

Board Minutes July 16, 2024

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 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. 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. Brantley; unanimous approval.
2. The June 18, 2024 meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval.
3. The June 2024 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Moorman, second by Mr. Fields; unanimous approval.
4. The following field trip and fund-raising requests request were approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Fields; unanimous approval:
 - JCHS Spirit Cheer, Savannah, September 7-9, 2024
 - JCHS & JCMS Spirit Cheer, Doughnuts, July 22 – August 14, 2024
 - JCHS Spirit Cheer, T-shirts, September 2 – 23, 2024
 - JCHS Spirit Cheer, Mini Cheer Camp, September 19 – 21, 2024
 - JCHS Spirit Cheer, Fish Plates, October 1, 2024
 - JCHS & JCMS Spirit Cheer, Glow Party Grades 6 – 8, October 26, 2024
 - JCHS Girls & Boys Track, Snacks/Drinks, Afterschool throughout school year.
5. Mr. Charles Howard, JCES Principal, gave a brief update from his school. They are ready for the new school year to begin. He is excited to see the students and what the school year will bring. Parent Orientation (Open House) will be held on August 2, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
6. Mr. Reid Bethea, JCMHS Principal, gave a brief update from his school. They are finishing up working on student schedules. BETA has been to National Competition this summer and plans are to have them at the August board meeting. He is also ready for the school year to begin.
7. Mr. Charlie Lindsey, Associate Superintendent, updated the board on the Athletic Complex noting that the press box/concession stand/restroom facility rebuild is complete. He also advised that the newest bus has been delivered and it is the first gas engine bus added to our fleet. All other departments are running smoothly getting ready for the new school year.
8. Superintendent Watkins asked Mr. Lindsey to give an update on the possible gym renovation. Mr. Lindsey stated, based on the latest information from the architect, the

planning and design is still in progress. There would not be a final quote until this was complete and put out for bid. BOE members were also provided a copy of the contract and all correspondence regarding the gym renovation update. Superintendent Watkins reminded the board members about the GSBA Strategic Plan meeting to be held on August 1, 2024.

9. 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, 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. Thompson, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval.
10. Superintendent Watkins recommended Mary Beth Thompson for Gifted Coordinator/Teacher position at 49%. Mr. Brantley made the motion to accept, second by Mr. Fields. The vote was 4 YES with Mr. Thompson abstaining.
11. Superintendent Watkins presented personnel recommendations. The following recommendations were approved, on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval:

New Hires:

MaKenzie Webb, Teacher JCES
Heather Hightower, Part Time Literacy, JCES
Angela Tanner, Part Time Literacy, JCMHS
Brandi Ussery, Substitute Teacher
Mary Grace Winfrey, Substitute Teacher

12. Superintendent Watkins presented a request from Mr. Lindsey on behalf of Coach Beale to have insulation added to the Varsity Baseball and Softball dugouts at a cost of \$1,800. This request was approved on a motion by Mr. Fields, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
13. The meeting was then adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent