

Board Minutes
April 19, 2018

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, April 19, 2018 in the board office at 6:00 p.m. Kevin Brantley, Donald Smith, Chris Fields, Alvin P. Moorman, and Marty Thompson were present. Mr. Brantley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Thompson gave the invocation and Mr. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The following business was transacted:

1. The proposed agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
2. The March 20, 2018 regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Fields: unanimous approval.
3. The March 2018 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Fields; unanimous approval.
4. Superintendent Morris presented Policy JBC1 concerning Homeless Policies and Procedures for second reading. This second reading was approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Fields; unanimous approval. This policy is attached and becomes a part of these minutes.
5. Superintendent Morris and board members discussed the upcoming SPLOST 4 election on May 22, 2018. Mr. Morris has spoken with several community groups already and is available if anyone needs more information.
6. The following field trips and fund raising requests were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Smith:
 - JCMHS, FFA, Macon, April 26-28, 2018
 - JCMS, Competition Cheer, Camp, Marietta, GA June 18-22, 2018
 - JCES, PE, Field Day T-shirts, April 20 – May 4, 2018
 - JCHS Girls' Basketball, Yard Sale, May 12, 2018
 - JCHS Girls' Basketball, Car Wash, May 26, 2018
7. Mr. Howard, JCES Principal, shared some student work in the area of math. He also noted that students and staff were working hard during testing. He announced that JCES has received the Summer Transitional Program grant again this year to help certain rising kindergarten students.
8. Mr. Bethea, JCMHS Assistant Principal, announced that their school was also in the middle of testing and it was going great. It is all computer based this year. He also proudly announced that the baseball team was beginning state playoffs and two areas of the track team were going to regionals.
9. Mr. Jeffery Burke, GMC Instructor, spoke to the board concerning dual enrollment and programs offered at our school. He said they were pushing for

100% college acceptance. He has been working with Mrs. Merritt and Mrs. Shepard to identify any students who have not applied for college. He commended our students for all their hard work.

10. Mr. Charlie Lindsey, Director of Technology, Facilities, Transportation, and SIS, updated the board on several items. The new sound equipment at the football field has been installed. The digital sign on Hwy 319 is installed and operational. The HVAC project is complete at the middle/high school. Also, the grading of the property for future athletic complex is complete. Roof repairs are in progress and middle/high gym floor repairs are scheduled for the last week of June and first two weeks of July.
11. Mrs. Tecia McKay, Director of Curriculum and School Improvement, updated the board on upcoming events. These include Scholarship night on May 1 for parent engagement at the school level. At the district level, the Title I District planning meeting on May 4 and the annual Parent Satisfaction Surveys (hard copies and on the district website) allow for more parent input. There will also be a district improvement leadership retreat June 4-5, 2018.
12. Superintendent Morris reminded the board there would be a budget workshop meeting on April 26, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.
13. On a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Thompson; 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. Moorman, second by Mr. Fields; unanimous approval.
14. Superintendent Morris presented personnel recommendations. The following recommendations were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Smith:

Resignation:

Karlettia Jackson, effective end of contract
Brian Pryor, effective end of contract
Amanda Lake, effective end of contract
Jennifer Martin, effective end of contract
Cindy Jarrard, Retirement
Rebecca Frost, Retirement

To Hire:

Brandi Ussery, Substitute Teacher

To Hire 2018-2019 School Year

James Rowland
Zachery Dollar
Maurese Stanley
Renee McGraw
Traci Copeland
Manda Carter

Taylor Mims

15. The meeting was then adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

**JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD
OF EDUCATION**

By: Ken Bratby
Chairman

Attest: Edelman
Superintendent

Policy
Homeless Students**Descriptor Code: JBC(1)**

Date Proposed Updates / Revision: 8/2010

In accordance with the McKinney-Vento **Homeless** Assistance Act, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act (42.U.S.C. 11431 et seq.), the Johnson County Board of Education will adhere to the guiding principle that all eligible children and youth who reside within the Johnson County School District are entitled to a free, appropriate public education. The school district will work with **homeless** children, youths, and their families to provide stability in school attendance and other services. Special attention will be given to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of **homeless** children and youths not currently attending school in a manner that will not stigmatize or segregate them on the basis of their status as **homeless**. **Homeless** students will be provided district services for which they are eligible, including Head Start and comparable pre-school programs, Title I, similar state programs, educational programs for students with disabilities or limited English proficiency, vocational and technical education programs, gifted and talented programs and school nutrition programs. Our school district will ensure that children and youth

Definition: In accordance with the Act and State Board Rule 160-5-1-.28 (JBC), the term "Homeless Child and Youth" is defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including children and youth who are:

- a. Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reasons;
- b. Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- c. Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- d. Abandoned in hospitals;
- e. Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, or bus or train stations,
or similar settings;
- f. Sleeping in primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily
used as, regular sleeping accommodations
- g. Migratory, or living in the circumstances described above.

A child or youth shall be considered to be experiencing homelessness for as long as he or she is in a living situation described above.

Unaccompanied youth means a youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, who is experiencing homelessness.

Immediate means without delay.

Parent means a person having legal or physical custody of a child or youth.

School of origin means the school the child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled.

Liaison is the staff person designated by our LEA and each LEA in the state as the person responsible for carrying out the duties assigned to the liaison by the McKinney-Vento Act.

