

Board Minutes April 17, 2012

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 in the board office at 7:00 p.m. Marty Thompson, Alvin Moorman, Alan Frost, Donnie Carter, and Bill Jackson were present. Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Carter gave the invocation and Mr. Frost led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The following business was transacted:

1. The proposed agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Frost, second by Mr. Jackson; unanimous approval.
2. The March 20, 2012 and the April 10, 2012 board minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Carter, second by Mr. Moorman; unanimous approval.
3. During the time for citizen comments, Ms. Erica Hines spoke to the board expressing her disappointment with the recent non-renewal of the middle/high school principal.
4. Superintendent Warnock announced:
 - that he will be attending the Superintendent's Bootstrap meeting on April 18 & 19.
 - that the 21st Century program is having an on-site review by the GADOE and preliminary reports are good.
 - that he and Tecia McKay will be attending a teacher recruitment fair at Georgia Southern on April 26.
5. Superintendent Warnock updated the board on the redistricting plan. The plan has been sent to the Department of Justice for final approval.
6. The following field trip was unanimously approved on a motion by Carter, second by Mr. Frost:

JCHS Archery Team, National Archery Competition,
Louisville, KY, May 10 – 13, 2012

7. The following fund raiser was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Moorman:

JCES, Field Day T-shirt sale, May 8 – 9, 2012

8. The following facility use request for the high school gym was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Moorman, second by Mr. Carter:

Associated Housing & Economic Development,
June 9, 2012 and June 23, 2012, competitive award
winning cultural performances in dance, music, poetry
readings and song.

9. Superintendent Warnock discussed our current dual enrollment agreement with Southeastern Technical College. The Superintendent also discussed a possible agreement with Oconee Fall Line Technical College for the 2012 – 2013 school term. These details will need to be addressed further.
10. Charlie Lindsey announced that the system-level technology plan has been approved by the Georgia Department of Education. Plan is approved from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. Mr. Lindsey also updated the board on the recent OCR Compliance review.
11. The 2012-2013 School Calendar was approved on a motion by Mr. Carter, second by Mr. Jackson; unanimous approval. Calendar is attached and becomes a part of these minutes.
12. Gary Price presented two different views of the 2011 Cohort Graduation Rate report that was recently released by the Georgia Department of Education. Mr. Price explained that the primary difference is defining the cohort. The new four-year high school graduation rate defines the cohort when the student first becomes a freshman, and the rate is calculated using the number of students who graduate within four years. The old graduation rate defines the cohort upon graduation, which includes students who take more than four years to graduate from high school. Superintendent Warnock thanked staff for their hard work in tracking data.
13. Mr. Price gave an update on the newly formed agriculture committee. Plans have been finalized for a pig sale on June 15.

14. Dawn Howell informed the board that many special education policies and procedures will be changing. More updates will follow as we receive information from the Georgia Department of Education.
15. The March 2012 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Jackson, second by Mr. Carter; unanimous approval.
16. Mrs. Rebecca Thomas, JCES Principal and members of her staff presented the Elementary State of School Report. Staff members included Crystal Morgan, Debra Durden, Nancy Meeks, Sara Collins, Angela Tanner and Tecia McKay. The report included DIBELS scores, CRCT results, benchmark testing results, plus information about JCE's School Improvement Plan. Mrs. Thomas also announced that a retirement reception will be held on May 6 from 2 – 4 p.m. at the elementary school to honor Shirley Tharpe and Ora Carey. Mrs. Thomas invited everyone to attend honors night on May 14.
17. Mr. Lee Byrd, JCMS/HS Principal, updated the board on activities in his school. Mr. Byrd also discussed CRCT, end of course tests, and graduation requirements.
18. Ron Darrisaw requested an informal meeting of board members and District 3 constituents to discuss non-renewal of middle/high principal. No action was taken.
19. On a motion by Mr. Frost, second by Mr. Jackson; 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 rating of a public officer or employee and to discuss the future acquisition of real estate. After discussion, a motion was made to come out of executive session by Mr. Carter, second by Mr. Jackson; unanimous approval.
20. The following professional personnel recommendations for the 2012 – 2013 school term were submitted by Superintendent Warnock and were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Carter, second by Mr. Moorman:

Onelia Kennedy, JCM/HS
Steve McDiffitt (49%), JCM/HS
Sandra Staten, JCM/HS

21. The following personnel recommendations were submitted by Superintendent Warnock and were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Frost, second by Mr. Carter:

Substitute Food Assistants:
(pending a background check)
Susan Miller Baker
Sharon Cason
Jeannie Costley
Linda Douglas
Katherine Frost
Meagan Smith Geiger
Debra Lemon Hodges
Cassandra Rhinehart
Shonareka Hunter
Deborah Johnson
Debra Jones
Ruthie Ann Jones
Jeanette Knight
Evelyn Graddy Norris
Mishann Price
Jeanette Reese
Kathryn McCoy Warren
Ethel Wright

The meeting was then adjourned.

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OF EDUCATION

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent