

**MINUTES OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 14, 2024**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - Moment of Silence
 - Pledge
3. Public Comments
4. Recognition of Visitors or Delegations Participation:
 - Johnson County High School/Johnson County Vocational School/CTE
 - Richard Church (Dual Enrollment Partner-Spring 2024)
 - SCOPE Conference: Vanessa Perkins and Jackson Clifton
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Action taken on Agenda Items:

1. The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2024, Mr. Robinson called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Payne
2. The roll was called with the following member's present Mr. Hollaway present, Mr. Matheson-present, Mr. Payne-present, Ms. Reece-present and Mr. Robinson-present. Senior Student Board Member Vanessa Perkins-present and Ms. Warren, recorder present.
3. Public Comments
 - Donna Crotts addressed the Board about the preschool and daycare at Laurel Elementary to add Laurel Elementary on the application and also if there were any updates on the parking lot as well.
 - Christopher Jones addressed the Board concerning materials needed for his child in larger print and also of bullying issues

4. Recognition of Visitors or Delegations Participation:

- Johnson County High School/Johnson County Vocational School/CTE, Mr. Dunham-Principal a presentation spotlighting organization offer to our students: robotics, drama, band, chorus, FFA, dual enrollment classes offered and middle college classes offered as well.
- Richard Church (Dual Enrollment Partner-Spring 2024), presented Platinum Level Dual Enrollment Partner with TCAT (Tennessee College of Applied Technology) banner for spring 2024. He thanked the Board and the support and for the partnership with Johnson County School System.
- SCOPE Conference: Vanessa Perkins and Jackson Clifton, was move to report of Student Board Member on the agenda
- Johnson County Youth League Football to use Johnson County High School, football field for the 2024 season, Ms. Misste Phillippi thanked the Board for the use of the JCHS football field last year and is asking permission to use the field again this year for the JCYL. A motion was made by Mr. Matheson and seconded by Mr. Payne and carried by the following roll call:

Mr. Hollaway-yes, Mr. Matheson-yes, Mr. Payne-yes, Ms. Reece-yes and Mr. Robinson-yes

After speaking with Ben Torres at TSBA Item #5 has to be the first actionable item in the agenda so therefore a motion needs to be made to make this an actionable item on the agenda before the approval of the Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Ms. Reece and carried by the following roll call: Mr. Hollaway-yes, Mr. Matheson-yes, Mr. Payne-yes, Ms. Reece-yes and Mr. Robinson-yes –This is item #5 moving the other line items by one

5. Item #6, Approve Director of Schools Contract and authorize the Executive Committee to negotiate the new contract, a motion was made by Mr. Payne for a renewal of a 2 year contract with Dr. Mischelle Simcox seconded by Ms. Reece and carried by the following roll call: Mr. Hollaway-yes, Mr. Matheson-no, Mr. Payne-yes, Ms. Reece-yes and Mr. Robinson-yes
Chairman and Director of Schools signed the contract and it was notarized by Ms. Lipford
Dr. Simcox thanked the Board and looks forward to working with them

6. Item #7, Consent Agenda

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7. Item #8, Report of Student Board Member – Vanessa Perkins, SCOPE 2024 conference presentation from Vanessa Perkins and Jackson Clifton: they thanked the Board for letting them attend SCOPE
Vanessa highlighted:

- I attended a mock school board meeting to discuss whether early school starting times should be implemented
- I had the opportunity to discuss the pros of banning cellphone use in schools to prepare for a debate
- My favorite thing was the realization during the mock meeting that the effect of school policies extend beyond the schools into the community and need the help of many to perfect
- Also I learned the importance of constructive criticism while preparing our debate speaker

Jackson Clifton highlighted:

- I attended a mock school board meeting in which we discussed whether or not starting an hour later would be beneficial to students, teachers, and parents
- I had the opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of our debate topic, creating strong defenses for our pros and counterarguments for the cons
- I enjoyed the experience it helped to show me how important it is to consider every possible person affected by a new policy and how to prepare a speaker for a debate session

Ms. Perkins continued with important dates:

- March 14, softball plays at Elizabethton and baseball plays at Patrick Henry
- March 15, softball play at Ash & Northwood
- March 20-22, cheer try-outs
- April 5-7, 12-13, Wizard of Oz play
- Tennis matches have begun

