

Board Minutes April 16, 2024

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 in the board office at 6:00 p.m. Donald Smith, Kevin Brantley, Chris Fields, Alvin P. Moorman, and Marty Thompson were present. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Moorman gave the invocation and Mr. Fields led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The following business was transacted:

1. The proposed agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval.
2. The March 19, 2024 regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
3. The March 2024 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval.
4. Superintendent Watkins presented the RUS Grant Application. (Rural Utilities Service). This application and the 13% match fee associated with the grant was approved on a motion by Mr. Moorman, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
5. The following field trips and fund-raising requests were approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Fields; unanimous approval:
 - JCHS Senior Class, Six Flags, May 3 – 4, 2024
 - JCHS Track & Field, Doughnuts, April 17, 2024 – May 1, 2024
 - JCHS BETA, Daddy Daughter Dance, April 27, 2024
 - JCMS Girls Basketball, Doughnuts, May 13 – 19, 2024
6. Mr. Charles Howard, JCES Principal, updated the board on the discipline data from his school. He announced that Georgia Milestone testing would be April 22 – 29, 2024. He also noted that the teachers and staff are making plans for next school year and he would be having his PAC (parent advisory committee) on Thursday, April 25, 2024
7. Mr. Reid Betha, JCMHS Principal also updated the board on his school's discipline data. He announced several activities taking place at both schools including: Middle School SEL day, PAC meeting on April 24, 2024, and Milestone Testing on April 22 – 30, 2024. High School – 1st place in Oconee RESA High School Math Contest, CAN Parent Planning Meeting on April 23, 2024, and End of Course Testing on May 6 – 14, 2024. He congratulated Miketavious Marion and Gina Bright for being named the March Rotary Student and Teacher of the month. Finally, he announced spring sports happenings of Varsity Tennis hosting 2nd round of State playoffs, Varsity Baseball hosting the Region Championship, Varsity Soccer playing in the 1st round of state as we meet now, and Track sectionals will be May 4, 2024 in Carrolton.
8. Mrs. Tecia McKay, Associate Superintendent, shared an update with the board on Curriculum/School Improvement which included STEM projects, Math Competition, and CLIP/SIP/DIP rolling over due to transitioning to the GSBA Strategic Plan. Next, in

federal programs she updated them on ESSER funds, Parent/Community engagement, and Parent Input meeting. She also shared that the annual Leadership summit, coordinated by Dr. Watkins, will be on May 28 – 29, 2024. She then yielded the rest of her time by introducing her special guests: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Beta Alpha Chi Zeta Chapter, serving Dublin, Laurens Co. and surrounding areas. One of their social action partnerships is with Johnson County Schools (Scholarships for JCHS since 2017, JCHS CTAE custom made state officer gifts, and community relationships)

9. Mr. Charlie Lindsey, Associate Superintendent, updated the board on the following: Elementary School Renovation still has punch list items, new 2024 bus scheduled to arrive any day, High School water damage claim has been completed, Baseball concession/RR/press box claim updated to include that the cause is undetermined and can begin re-build once estimates are presented for approval, and JCMHS Gym renovation project – plans and costs are being explored.
10. Superintendent Watkins updated the board on the recent community stakeholders meeting as a part of the GSBA strategic plan that was held on April 8, 2024. He also noted the Leadership Summit to be held on May 28 – 29, 2024. Next, he reminded the members about the upcoming budget workshops and hearings. He congratulated all students on the recent competitions whether academic or athletic. He said, “We have a lot to be proud of in Johnson County with well-rounded students.” Lastly, he thanked the Zeta Phi Beta for their attendance and supporting our school and students.
11. On a motion by Mr. Fields, 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. Thompson, second by Mr. Fields; unanimous approval.
12. Superintendent Watkins presented personnel recommendations. The following recommendations were approved, pending certification requirements, on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval:

New Hires:

Chapman Phillips, JCMHS Ag Teacher
Tiffany Smith, JCMS Teacher
Courtney Parker, JCMS Teacher
Carson McAfee, JCES Teacher

13. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent