24. Superintendent Thomas presented the following personnel recommendations.
Recommendations were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second
by Mr. Thompson:

Bus Drivers:

Katrina Jackson
James (Jay) Price

Substitute Teachers:

Shelby Ashley Chandler
Kathryne Elizabeth Nobles

Administrators 2015-2016

Redessa Crawford
Keith Geter
Charles Howard
Dawn Howell
Charlie Lindsey
Beth Martin
Tecia McKay
Elaine Merritt
Gary Price

The meeting was then adjourned.

JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent