

Board Minutes
January 16, 2024

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 in the board office at 6:00 p.m. Chris Fields, Kevin Brantley, Alvin P. Moorman, Donald Smith, and Marty Thompson were present. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Thompson gave the invocation and Mr. Moorman 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. Fields; unanimous approval.
2. The December 12, 2023 regular minutes and the December 19, 2023 called minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Moorman, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
3. The December 2023 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
4. Superintendent Watkins presented a draft copy of the 2024-2025 school calendar. This calendar was approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Fields; unanimous approval. This calendar is attached and becomes a part of these minutes.
5. The following fund-raising request was approved on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval:
 - JCHS Prom Committee, Valentine Candy Grams, Jan. 17 – Feb. 14, 2024.
6. Ms. J. J. Rowland, Parent Liaison, updated the board on various Parent & Family Engagement activities. These activities include workshops, Parent Advisory Council Meetings, Grandparents meetings, etc. These events are held in person and virtual at various times of the day to accommodate parents. Mrs. Kristie Brantley also partners with the schools each month to educate families and address many issues that they face with their teens on a daily basis. Mrs. Brantley is able to do this through Family Connection and the Partners in Prevention Project (PIPP) grant.
7. Mr. Charles Howard, JCES Principal, presented his discipline data for the school. He also updated the board on upcoming professional development to be held at his school.
8. Mr. Reid Bethea, JCMHS Principal, presented his discipline data for the schools. He also updated the board on the recent SEL event held for staff. He announced that Middle School would have their Parent Advisory Council meeting on January 23, 2024 and the upcoming dance on February 2, 2024. For High School, he announced that Rotary Student and Teacher of the month are Ben Murray and Mrs. Amber Attaway for December and Gracie Foskey and Mrs. Cori Fields for January. Star Student and Teacher will be announced on January 31, 2024.
9. Mr. Charlie Lindsey, Associate Superintendent, updated the board on several projects including:
 - Elementary pole barn project is complete.
 - High school water damage restoration is 90% complete.
 - Elementary school renovations punch list walkthrough on Monday. Punch list reduced to 3 pages. Still holding retainage on the project.
 - Waste Management was low bid on waste services. Will continue with current service.
 - Inclement Weather day - January 9, 2024- One or all of the buildings had no power from 9:30-1:15.

10. Mrs. Tecia McKay, Associate Superintendent, updated the board on the following: Curriculum continues to focus on literacy as all teachers are engaged with professional development. Currently, JCHS Teachers are all setting classroom-based data goals to determine impact including non-core classes i.e. P.E. and CTAE. JCES continues to engage students in setting their learning goals based on data. *"Isn't it exceptional when not only teachers but students dig into the data to determine learning goals and what is needed to meet the target!"* Johnson County completed its progress monitoring on its 3-year plan as the BOE gets ready to move towards the GSBA strategic planning. ESSER III Carryover federal funds are being used to maintain: Reading Endorsements, District Wide Professional Development (Emotional Poverty), STEM Literacy Bus, and supplemental District Personnel. The most impactful has been interventionists and tutoring (after school / summer camps) based on the data.
11. Dr. Hanna Kiser, Director of Special Education, CTAE, and Assessments, presented the board with the new State Defined Alternate Diploma. This will involve students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The district will have to name this diploma. Her recommendation is "Academic, Career, and Essential Skills Diploma". A new policy will have to be approved to include this new diploma.
12. Superintendent Watkins updated the board on the upcoming change to Policy IHF6 concerning the additional diploma. He and the board member discussed the upcoming whole board training to be held in February.
13. On a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Fields; 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. Moorman, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
14. Superintendent Watkins presented personnel recommendations. The following recommendations were approved on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval:

Resignation:

Brent Allen, Young Farmer Advisor, effective end of current contract

15. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent