

Board Minutes July 18, 2023

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, July 18, 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 amended to include Superintendent's evaluation and quotes from the athletic department. The amended agenda approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Moorman; unanimous approval.
2. The June 6, 2023 called meeting and the June 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval.
3. The June 2023 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Moorman; unanimous approval.
4. The following fund-raising request was approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval:
 - o JCMS PBIS, August 2023 – May 2024, \$1.00 tickets, Friday hat days
5. Mr. Reid Bethea, JCMHS Principal, distributed the new handbook to the board members. He recognized Ma'Kaysia Devero for winning first place at the National BETA convention recently in Louisville, Kentucky. He also introduced the Girls' track team and congratulated them on a winning season. Present were: Coach Alphonza Griffin, Coach Kim Blair, Curtevia Blair, Ma'riyah Poole, Ma'Kaysia Devero, and Curmya Blair.
6. Mrs. Tecia McKay, Associate Superintendent, updated the board on federal programs including Title I and ESSER III. She noted that the district is expecting to get all carryover funds and is seeking stakeholder input for use of funds concerning ESSER III. In the area of professional development, she also noted that some summer PD training by GA DOE was completed to prep for the new school year based on standards-based instruction.
7. Dr. Hanna Kiser, Director of Special Education/CTAE updated the board on the Mindset Deescalating Training being held July 17-18, 2023. She noted that there were approximately 30 staff members including district administrators, school administrators, special education teachers, and regular education teachers participating. Dr. Watkins commended Dr. Kiser for having this very engaging training and for being a great asset to our administrative team.
8. Mr. Charlie Lindsey, Associate Superintendent, announced that the six new buses are in, including one special education bus. He updated the board on the elementary renovation. As of today, the project is about 2.5 weeks ahead of

schedule and slightly under budget. Furniture, etc. have been moved back to the classrooms. He noted that the school looks great and he thinks it is something that everyone including the community can be 'proud of'. Dr. Watkins commended Mr. Lindsey on his success of overseeing this major project and said it was a 'job well done' and that Mr. Lindsey was also a great asset to the districts' administration team.

9. Officer Anthony Akridge addressed the board with safety concerns with students crossing Herschel Walker Drive in front of the schools. His proposal is to install an additional crosswalk. He talked with a local contractor who is willing to do the painting at no cost. The only cost to the system is the signs noting the crosswalk. Superintendent Watkins recommended that the board proceed with getting this crosswalk installed. On a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval was given to have this project done.
10. Superintendent Watkins presented the final GSBA Board Recognition Application Program. He explained what needed to be done to complete this program. On a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval was given to proceed with the program.
11. Superintendent Watkins presented a quote from the Athletic Department for sanding at the Athletic Complex. After discussion Mr. Thompson made a motion; second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval was given to have the work done at the cost of \$2,300.00.
12. On a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Smith; 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. Smith; unanimous approval.
13. Superintendent Watkins presented personnel recommendations. The recommendations below were approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Brantley, unanimous approval.

To Hire:

Jade Johnson, Teacher

Precious Landaverde, Teacher

14. Superintendent and board members discussed the mandatory intruder alert drill (HB 147) that will be held before October 1, 2023. On a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval was given to allow parents the option for their child to opt out of this drill if they so desire.

15. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent