

JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Regular Business Meeting
January 21, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Smokey Mountain Elementary School

AGENDA

****ALL ACTION ITEMS APPROVED****

- I. JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**
 - A. Call to Order (Wes Jamison, Chairman)
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance – SMES students will recite the pledge in Cherokee and English led by Mr. Bob Eldridge
 - C. Approve Agenda

- II. SPECIAL PRESENTATION (Tim Kurr, Principal SMES)**
 1. SMES Year in Review
 2. SMES Student Leaders – Future City and Clubs
 3. SMES Advance Band performance led by Mr. McGrew

- III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)**
 1. Emma Maney – NCCAT Beginning Teacher of the Year Finalist
 2. Shaina Pippio and Sara Plaster – Successful completion of NCASBO Treasurers Academy
 3. Exceeded Growth Teachers: SMES – Cheryl Saavedra and Tonya Pruetz; SCES – Taylor Medford, Sarah Jenkins, and Michelle Long.
 4. Superintendent’s 2024 Holiday Card Winners – Kayla Kopak, CVES 8th Grade and Marijane Tafoya, SMES 6th Grade.

- IV. CONSENT ACTION AGENDA (Wes Jamison, Chairman)**
 - A. [Open Session Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 17, 2024](#)

- V. INFORMATION**
 - A. Superintendent’s Report (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)
 - B. Jackson Community School Discussion (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)
 - C. Capital Projects Update (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)
 - D. [Unaudited Financial Summary](#) (Kristie Walker, Chief Financial Officer)

- VI. OPEN SESSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sign up to speak before meeting. • Designed for school board to listen.
Time to speak limited to 3 minutes • Complaints about individual employees or students prohibited.

- VII. ACTION AGENDA**
 - A. [Budget Amendments](#) (Kristie Walker, Chief Financial Officer)
 - B. [2025-2026 School Calendar Approval](#) (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)
 - C. [School Nutrition Procurement Plan Approval](#) (Laura Cabe, School Nutrition Director)
 - D. [Purchase 300 Student Computers Request](#) (Greg Stewart, Chief Technology Officer)
 - E. Policy Updates (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)
Final Reading:
 1. [Reporting to External Agencies](#) (5150)Rescind:
 1. Interim Title IX Discrimination – Prohibited Conduct and Reporting Process (1725/4035/7236)

2. Interim Title IX Sex Discrimination Grievance Process (1726/4036/7237)

Update:

1. [Title IX Sexual Harassment – Prohibited Conduct and Reporting Process](#) (1725/4035/7236)
2. [Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Process](#) (1726/4036/7237)

Technical Correction:

1. [Testing and Assessment Program](#) (3410)

F. Field Trips (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)

1. [Cullowhee Valley Elementary School, Grade 8 – Charleston, SC, April 29, 2025, to May 1, 2025, TT10137.](#)
2. [Fairview Elementary School. Grade 5 – Dollywood, Pigeon Forge, TN, April 9, 2025, TT10133.](#)
3. [Fairview Elementary School, Grade 6 – Camp Kanuga, Hendersonville, NC, April 28 to 30, 2025, TT10128.](#)
4. [Jackson County Early College, Grades 9 to 12 – Dollywood, Pigeon Forge, TN, April 8, 2025, TT10155.](#)
5. [Jackson County Early College, Grades 10 to 12 – UNC College Tour, Winston-Salem, NC, March 21-22, 2025, TT10164.](#)

VIII. CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11 for the following purposes: under subsection; (a) (1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-321 and (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.

IX. PERSONNEL ACTION AGENDA

Employee Recommendations:

1. Broom, Denise – Substitute School Nutrition Assistant, BRS and BREC
2. Bullard, Luther – Custodian and Bus Driver, SMHS
3. Cass, Seraphim – Teacher Assistant – Media Center, BRS and BREC
4. (Candidate withdrew name)
5. Johns, Sara – Temporary Parttime Custodian, BRS and BREC
6. Mulligan, Tyler – Temporary Custodian, SMHS
7. Murden, Mary-Helen – Afterschool Assistant, FES
8. Parsons, Laura – Temporary Custodian, SMHS
9. Penny-Nicholson, Olivia – Temporary Custodian, FES
10. Pope, Chloe – Afterschool Assistant, FES
11. Rowland, Kirstie – School Nutrition Assistant, FES
12. Smithdeal, Erica – Substitute Bus Driver, BRS and BREC
13. Young, Lyndsi – Substitute School Nutrition Assistant, CVES
14. Young, Thomas – Temporary Custodian, SMHS

Employee Resignations:

1. Gregg, Kyndall – School Nutrition Assistant, CVES
2. Guillermo, Dominador – Teacher, SMHS
3. Lee, Daniel – Custodian, SMHS
4. Reidinger, Heather – ML Liaison, District
5. Price, Karen – Data Manager and Bookkeeper, JCS
6. Touzel, Faith – School Nutrition Assistant, SCES

Special Requests – Leave of Absence:

1. Sink, Eric – Teacher, CVES

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A Special-Called Joint Meeting with the Jackson County Commissioners to discuss Capital Projects, is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Burrell Building on the campus of Southwestern Community College, 447 College Drive, Sylva, NC.

A Special-Called Work Session to discuss Jackson Community School, is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria of Jackson Community School, 3770 Skyland Drive, Sylva, NC. – Topic Jackson Community School.

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Education is February 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at Fairview Elementary School, 251 Big Orange Way, Sylva, NC.

X. ADJOURNMENT