8. Items #9, Approve the new Five Year Plan (**Attachment 8**), a motion was made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Ms. Reece and carried by the following roll call: Mr. Hollaway-yes, Mr. Matheson-yes, Mr. Payne-yes, Ms. Reece-yes and Mr. Robinson-yes
9. Items #10, Recommendation of tenure candidates:
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Ms. Wills addressed the Board concerning the candidates for tenure, Dr. Simcox recommended them for tenure and Board approval would be held at next month's Board meeting
10. Item #11, Discussion/Approve the Johnson County Senior Center Expansion of Front Project pending final County Commission Approval, Dr. Payne shared presentation of proposed buildout for front porch and all the activities held at the Johnson County Senior Center. He requested approval from the Board to move forward with the expansion of front project pending final approval from the County Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Matheson and seconded by Mr. Payne and carried with the following roll call: Mr. Hollaway-yes, Mr. Matheson-yes, Mr. Payne-yes, Ms. Reece-yes and Mr. Robinson-yes- Dr. Payne thanked the Board
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17. Item #18, Budget Update – Tina Lipford, Ms. Lipford updated the Board on revenue and appropriation expended in General Purpose School Fund, Federal Projects, Central Cafeteria and Head Start for the month of February 2024. Also sales tax collection and property tax collection that were received

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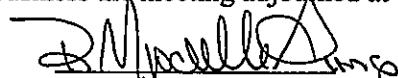
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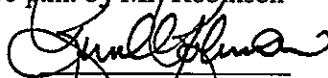
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Ms. Reece made a motion that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Mr. Payne there being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Robinson



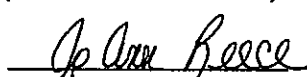
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GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND
COURT AMENDMENT
March 14, 2024

(Attachment 6a)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	AMENDED BUDGET
141-43570	RECEIPTS FROM INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS	\$4,659.17	\$990.00		\$5,649.17
141-44170	MISCELLANEOUS REFUNDS	\$82,789.86	\$21,311.10		\$104,100.96
		\$87,449.03	\$22,301.10	\$0.00	\$109,750.13
THE ABOVE FUNDS WERE COLLECTED, RECEIPTED AND DEPOSITED WITH THE TRUSTEE AND ARE BEING AMENDED INTO THE APPROPRIATE LINE ITEMS BELOW:					
43570 RECEIPTS FROM IND. SCHOOLS: \$990.00: FIELDTRIP DRIVER \$730.00, FIELDTRIP FUEL \$260.00					
44170 MISC. REFUNDS: \$21,311.10: FINGERPRINT FEES \$137.00, SUPPLY REFUND \$.08, MRT \$85.00, HEART CHALLENGE \$250.00, PARAPRO TEST REFUND \$50.00, TRANSCRIPT REIMBURSE \$146.76, NURSING SERVICE REIMBURSE \$34.76, PARADE FLOAT \$150.00, UTRUST GRANT \$20,100.00, BADGE REPLACE \$5.00, FIELDTRIP DRIVER \$50.00, BUS BANNER FEE \$302.50					
141-71200-429	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	\$22,968.36	\$0.08		\$22,968.44
141-72110-599	OTHER CHARGES	\$8,887.76	\$146.76		\$9,034.52
141-72120-189	OTHER SALARIES & WAGES	\$43,282.61	\$34.76		\$43,317.37
141-72120-599	OTHER CHARGES	\$6,936.30	\$335.00		\$7,271.30
141-72130-322	EVALUATION AND TESTING	\$12,825.00	\$50.00		\$12,875.00
141-72130-790	OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$5,000.00	\$20,250.00		\$25,250.00
141-72210-599	OTHER CHARGES	\$7,520.00	\$5.00		\$7,525.00
141-72520-599	OTHER CHARGES	\$1,194.00	\$137.00		\$1,331.00
141-72710-146	BUS DRIVERS	\$273,789.00	\$700.00		\$274,489.00
141-72710-412	DIESEL FUEL	\$275,701.00	\$340.00		\$276,041.00
141-72710-729	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	\$28,355.00	\$302.50		\$28,657.50
	TOTALS	\$686,459.03	\$22,301.10	\$0.00	\$708,760.13
	FEBRUARY FUNDS RECEIVED				
141-34555	RESERVED FOR EDUCATION	\$204,723.37		\$50,000.00	\$154,723.37
141-71300-448	T&I CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00		\$75,000.00
	TOTALS	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00
	TRANSFER CTE HOUSE FUNDS FROM RESERVES				