

**Board Minutes**  
**September 17, 2024**

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 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 August 1, 2024 called meeting and the August 20, 2024 regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
3. The August 2024 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Moorman; unanimous approval.
4. Mr. Shawn Wombles, Emergency Management Service Director, updated the board on various trainings that are available to our school system. These trainings would be available through GEMA and could include all staff members and possibly reliable high school students. He thanked the school for their diligence in working on safety measures and how well the recent active shooter drill was conducted.
5. Superintendent Watkins and board members discussed the millage rate for 2024. On a motion by Mr. Moorman, second by Mr. Fields, unanimous approval was given to set the 2024 millage rate at 14.483.
6. The following fund-raising requests were approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Fields; unanimous approval:
  - Johnson County 4-H, Cake Tickets, September 27, 2024
  - JCMS Girls' Basketball, Tickets/Donations, September 30 – October 11, 2024
  - JCHS Boys' Basketball, Doughnuts, October 15 – 29, 2024
  - JCMHS BETA, Chuck-A-Duck, Rubber Ducks, September 27, 2024
7. Mr. Charles Howard, JCES Principal, updated the board on his school. He shared the discipline data for his school. He also presented 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student work about weather. Lastly, he noted that September 30<sup>th</sup> would be GA READS day and October 7<sup>th</sup> would be an SEL day.
8. Mr. Reid Bethea, JCMHS Principal, updated the board on his school. He also shared discipline data for both the middle and high schools. September 6<sup>th</sup> was first Friday with SEL, advisement, STEM activities, remediation, and acceleration. The first APTT will be October 8, 2024. Numerous sports activities are ongoing. He also announced the Rotary Student and Teacher of the month as Callie Winfrey and Brittany Oliver.

9. Mrs. Tecia McKay, Associate Superintendent, shared student work with the board members in various areas of curriculum. She updated them on budgets for Federal Programs and Cross Functional Monitoring.
10. Mr. Charlie Lindsey, Associate Superintendent, echoed Mr. Wombles on the success of the active shooter drill. He presented a list of surplus equipment that needs to be disposed of, possibly by a sealed bid process.
11. Superintendent Watkins recommended that the surplus equipment be put out for bid. On a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval was given to proceed with the bid process.
12. Dr. Hanna Kiser, Director of Special Education, CTAE, and assessments, updated the board on her programs. She also reminded them about the upcoming mock interviews day on October 29, 2024.
13. Superintendent Watkins presented the State of the School District to update the board on the district as a whole.
14. On a motion by Mr. Fields, 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, dismissal, periodic evaluation, or rating of a public officer or employee. After discussion, a motion was made to come out of executive session by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval.
15. Superintendent Watkins presented personnel recommendations. The following recommendations were approved, on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval:

New Hires:

Kimberly Hinkins, Substitute Teacher

Andrew Wright, Substitute Teacher

16. The meeting was then adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

**JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD  
OF EDUCATION**

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

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