

Board Minutes

March 15, 2011

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 in the board office at 7:00 p.m. with all members present. Chairman Moorman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Marty Thompson gave the invocation and Alan Frost led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The following business was transacted:

1. The proposed agenda was approved on a motion by Frost, second by Jackson; unanimous approval.
2. Brent Allen, County Extension Director, updated the board on the multi-purpose building. Mr. Allen stated that sufficient funds have been raised to buy the materials to complete the structure of the building. He explained that the building will match the existing facility and it will be completed in stages. No action was taken.
3. Marie Sumner submitted questions about the deficit elimination plan, tax anticipation note, employee benefits and rates, and supplements. A PowerPoint presentation addressed Ms. Sumner's main concerns.
4. Kenneth Sweat "passed" his time.
5. Ben Attaway "passed" his time.
6. Ron Braxton presented questions to the board concerning the credentials of the middle/high school principal. Specifically, Mr. Braxton questioned if the middle/high school principal is certified to teach high school. Superintendent Cordy responded that the principal was certified to teach elementary education but that her Leadership Certification covers grades K-12. He also questioned the proposed revamped grading system at the middle/high school. Superintendent Cordy explained that discussions about revamping the grading system have been school level discussions and that nothing has been submitted to the superintendent or the Board.
7. Sherry Smith and Donald Smith presented concerns about high school discipline issues regarding their child.
8. Darlene Hutcheson had questions about lyrics of music played at a recent high school dance. She enquired as to whether the music had been edited. She also had questions about T-shirts worn by students,

surplus equipment, teacher qualifications, budget sessions, and Dr. Hightower's job status for next school year. Dr. Sallad stated that the middle/high school will not sponsor anymore informal dances.

9. The February 15, 2011 board minutes were approved on a motion by Jackson, second by Carter; unanimous approval
10. The February 2011 financial report was approved on a motion by Carter, second by Thompson; unanimous approval.
11. A Resolution for Membership in Oconee RESA for the 2011 – 2012 school year was approved on a motion by Thompson, second by Carter; unanimous approval. Cost of membership is \$6606. Resolution is attached and becomes a part of these minutes.
12. The following fundraisers presented by Dr. Cordy were approved on a motion by Frost, second by Carter; unanimous approval:
 - JCHS Student Council, Relay for Life Tags,
3-16-2011 – 4-15-2011
 - JCHS Prom Committee, Prom T-shirts
3-16-2011 – 3-30-2011
 - JCHS Track Team, Father/Daughter Dance
4-16-2011
 - JCHS Student Council, Staff vs. Students Basketball Game,
4-29-2011
 - JCHS Student Council, JR/SR Powder-puff Game,
5-2-2011
 - JCHS Student Council, Mr. & Miss JCHS Pageant,
5-7-2011
13. Rebecca Thomas, JCES Principal, updated the board on the elementary school. Staff and students are busy preparing for CRCT. First and second grade students will be taking the CRCT unofficially on line since the state is not mandating tests in these grades. This will help the students prepare for the test when they become third graders.
14. Dr. Runee Sallad, JCMS/HS Principal, updated the board on the middle/high school. Middle school students are busy preparing for CRCT. Intervention and remediation strategies are in place. Staff is planning some celebrations of success to help motivate students. A third *Wii* are family night is being planned. Middle school teachers are working on a stem grant with a focus on math and science.

- 15. Gary Price reported that the final FTE count for this school year is in progress. Mr. Price will have final reports to present at a later board meeting.
- 16. Board member Donnie Carter reminded everyone that there are two sides to every story. Mr. Carter also stated that he knows everyone wants immediate answers but that is not always possible. He insured everyone that the board does look into issues and tries to provide answers and that it takes time to do so.
- 17. On a motion by Frost, second by Carter; 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. After discussion, a motion was made to come out of executive session by Jackson, second by Frost; unanimous approval.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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