

Board Minutes
September 19, 2023

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, September 19, 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. Smith, second by Mr. Moorman; unanimous approval.
2. The August 15, 2023 regular meeting, August 31, 2023 9:00 a.m. called meeting, and August 31, 2023 6:00 p.m. called meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval.
3. The August 2023 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval.
4. Superintendent Watkins presented Policy IHA – Statewide Passing Score, Policy DIB-OP(1) Financial Reports SBITA GASB 96, and Policy DIB-OP(2) Financial Reports GASB 87 Leases for 1st reading. The board agreed by consensus to review these policies and vote on them at the October board meeting.
5. The following fund-raising requests were approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval:
 - JCMS Basketball, October 2 – 11, 2023, Tickets
 - Jr Beta, October 5 - 19, 2023, Popcorn
 - MH School, September 20 - October 18, 2023, Joco T-shirts
 - HS Beta/ September 20 - October 13, 2023, Homecoming T-shirts
 - HS FBLA, October 6, 13, and 20, 2023, Cake Drawing
 - Softball/Baseball, September 20 - October 17, 2023, Snacks during break
 - Band, October 18 - November 18, 2023, Snacks during break
 - FBLA, November 19 - December 19, 2023, Snacks during break
 - FCCLA, January 6 - February 6, 2024, Snacks during break
6. Superintendent Watkins and board members discussed the 2023 millage rate. On a motion by Mr. Moorman, second by Mr. Thompson, unanimous approval was given to set the 2023 millage rate a 14.50.
7. Mr. Charles Howard, JCES Principal, updated the board on the discipline data for his school. He stated the active intruder drill that was held recently went well and he had excellent feedback from stakeholders. He invited the board members to his PTO/Title I meeting being held on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

8. Mr. Reid Bethea, JCMHS Principal, updated the board on the discipline data for his school. He announced that the first APTT meeting for this year will be held on October 3, 2023. He also stated that the active intruder drill went well at his school. He said they had some great feedback from all involved. He announced that his Title I meetings will be held on October 6, 2023. The middle school will be from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and the high school will be from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. He also updated them on MTSS, PBIS, and SEL.
9. Mr. Charlie Lindsey, Associate Superintendent, updated the board on the renovation project at the elementary school noting that they were working on the gym floor and a punch list throughout the building. He also talked about the success of the active intruder drill with our local SO, PD, GEMA, and other public safety personnel providing assistance. He discussed the need for additional fencing around the visitor side of the football field with 10' fence and windscreen. Fencing is also needed for the new outdoor learning center at the elementary school. Lastly, he informed the board that Keith Helton had offered in-kind services to widen and clear the cross-country trail at the Athletic Complex. This would be done with donated time and machine hours from Mr. Helton.
10. Superintendent Watkins recommended the fencing at the football field and the elementary school. He also recommended that the board accept the offer from Mr. Helton. On a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval was given for these projects.
11. Superintendent Watkins presented the GSBA Strategic Planning Process (Continuous District/School Improvement) for approval. On a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Moorman; unanimous approval was given to move forward with this process. The district will contact GSBA officials to begin the Strategic Planning Process.
12. Superintendent Watkins presented the state of the district to update the board on the district as a whole.
13. Superintendent Watkins informed the board that our enrollment was up for this year by 21 students as of today. He, too, acknowledged the active intruder drill and thanked Mr. Lindsey, both principals, teachers and staff, Johnson County Sheriffs' department, Wrightsville City Police, GEMA and the many volunteers that made this day a success for our school.
14. During Media Time, Mrs. Deidre Ledford stated that at the recent city and county meetings, the law enforcement officials bragged on the success of the active intruder drill.
15. 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. Thompson, second by Mr. Smith; unanimous approval.

16. Superintendent Watkins presented personnel recommendations. The recommendations below were approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Smith, unanimous approval.

To Hire:

Lillianna Farmer, Substitute Teacher

Seth Farmer, Substitute Teacher

Alexis Dixon, Substitute Teacher

Tyneatrious King, Substitute Teacher

17. The meeting was then adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent