

Board Minutes

March 16, 2010

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 in the board office with all members present. Chairman Moorman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Marty Thompson gave the invocation and Bill Jackson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The following business was transacted:

1. The proposed agenda was amended to allow Ronnie Hutcheson to address the board. Amended agenda was approved on a motion by Carter, second by Frost; unanimous approval.
2. Ronnie Hutcheson informed the board that he has concerns with a school bus coming on his property. Superintendent Cordy will send Roland Thomas to check on the situation.
3. Paula Helton addressed the board with her concerns about a possible new dress code policy which would require students to wear uniforms. Mrs. Helton is opposed to student uniforms and presented research and a signed petition opposing implementing a Uniform Dress Code Policy.
4. JCES Principal Thomas introduced members of her staff at each grade level, as well as Elaine Merritt and Tecia McKay, to give the State of the School Report for JCES. Teachers from each grade level gave a PowerPoint presentation about test scores and student progress over the past several years in reading and math. The presentation included DIBELS scores, CRCT scores, and OAS data. The data presented showed a trend of overall progress, with several grades making progress toward 100% achievement in some areas. Teachers discussed interventions that are currently in place to provide needs-based instruction to specific students in reading and math. Mrs. Thomas reminded the group that even though math scores are somewhat lower than reading, the school has made AYP with these scores for the past six years. In addition to scores, Tecia McKay presented some information about the school's improvement plan and how all improvement efforts have been based upon student achievement data and input from parents and teachers.
5. Due to illness and staff members being out of town for training, Principal Curtis Dixon gave a State of the School address for the JCMS/HS. He began by stating two beliefs: 1. Johnson County students can learn. 2. Johnson County has a good school system. Mr. Dixon

pointed out that Johnson County Middle and Johnson County High School are Accredited with Quality by the Georgia Accrediting Commission. Johnson County High School is accredited by AdvancED until June 30, 2014 and is a certified Work Ready School. In terms of AYP, Mr. Dixon stated that JCHS was in Needs Improvement, Year 2. He shared the data that documented the schools status for the last two years. The data for JCMS indicates that the school is in Needs Improvement, Year 7. Dixon further shared the facts concerning the identification of the At-Risk groups of students and what strategies and interventions have been put in place to get the schools out of the Needs Improvement status.

6. The February 16, 2010 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the February 25, 2010 Called Board Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion Frost, second by Carter; unanimous approval.
7. The February 2010 Financial Report was approved on a motion by Thompson, second by Jackson; unanimous approval.
8. The following field trips and fundraisers were approved on a motion by Carter, second by Thompson; unanimous approval.
 - FCCLA, Athens, State Convention March 18 – 20, 2010
 - FFA, State CDEs, Covington, March 19 – 20, 2010
 - Band, Carowinds, Charlotte, NC April 7 – 9, 2010
 - FFA, State Convention, April 22 – 24, 2010
 - JCHS Athletic Dept., Coke Products, April 26 – May 7, 2010
 - Varsity Football, Kids Football Camp, June 7 – 8, 2010 Varsity Football, Car Wash, August 7, 2010
9. Superintendent Cordy presented a preliminary plan to convert middle school all purpose gym into an auditorium. Superintendent Cordy updated the board on the current HVAC project. Project will be completed during Spring holidays.
10. Chairman Moorman welcomed Dr. Runee Sallad to the board meeting and to the system. Dr. Sallad will be the principal of Johnson County Middle/High School next year. Dr. Sallad gave a brief biography and is excited about working in Johnson County and is looking forward to a great year.
11. On a motion by Carter, second by 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. After discussion, a motion was made to come out of executive session by Frost; second by Carter; unanimous approval.

12. On a motion by Frost, second by Carter; unanimous approval was given on the following personnel issues as recommended by Superintendent Cordy:

New Hires:

Lisa Bowman, JCMS Social Studies
effective February 22, 2010 – May 26, 2010

Resignations:

Shelly Stancil – JCMS Social Studies
effective February 1, 2010

Felisha Brown – Mental Health Therapist
effective March 19, 2010

Gina Bright – JCES/JCMS Teacher of Gifted
effective end of school year

Melanie Lott – JCHS Business Ed Teacher
effective end of school year

Clair Johnson – JCMS Paraprofessional
effective end of school year

The meeting was then adjourned.

Chairman

CSS