

**Board Minutes**  
**March 15, 2022**

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 in the board office at 6:00 p.m. Chris Fields, Kevin Brantley, Alvin P. Moorman, Donald Smith, and Marty Thompson were present. Chairman Fields 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 agenda was amended to include awarding the Construction Manager for the JCES renovation project. The amended agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval.
2. The February 15, 2022 regular board meeting and the February 22, 2022 called board meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval.
3. The February 2022 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Moorman; unanimous approval.
4. Superintendent Morris presented a SWSS Contract Amendment for discussion. This amendment was approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Smith; unanimous approval.
5. Superintendent Morris and Board Members discussed the selection of a Delegate and Alternate for representation at the Georgia School Board's Association meeting in Savannah in June. Approval was given for Mr. Brantley to serve as Delegate and Mr. Thompson to be the Alternate on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Moorman: unanimous approval.
6. The following field trip and fund-raising requests were approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval:
  - JCHS FCCLA. Athens, March 24-25, 2022
  - JCHS Beta, Father/Daughter Dance, April 23, 2022
  - JCMHS Office, JOCO Sweatshirts, March 14 – May 19, 2022
7. Mr. Reid Bethea, JCMHS Principal, discussed things going on with his school. Middle School is continuing to prepare for Milestone testing. Mrs. Ashley McCoy's class is leading the middle school in vocabulary.com and the middle school is ranked 39<sup>th</sup> in the state. High School is continuing to prepare for End of Course tests. PI night was a success. Three credit recovery options are being offered before and after school. High School is currently ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the state on vocabulary.com. Both schools had successful PBIS celebration days thanks to Ms. Wheeler, Mrs. Attaway and the rest of the staff. Both schools also have ongoing spring sports.
8. Mr. Charles Howard, JCES Principal updated the board on his school. He presented discipline data for February. He also announced that students had taken

the Reading Inventory and scores had improved for 191 students. Afterschool prep is being done with students for the Milestone Testing. Summer activities are being planned for students including possibilities of Art, Music, Academics, and Athletics, all to lessen the learning loss that has occurred during the pandemic. STEM night is planned for March 31, 2022.

9. Mrs. Gina Bright, JCHS Beta Advisor, presented an informative slide show on the students and projects from the recent BETA Convention. Johnson County took 80+ kids and over 50 placed fifth place or higher and will be representing our school at the national level this summer in Nashville, TN.
10. Mr. Charlie Lindsey, Associate Superintendent, explained to the board that the RFP submittals for the renovation project at elementary school were received on February 7, 2022. A total of four firms responded with three selected for interviews. After the evaluation of the submittals and the interview process, Pope Construction scored the highest on the criteria. On a recommendation by Mr. Moorman, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval was to award the project manager to Pope Construction of Statesboro, GA. Mr. Lindsey told the board that he would keep them up to date on next steps and shared that material availability for the project would likely determine the timeline.
11. Mrs. Tecia McKay, Associate Superintendent, updated the board on Federal Programs including our new social worker who is highly focused on attendance, home visits, and supporting afterschool programs. Parent Engagement is celebrating Parent Leaders informally supporting the schools with classroom observations.
12. Superintendent Morris presented a facility request for AAU Basketball to use the MS Gym for a tryout and practice session on March 27, 2022. This request was approved on a motion by Mr. Moorman, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval. They also approved to waive the facility use fee.
13. Superintendent Morris recognized the board members as this is School Board Member's Appreciation Week. He presented them with a certificate and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to this community and the students of Johnson County.
14. On a motion by Mr. Brantley, 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. Brantley, unanimous approval.
15. Superintendent Morris presented personnel recommendations. The recommendations below were approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Smith, unanimous approval.

To Hire:

Kim Blair, transfer to Clerical  
Cameron Bailey, Teacher

George Cauley, Paraprofessional  
Robin Daniels, Teacher  
Abigail Holley, Teacher  
Ashton Rowland, Teacher

Resignations:

Redessa Crawford  
Angela Edwards, Retirement

16. Chairman Fields called for a motion to name a sole finalist for the Superintendent position beginning July 1, 2022. Unanimous approval was given to name Dr. Christopher Watkins for this position on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Brantley.
17. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD  
OF EDUCATION**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Superintendent**