

**MINUTES OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 09, 2025**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - Moment of Silence
 - Pledge
3. Public Comments
4. Recognition of Visitors or Delegations Participation
 - Mountain City Elementary
 - Johnson County Parents Coalition
 - Grow Your Own Candidates
5. Approval of Agenda
6. **Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., with any additions/corrections necessary (**Attachment 6a**)
 - Approve the following amendments (**Attachment 6b**)
 - General Purpose School Fund – Court Amendment
 - Approve overnight field trips and trips over 150 miles for the following: **None**
7. Report of Student Board Member – Jackson Clifton
8. 5 Year Plan - “All current and new equipment will continue to be logged and coordinated with the technology replacement plan”
9. Discussion and approval of extension of TN Connections Academy contract renewal period (**Attachment 9**)
10. Presentation of State Report Card
11. TISA Outcomes Allocation Presentation
12. Approve Johnson County High School Graduation for Friday, May 16, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. (Rain date Saturday, May 17, 2025)
13. Approve purchase of playground items in the amount of \$9,311.00 for Doe Elementary (**Attachment 13**) (**Funding source through - TVA grant**)
14. Approve surplus of 1995 GMC Safari Van that was totaled to put on gov.deals to sell (**Attachment 14**)
15. Discussion and approval of Laurel Elementary parking lot (information will be provided at the meeting)
16. Budget Update – Tina Lipford

Information Items:

1. Director’s Report
 - Head Start/Pre K information (**DR1**)
 - Snow Days Missed-4
 - UTRUST-(Today) January 9, 2025- Appreciation Food Service Day
 - UTRUST-Appreciation Principal and Assistant Principal Day, February 6, 2025
 - Board Appreciation week January 26-February 1, 2025
2. Personnel decisions made by Director of Schools

Hires:

Mechelle Arney, Johnson County Middle School-Interim Principal effective December 20, 2024

Priscilla Davis, Mountain City Elementary-Counselor effective January 6, 2025

Hannah Shepherd, Kindergarten Teacher effective December 9, 2024

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Approve the following to work in the ROAN Creek Elementary/LEAPS program for the 2024-2025 school year:

Angie Miller

Leaves:

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Rena Poe, unpaid days January 20-24, 2025

Basketball Schedule:

- Home Games: January 9th-Hampton
January 14th-Chuckey Doak
January 24th-South Greene
January 27th-Unaka
February 4th-University High
February 7th-Happy Valley
- Away Games: January 13th-Cloudland
January 16th-Cornerstone
January 20th-University High
January 21st-Happy Valley
January 28th-West Greene
January 31st-Chuckey Doak
February 3rd-Hampton
February 10th-West Ridge

8. 5 Year Plan - "All current and new equipment will continue to be logged and coordinated with the technology replacement plan", Dr. Simcox updated the Board

moved to item #10 Presentation of State Report Card, Mr. Hagaman gave a performance break down of letter grades by schools, and answered any questions

9. Discussion and approval of extension of TN Connections Academy contract renewal period (**Attachment 9**), after discussion of the contract renewal of a 3.75% for 5 years a motion was made by Mr. Greever and seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried by the following roll call: Mr. Greever-yes, Ms. Kleine-no, Mr. Matheson-no, Mr. Robinson-yes and Mr. Long-yes (3 to 2)
10. Presentation of State Report Card, items was moved up**
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A motion was made by Ms. Kleine and seconded by Mr. Greever and carried by the following roll call: Mr. Greever-yes, Ms. Kleine-yes, Mr. Matheson-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes and Mr. Long-yes
15. Discussion and approval of Laurel Elementary parking lot (information will be provided at the meeting), Mr. Henley and Mr. Shanks updated the Board concerning the paving at Laurel Elementary and the two options. A motion was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Greever for option B with Bob Stout Construction Co., and carried by the following roll call: Mr. Greever-yes, Ms. Kleine-yes, Mr. Matheson-yes, Mr. Robinson-yes and Mr. Long-yes
16. Budget Update – Tina Lipford, updated on local option sales tax, property tax collection, expenditures update and summary of Financial Statement

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Resignation:

Samuel Lawson, Johnson County Vocational School-Assistant effective March 5, 2025

Retirees:

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Action taken on Agenda Items:

1. The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2025, Mr. Long called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Clifton-Senior Student Board Representative
2. The roll was called with the following member's present: Mr. Greever-present, Ms. Kleine-present, Mr. Matheson-present, Mr. Robinson-present and Mr. Long-present, Senior Student Board Representative-Mr. Clifton-present and Ms. Warren, present.
3. Public Comments: 4-Public Comments, each addressing the Board with various concerns and issues
4. Recognition of Visitors or Delegations Participation
 - Mountain City Elementary, recognized the custodial staff for the great job they do and especially during Hurricane Helene: (Mike Eastridge, Wendy Nelson, Debbie Thomas and Heather Johnson)
 - Johnson County Parents Coalition, Ms. Stonecipher spoke to the Board concerning request for the system to consider:
 - Extra meal options during lunch
 - Increase the number of Assistants in the classrooms
 - Separate the TN Connection Academy scores
 - Adding a Public Relations position
 - Grow Your Own Candidates, recognized the participants in Our Grow Your Own Program (Tiffany Doss, Lilly Webster and Isabella Phipps)
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Congrats to FFA! FFA placed 2nd in Regional Parliamentary Procedure and will be competing at state in March. (members include: Jasmine Cunningham, Katie Lipford, Hailey Chant, Julia Crews, Cora Johnson and Isabelle Furches)
 - Awards: Julia Crews placed 1st on Prepared Public Speaking, Katie Lipford placed 1st in Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Hailey Chant placed 3rd in Job Interview and Asher Mislap places 2nd in Creed SpeakingRobotics: The Johnson County High School Robotics teams have 2 upcoming tournaments:
 - January 25th in Kingsport
 - February 7th & 8th, in BristolWishing both teams the best of luck!

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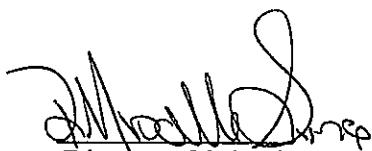
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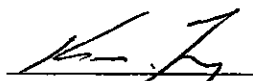
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Mr. Robinson made a motion that the meeting adjourn, Mr. Long adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

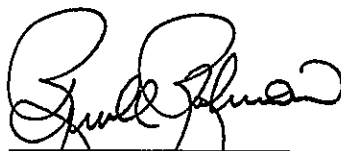


Director of Schools
(Dr. Mischelle Simcox)



Chairman
(Mr. Kevin Long)

Vice-Chairman
(Ms. Kimberly Kleine)



Member
(Mr. Russell Robinson)



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(Attachment 6b)

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND

COURT AMENDMENT

January 9, 2025

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	AMENDED BUDGET
141-44170	MISCELLANEOUS REFUNDS	\$20,344.50	\$16,859.44		\$37,203.94
141-44570	CONTRIBUTIONS & GIFTS	\$7,394.74	\$12,245.88		\$19,640.62
		\$27,739.24	\$29,105.32	\$0.00	\$56,844.56
THE ABOVE FUNDS WERE COLLECTED, RECEIPTED AND DEPOSITED WITH THE TRUSTEE AND ARE BEING AMENDED INTO THE APPROPRIATE LINE ITEMS BELOW:					
44170 MISC. REFUNDS: \$4,559.44: TRANSCRIPT REIMBURSE \$165.68, WELLPOINT REIMBURSE \$372.80, HOTEL REFUNDS \$962.87, BADGE REPLACE \$5.00, FINGERPRINT FEES \$75.00, FIELDTRIP DRIVER \$1,096.34, FIELDTRIP FUEL \$273.00, BUS BANNER FEE \$1,608.75, TCAT CLASS REIMBURSEMENT \$12,300.00					
44570 CONTRIBUTIONS & GIFTS: \$12,245.88: SAFETY GRANT \$10,245.88, ATHLETIC CONTRIBUTION \$2,000.00					
141-71300-399	OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$3,000.00	\$12,300.00		\$12,300.00
141-72110-599	OTHER CHARGES	\$8,830.51	\$165.68		\$8,996.19
141-72120-399	OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$3,798.80	\$372.80		\$4,171.60
141-72130-790	OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$7,000.00
141-72210-524	IN SERVICE/STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$21,300.03	\$962.87		\$22,262.90
141-72250-599	OTHER CHARGES	\$10,040.00	\$5.00		\$10,045.00
141-72520-599	OTHER CHARGES	\$1,765.00	\$75.00		\$1,840.00
141-72620-599	OTHER CHARGES	\$5,000.00	\$10,245.88		\$15,245.88
141-72710-146	BUS DRIVERS	\$332,250.25	\$1,096.34		\$333,346.59
141-72710-412	DIESEL FUEL	\$200,902.00	\$273.00		\$201,175.00
141-72710-729	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	\$44,122.25	\$1,608.75		\$45,731.00
	TOTALS	\$636,008.84	\$29,105.32	\$0.00	\$662,114.16
	DECEMBER FUNDS RECEIVED				