

JACKSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Regular Business Meeting  
March 25, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.  
Jackson Community School

**AGENDA**

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

- I. JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**
- A. Call to Order (Wes Jamison, Chairman)
  - B. Approve Agenda
  - C. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. SPECIAL PRESENTATION (Holly Whisnant, JCS Principal)**
- III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)**
- 1. Scholastics Art & Writing Competition Asheville Strong Exhibition – Emma Helsing and MG Grube, SMHS AP Design Students
  - 2. Caroline Bullock - CVES-STEM Engineering camp in Oak Ridge, TN
  - 3. Melissa Haigler - CTE Teacher of the Year Finalist
  - 4. Stephan Carter – Accepted to Governor’s School
  - 5. Jacob Lambert – JCS JAM Flag Design Winner
- IV. CONSENT ACTION AGENDA (Wes Jamison, Chairman)**
- A. [Open Session Minutes of Regular Meeting on February 25, 2025.](#)
- V. INFORMATION**
- A. Superintendent’s Report (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)
  - B. Capital Projects Update (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)
  - C. [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. [Request to Purchase 387 Student Chromebooks](#) (Greg Stewart, CTO)
  - C. Request to Authorize Superintendent to Approve Purchase of Access Controls for Blue Ridge School and Early College not to exceed \$200,000.00 (Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent)
  - D. Field Trips (Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent)
    - 1. [Blue Ridge Early College, Grade 12 - Dollywood, Pigeon Forge, TN, May 1, 2025, TT10446.](#)
    - 2. [Blue Ridge School, Grade 6 – The Oasis Ranch, Seneca, SC, April 4, 2025, TT10381.](#)
    - 3. [Blue Ridge School, Grade 3 – Foxfire Museum, Mountain City, GA, March 26, 2025, TT10382.](#)
    - 4. [Fairview Elementary School, Grade 3 – Experia Ocean Experience and Wonderworks, Pigeon Forge, TN, April 4, 2025, TT10348.](#)
    - 5. [Jackson County Early College, Grade 12 – The Escape Game, Pigeon Forge, TN, April 25, 2025, TT10258.](#)

6. [Scotts Creek Elementary School, Grade 6 – Ripley’s Aquarium, Gatlinburg, TN, April 11, 2025, TT10168.](#)
7. [Scotts Creek Elementary School, Grades K-2 - Ripley’s Aquarium, Gatlinburg, TN, April 24, 2025, TT10448.](#)
8. [Smokey Mountain Elementary School, Grades 6-8 – Chattanooga, TN, April 4 to 10, 2025, TT10361.](#)
9. [Smokey Mountain Elementary School, Grades 6-8 – Furman University, Greenville, SC, April 5, 2025, TT10350.](#)
10. [Smoky Mountain High School, Grades 9 to 12 – Body’s Exhibit, Gatlinburg, TN, May 6, 2025, TT10477.](#)

**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. Albury, Tiffany – Bus Driver, SMES
2. Bell, Tasha – Bus Monitor, SMES
3. Blackwell, Brittney – Substitute Bus Driver, SMHS
4. Boone, Jerrod – Assistant Athletic Director - Spring, SMHS
5. Collins, Joseph Dale – Bus Driver, FES
6. Green, Manuela – School Nutrition Assistant, CVES
7. Gribble, Corina – Assistant Athletic Director – Winter, SMHS
8. Jackson, Julie – School Nutrition Assistant, CVES
9. Martin, Kirstyn – Teacher, FES
10. Miller, Ashley – School Counselor, SMES
11. Miller, Morag – Teacher, FES
12. Parris, Aubriea – School Nutrition Assistant, SCES
13. Pittner, Alexis – EC Teacher Assistant, JCS
14. Plemmons, Lindsey – District Data Manager – Central Office
15. Postell, JT – Assistant Athletic Director – Winter, SMHS
16. Proffitt, Dennis – Bus Driver, SMHS
17. Richards, Amy – School Nutrition Assistant, FES
18. Smith, Jamie – Teacher, CVES

**Employee Resignations:**

1. Bullard, Luther – Custodian and Bus Driver, SMHS
2. Cosenza, Tracy Lewis – Teacher, CVES
3. Daggs, Kevin – Teacher, BRS
4. Hornbuckle, Dawn – Bus Driver and School Nutrition Assistant, SMHS
5. Israel, Jordan Rene – Teacher, CVES
6. Kirkland, Kenya – School Nutrition Assistant, CVES
7. Moore, Erin – Infant Toddler Lead Assistant, SCES
8. McCabe, Melody – SIS Coordinator, Central Office
9. Rainwater, Erin Brynn – Teacher, CVES

**Employee Retirements:**

1. Sutton, Maureen – Teacher, FES

**Staff, Non-Staff and Returning Coach Recommendations:**

1. Blanton, Morgan – Head Coach Varsity Softball, SMHS – Returning Non-Staff
2. Brown, Megan – Head Coach Varsity Men’s Track, SMHS – Returning Staff
3. Buenting, Abby – Head Coach Varsity Women’s Soccer, SMHS – Returning Non-Staff
4. Ell-Stroop, Adrian – Head Coach Varsity Volleyball, SMHS – New Non-Staff
5. Eyler, Jim – Assistant Coach Varsity Men’s Tennis, SMHS – Returning Non-Staff
6. Hawk, Derrick – Assistant Coach District MS Baseball, District SMHS – Returning Staff
7. Mayse, Tim – Head Coach Varsity Men’s Golf, BREC – Returning Staff
8. Menickelli, Kristin – Head Coach Varsity Women’s Track, SMHS – Returning Staff
9. Messer, Willow – Head Coach JV Women’s Soccer, SMHS – Returning Non-Staff
10. Mulligan, Tyler - Head Coach Varsity Men’s Tennis, SMHS – Returning Staff
11. Nicholson, Rachel – Assistant Coach Varsity Softball, SMHS – Returning Non-Staff
12. Rogers, David - Assistant Coach JV Baseball, SMHS – New Non-Staff
13. Sharpless, Reuben - Assistant Coach Baseball, SMES – Returning Non-Staff
14. Sutton, Russell – Head Coach Baseball, CVES – Returning Staff
15. Willoughby, Wes - Head Coach Baseball, SMES - Returning Staff

**The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Education is April 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at Jackson County Early College, Sylva, NC.**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**