Liaison Designation / Awareness: The superintendent will designate a homeless liaison. The liaison will train school personnel on possible indicators of homelessness, sensitivity in identifying families and youth as experiencing homelessness, and procedures for forwarding information indicating homelessness to the liaison. The district liaison will also obtain a building liaison for every school. The building liaison will lead and coordinate their schools' compliance with this policy and receive training annually from the local liaison.

Identification: In collaboration with school personnel and community organizations, the district homeless liaison will identify children and youth experiencing homelessness within our school district. The liaison will also inform school registrars and secretaries to inquire about possible homelessness upon the enrollment and withdrawal of every student, and to forward information indicating homelessness to the liaison. Community partners in identification may include: motels, food pantry, Johnson County Family Connection Collaborative (grass-roots community effort to help families and children), Department of Family and Children Services and other social services agencies, faith based organizations, truancy and attendance officers, local homeless coalitions and legal services. The liaison will keep data on the number of children and youth experiencing homelessness in the district, where they are living, their academic achievement (including on state- and district-wide assessments), and the reasons for any enrollment delays, interruptions in their education or school transfers.

School Selection / School of Origin: Each child and youth experiencing homelessness has the right to remain at his or her school of origin, or to attend any school that students living in the same attendance area are eligible to attend.

Enrollment: Johnson County Schools will immediately enroll any child or youth experiencing homelessness. Due to the realities of homelessness and mobility, students experiencing homelessness may not have school documents readily available. Therefore, the school selected for enrollment will immediately enroll any child or youth experiencing homelessness. Unaccompanied youth will also be immediately enrolled by themselves, a parent or non-parent caretaker, and may not be denied or delayed due to lack of any document normally required for enrollment.

Transportation: Homeless children and youth are entitled to receive transportation and other services provided to non-homeless students. Without appropriate transportation a student may not be able to continue at his or her school of origin. To avoid unnecessary school transfers, transportation will be provided:

- To and from the school of origin at the parent's request and if this is deemed to be in the best interest of the child
- For the entire time the child or youth has a right to attend the school of origin, including pending disputes

The liaison shall inform parents of this right to transportation before they select a school for attendance. Transportation to and from the school of origin if this is considered to be in the best interest of the child, and arrangements shall be processed without delay. If the student experiencing homelessness is living in Johnson County but attending school in another district, or attending school in Johnson County and living in another district, Johnson County will follow the inter-district transportation agreement to determine who must arrange transportation. It is our district's policy that inter-district disputes shall not result in a student missing school. If such disputes arise, Johnson County will arrange transportation and immediately bring the matter to the attention of the Director of Pupil

Services and, as appropriate, the State Coordinator for Education of Homeless Children and Youth.

Comparable Services: Children and youth experiencing homelessness shall be provided services comparable to services offered to other students in the school selected, including: transportation, Title I program services, educational services for which the student meeting eligibility criteria, including special education and related services and programs for English language learners, vocational and technical education programs, gifted and talented programs, School nutrition programs, Before-school and after-school program when applicable

Title I, Part A: Children and youth experiencing homelessness are automatically eligible for Title I, Part A services. The instability of homelessness put students at high risk of academic regression and warrants additional support. Johnson County School District will provide services comparable to those provided to Title I students based on the per-pupil expenditure. Support will be provided to remove barriers that hinder regular attendance. The district's Title I plan coordinates with the McKinney-Vento services, though collaboration of the Title I Director and the local homeless liaison. Children and youth experiencing homelessness will be assessed, reported on, and included in accountability systems as required by federal law and U.S. Department of Education regulations and guidance.

Disputes: If a dispute arises over any issue covered in this policy, the child or youth experiencing homelessness shall be admitted immediately to the school in which enrollment is sought pending final resolution of the dispute. The student shall also have the same rights to all appropriate educational services, transportation, free meals, and Title I services while the dispute is pending. Dispute resolution guidelines and procedures are listed below:

The school where the dispute arises will provide the parent or unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of its decision and the right to appeal and will refer the parent or youth to the district liaison immediately. The district liaison will ensure that the student is enrolled in the requested school and receiving other services to which he or she is entitled and will resolve the dispute as expeditiously as possible. The parent or unaccompanied youth will be given every opportunity to participate meaningfully in the resolution of the dispute. The district liaison will keep records of all disputes in order to determine whether particular issues or schools are delaying or denying the enrollment of children and youth experiencing homelessness repeatedly.

The parent, unaccompanied youth, or school district may appeal the school district's decision as provided in the state's dispute resolution process.

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Date Adopted:

NOTE: *The State of Georgia has moved the Georgia Code. This new environment no longer allows us to link directly to the Georgia Code. For example enter 20-02-0211 in the search window and the Georgia Code will appear.*

Georgia Code	Description
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0150	<u>Eligibility for enrollment</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0293	<u>Student attending school in system other than system of student's residence</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0690.1	<u>Mandatory education for children between 6 and 16</u>
O.C.G.A. 20-02-0694	<u>Administration/enforcement of attendance reqts.</u>
Rule 160-5-1-.28	<u>Student Enrollment and Withdrawal</u>
US Code	Description

42 USC 11431

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

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Date Adopted: 12/20/2005

Last Revised: 4/19/2018

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