

## **Board Minutes February 20, 2024**

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 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. 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. Fields; unanimous approval.
2. The January 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Moorman; unanimous approval.
3. The January 2024 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Fields; unanimous approval.
4. Superintendent Watkins presented Policy IHF (6) Graduation Requirements Regarding Special Education for first reading. The board agreed by consensus to review this policy and vote on it at the March 2024 board meeting.
5. The following field trips and fund-raising request was approved on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval:
  - JCHS Science, The Classic Center, Athens, GA, April 12-13, 2024
  - JCMS BETA, National Jr. BETA Convention, Savannah, GA, June 10-12, 2024
  - JCMS BETA, Calendar spots, February 21 – March 29, 2024
6. Dr. Hanna Kiser, Director of Special Education, CTAE, and Assessments, along with Mrs. Kristyn Ivey, updated the board on the completion of the new sensory rooms at all three schools. She presented a video to show the rooms and explain their purpose. She invited them to the grand opening and ribbon cutting to be held on February 28, 2024. These rooms are state of the art and the only ones in our area. They will be featured on Channel 13 WMAZ.
7. Superintendent Watkins thanked Dr. Kiser and Mrs. Ivey for their presentation and the hard work that has gone into the planning and implementation of the new sensory rooms. He noted he is looking forward to these rooms benefitting our students. He updated the board on the recent issue with the region basketball tournament. The region voted to hold the tournament in Wilkinson County due to the seating capacity in the gym. The tournament would have normally been held at JCHS since the girl's team was the number one seed. He gave a rough estimate of the cost of a renovation project verses the cost of a building a new gym.
8. Mr. Anthony Norris addressed the board with his concerns with the recent basketball issue and need for changes with the current gym. Superintendent Watkins will meet with the group to discuss options.

9. On a motion by Mr. Thompson, 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. Fields; unanimous approval.
10. Superintendent Watkins presented Vicki Bray for employment for the 2024-2025 school year. The vote was 4 YES with Mr. Fields abstaining.
11. Superintendent Watkins presented Cori Fields for employment for the 2024-2025 school year. The vote was 4 YES with Mr. Fields abstaining.
12. Superintendent Watkins presented Mary Beth Thompson for employment for the 2024-2025 school year. The vote was 4 YES with Mr. Thompson abstaining.
13. Superintendent Watkins presented Connie Brantley for employment for the 2024-2025 school year. The vote was 4 YES with Mr. Brantley abstaining.
14. Superintendent Watkins presented personnel recommendations. The following recommendations were approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval:

Hires:

Attached list of Administrators/Teachers for 2024-2025 school year

Resignations:

Teresa Hutcheson, Paraprofessional  
Christina Josey, Teacher, effective at end of current contract  
Shaunteria Russell, Teacher, effective at end of current contract  
Carol Williams, Teacher, effective at end of current contract

15. The meeting was then adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

**JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD  
OF EDUCATION**

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

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