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The Johnson County Board of Education

August 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Johnson County Board of Education

Central Office Building/Called Meeting

1. Discuss and approve a plan for the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19 increasing numbers in Johnson County
2. Discuss and approve the 2020-2021 school calendar due to changes made with the increasing numbers of COVID-19 in Johnson County

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Action taken on Agenda

The Johnson County Board of Education met in a called meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, called meeting was called to order by Mr. Carlton at 5:00 p. m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Reece, all Board Members were present, Serena Warren, recorder.

1. Discuss and approve a plan for the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19 increasing numbers in Johnson County
2. Discuss and approve the 2020-2021 school calendar due to changes made with the increasing numbers of COVID-19 in Johnson County

Item #1, a motion was made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Matheson and was approved with the following roll call: Mr. Long-yes, Mr. Matheson-yes, Mr. Payne-yes, Ms. Reece-yes, and Mr. Carlton-yes approving Option 1 of the Johnson County School System Reopening Plan: (see attached of Johnson County School System Reopening Plan Option 1)

*** more information concerning athletics (TSSAA) regarding liability issues in sports due to COVID-19 concerns. Also more discussion on before/after school childcare (KCCC). Both will be addressed at the scheduled August 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting



Johnson County School System Reopening Plan

Johnson County Schools will start with Full Virtual classes from August 17-28, then the Board will reassess the current situation.

During virtual learning the following measures will be followed:

- Staff members will be on site and teachers will be delivering instruction over virtual platforms with posted office hours.
- Students will not be on site. They will be actively engaged five days per week and will be held accountable for their learning.
- Students will receive grades based on daily class assignments, projects and exams.
- Nutritional services will be provided for students who have completed the required information through the school nutrition department. *(This form will be made available to our parents within the next day or so)*
 - Bus routes will deliver meals to students who have completed the required information.
 - Meal pick-up will be available at Mountain City Elementary daily between 11:00-12:00.
- Johnson County Schools have a limited number of mobile technology devices that can be used by students who do not have access to technology at their home. These devices will be given at the school level on a first come basis, one device per family.
- Johnson County Schools has extended our wireless access to school and central office parking lots for students who cannot receive internet access at their home. Additional measures will be considered on a case by case basis for students unable to access adequate internet for virtual learning.
- Student email addresses have been issued for all students in PreK-12 and will be the primary means of communication.
- Employees can bring their school age children to remain in their classrooms/offices
- Per Governor Lee's Executive Order 55, Activities are allowed per the TSSAA COVID-19 Sports Regulations, and the Northeast Tennessee School Systems Athletics Activity Return to Action Plan guidance.

More information concerning athletics and before/after school childcare will be discussed at regularly scheduled August 13th school board meeting.

Item #2, a motion was made by Ms. Reece and seconded by Mr. Matheson and was approved with the following roll call: Mr. Long-yes, Mr. Matheson-yes, Mr. Payne-yes, Ms. Reece-yes and Mr. Carlton-yes, approving 2020-2021, Johnson County School System Revised Calendar Option #1, with the following changes:

- Start date – August 17, 2020
- No Fall Break
- Take Wednesday, November 25, 2020 away
- No MLK Day
- No President's Day
- End date with 180 days-May 19, 2020 (5 built in snow days end date-May 26, 2020)

Each Board member thanked everyone for their work in providing the information and a plan for our school system.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Carlton, the called meeting ended at 7:05pm

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(Dr. Mischelle Simcox)

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