

Board Minutes
November 14, 2023

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, November 14, 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. Moorman gave the invocation and Mr. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The following business was transacted:

1. The agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval.
2. The October 17, 2023 minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
3. The October 2023 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
4. The following field trips and fund-raising requests were approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval:
 - Junior Beta, Savannah Convention Center, November 27 – 29, 2023
 - High School Beta, Savannah Convention Center, November 30 – December 2, 2023
 - High School Youth Assembly, Atlanta, GA, November 26 – 28, 2023
 - Light up the Night 5K Scholarship, December 1, 2023
 - Drama Club, Chocolate, Nov. 15 – Dec. 19, 2023 & Jan. 9 – Feb. 29, 2024
 - Varsity Boys Basketball, Car Tags, November 15 - 30, 2023
 - Varsity Girls Basketball, Doughnuts, November 15 – December 12, 2023
 - Varsity Girls Basketball, Spare Change Bucket, November 15 – December 31, 2023
 - Varsity Girls Basketball, Donation Calendar, December 1 – 31, 2023
 - Lady Trojan Soccer, Board & Shirt Sponsorships, Nov. 17 – Dec. 17, 2023
 - Varsity Tennis, Doughnuts, November 29 – December 1, 2023
 - Varsity Tennis, Tennis Tournament, January 12 – 14, 2024
5. Superintendent Watkins introduced Coach Tramayne Young, MS Football Coach. The middle school won the Oconee River Middle School Association championship. Coach Young thanked the board for the opportunity to coach and work here. He showed off the trophy they won and applauded his players and other coaches for their hard work and dedication.
6. Dr. Julie Kight, Director of Literacy and Community Outcomes, updated the board on the Literacy Partner's Data for Pre-K/Kindergarten. This data compared students who were in one of the partner's programs versus students without any participation. She also introduced Ms. Carolyn Waters, Headstart Director. Ms. Waters stated that her center's students and families had benefited from the partnership with Johnson County Schools. Headstart is our biggest Literacy Partner.
7. Mr. Charles Howard, JCES Principal, presented his discipline data for the school. He also reminded the board that the family engagement/movie night activity was being rescheduled for November 30, 2023 due to inclement weather.

8. Mr. Reid Bethea, JCMHS Principal, presented the State of the School for both Johnson County Middle School and High School, respectively. He reviewed data in detail such as: enrollment, demographics, SIP goals, SEL, discipline, parental involvement, academic ranking within Oconee RESA, and next steps for the school. He also informed the board of the safe driving summit that a group of juniors and seniors attended at Oconee Fall Line Technical College. This summit was made possible through the Lutzie 43 Foundation. He invited the board members to HS Literacy STEM night. Lastly, he reminded everyone of the state playoff game at home against Manchester High School. Entrance will be with online GOFAN tickets only per the Georgia High School Association.
9. Mrs. Tecia McKay, Associate Superintendent, invited the board members to International Night/Social Studies Fair on December 12, 2023 before the regular scheduled board meeting. It will be held at the Middle/High School.
10. Superintendent Watkins commended Mr. Bethea and his schools on the data that was presented. Johnson County scored highest in almost every academic area in our RESA and higher in numerous areas in the state. He stated, "The data speaks for itself. We have great teaching and learning going on. The teachers and administrators are the best resources we have". He thanked Mr. Howard and Dr. Kight for a great ribbon cutting with the Literacy Bus. The stem demonstrations by the high school students were a great example of how this bus can be used as a mobile classroom. He commended Coach Young and the MS Football team on their successful season. He mentioned that he had recently attended the GASPA conference and Ms. Joy Winfrey and Mrs. Brooke Shenk had attended the GASBO conference. Both of the conferences cover finance and human resources and are very informative. He thanked Mr. Lindsey and his staff for continuing to do a great job with facilities. Recently the fencing for the visitor's side of the football field and the Outdoor Learning Center was completed. He updated the board on the ongoing book study among the District Leadership Team of *Good to Great*. He also commended our varsity football team on making it to the state playoffs again this year and was looking forward to watching them play Manchester High School this Friday night.
11. On a motion by Mr. Brantley, 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. Brantley, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
12. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent