

## **Board Minutes January 17, 2023**

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 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 approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Moorman; unanimous approval.
2. The December 13, 2022 board meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
3. The December 2022 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval.
4. Superintendent Watkins presented a board meeting calendar for 2023. This calendar was approved on a motion by Mr. Moorman, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval. This schedule is attached and becomes a part of these minutes.
5. Superintendent Watkins presented two options for the 2023-2024 school calendar. The board agreed by consensus to table this decision until the February board meeting.
6. The following field trip and fund-raising requests were approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval:
  - JCMS Jr. BETA, National Convention, Louisville, KY, June 20 – 23, 2023
  - JCHS Basketball Cheer, Gourmet Popcorn, Jan. 23 – 27, 2023
  - JCMHS Tennis, Trojan Apparel, Jan. 31 – Feb. 20, 2023
7. Mr. Charles Howard, JCES Principal, shared student art work from the recent competition at Oconee RESA where these students won 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. He discussed the discipline data for his school. JCES has one student competing in the upcoming Regional Technology Competition. He also invited board members to PTO on January 26, 2023 where first grade will be in charge of the program.
8. Mr. Reid Bethea, JCMHS Principal, updated the board on discipline data for both schools. The second APTT meeting will be held on January 24, 2023. He was also proud to announce that 11 middle school students qualified for the National BETA competition being held in Louisville, KY in June. Credit recovery will begin in February focusing on Juniors and Seniors first. He congratulated Alex Wiggins and Karlee Powell for being named Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively. Varsity Basketball is about half way over. Our girls are leading in the Region and our boys are currently in third place. Spring sports are all practicing for their upcoming seasons at both schools.
9. Superintendent Watkins presented for Mrs. Tecia McKay, Associate Superintendent, in her absence. He introduced Ms. Kensy Wilcher and some of her students for a presentation. The focus was Social Studies SWIRL aligned with Instructional Technology. He also discussed areas of Curriculum/School Improvement, Federal Programs, and Professional Development with highlights on the following; Progress Monitoring, ESSER III funding, and Success Criteria – Student self-assessing.

10. Mr. Charlie Lindsay, Associate Superintendent, shared the spec board for the Elementary School renovation project. He noted that the project is still on schedule.
11. Superintendent Watkins updated the board on the following:
- Letters of intent (surveys) have been distributed and are due Jan. 23, 2023.
  - District Staff Development on Emotional Poverty with Dr. Ruby Payne
  - Elementary Renovation Project
  - GLISI training for leadership
  - REACH Scholars program
12. On a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Brantley; 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. Brantley, second by Mr. Moorman; unanimous approval.
13. Superintendent Watkins presented personnel recommendations. The recommendations below were approved on a motion by Mr. Moorman, second by Mr. Smith, unanimous approval.
- To Hire:  
Aiden Greenway, Community Coach, Baseball
- Resignations:  
Glenda Berry
14. Chairman Fields opened the floor for nominations for board chairman and board vice chairman. Mr. Moorman made a motion to have Mr. Fields and Mr. Smith remain chairman and vice chairman, respectively. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson with unanimous approval.
15. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

**JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD  
OF EDUCATION**

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

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