

**Jackson County Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Fairview Elementary School
Sylva, North Carolina**

251 Big Orange Way, Sylva, NC

February 25, 2025

6:00 p.m.

The Jackson County Board of Education held their regular session on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Gymnasium of Fairview Elementary School, 251 Big Orange Way, Sylva, North Carolina. The following members were present:

Wes Jamison, Chairman
Abigail Clayton, Vice-Chair
Kim Moore
Dr. Lynn Dillard
Gayle Woody

Also present were Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent; Jacob Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent; Mike Vetter, Director of Human Resources; Greg Stewart, Chief Technology Officer; Ashley Leonard, School Board Attorney; and Cora Fields, Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wes Jamison called the business meeting to order.

The Smoky Mountain High School JROTC Color Guard presented the colors.

The Fairview Elementary School 2nd Grade Chorus students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, the board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Eleanor Macaulay, FES Principal, introduced music teacher, Mr. Jonathan Libby and the Fairview Chorus who sang "One Small Voice."

Mrs. Macaulay shared information about Fairview Elementary School attendance incentives and school clubs for middle school students.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent, recognized the following students, staff members and schools:

1. Keep North Carolina Beautiful Window of Opportunity (WOO) Grant – Kristin Menickelli, CVES Teacher and Mickey O’Brien and Thomas Walawender, students.
2. Exceeded Growth Teachers: FES Alicia Brown and April Mayes.
3. Future City Competition – FES Students: Clara Bauguess, Olivia Fagan, Julia Hogan, Izzy Brun, and Natalie Wlosok.

CONSENT ACTION AGENDA

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Gayle Woody, the board unanimously approved the consent action agenda:*

- A. Draft Open Session Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 21, 2025.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, the board unanimously approved the consent action agenda:*

- B. Draft Open Session Minutes of the Special-Called Joint Meeting with the Jackson County Commissioners on February 6, 2025.

INFORMATION AGENDA

- A. **Agenda Item:** Superintendent’s Report
Presenter: Dr. Dana Ayers, Superintendent

Dr. Ayers reported on the following:

1. We conclude February with a month of intensely inconsistent weather again and a need for continuity. I am thankful for a new month and springlike weather. It is hard to believe but there are only three months of the 2024-2025 school year remaining. I am looking forward to the days and weeks to come.
2. The spring athletic seasons are underway with baseball, soccer, softball, track and tennis. However, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge two SMHS winter athletes, wrestlers who placed in the state competition yesterday. I will be honoring them next month at the board meeting, but their accomplishments are too huge not to shout out today. Gabby Roman Bruno placed 4th in the state while Kavan Wilson placed 2nd! I am so proud of their work, dedication and determination and them representing SMHS and JCPS. Also in athletics, the lighting for the SMHS baseball and softball fields is being installed this week! I am very excited about this long-overdue project.
3. On February 11th, our Board held a listening session at Jackson Community School to hear thoughts from students, staff and the community. This evening, the Board will make a decision about the location of JCS for the upcoming year.
4. Earlier this month, we held a joint meeting with the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education. The discussion was a time to share the needs of our school system and the manner in which our commissioners can support the projects. The cafeteria, kitchen and classroom space at Fairview is first on the priority list. There will be a community input session on March 3rd from 5:30-7:00 pm to solicit ideas from stakeholders about what this will look like.

5. The second JCPS priority is a new, traditional middle school. As of now, the search for land is underway. The need is for 30+ acres and, ideally, the location will be between Sylva and Dillsboro. The draft plan is for the school to serve 1000 students and have athletic fields for softball, baseball, soccer and a track. There will be a community input session on March 24th at SCC's Burrell Building to gather input.
6. The next project is the Smoky Mountain High School athletic complex. While the lights are being installed at the current baseball and softball fields this week, there is dire need to construct a track and address ADA needs at the football field. The needs include restrooms and a concession stand on the visitors side as well as upgrades to the press box, concessions and restrooms on the home side. There will be a community input session on March 19th from 5:30-7:00 pm to solicit ideas from stakeholders.
7. A project at Blue Ridge School and Early College is also being planned. As of now, the plan includes a new gym and classrooms along with addressing the kitchen space. A community input session will be held on March 10th from 5:30-7:00 pm at the school.
8. The only other item on the JCPS priority list is a bus garage remodel and expansion. Pinnacle is currently working on an estimate for that final needed building project. I have great appreciation for the Board of Commissioners who acknowledge the needs of Jackson County Public Schools.
9. Finally, at the end of January, we had yet another audit, this time with the Federal Programs. Laura Dills successfully completed all the prep work and coordinated with Title I principals to plan for the onsite visit. I am extremely proud of the work to prepare and the day of visits. Our final report reads, "Jackson County Public Schools has successfully met all statutory compliance requirements in the review conducted by the NCDPI. Included in the review were the following programs, if applicable to your PSU: Title I, Part A; Title I, Part D; Title II, Part A; Title III, Part A; Title IV, Part A; Migrant Education Program; and Rural and Low-Income Schools. Thank you to the staff within your PSU for working closely with your DPI Program Administrator to meet all applicable federal program requirements in your PSU." Congratulations Laura Dills and our elementary principals for making this happen smoothly and with great success!

B. Agenda Item: BOA and 2nd Quarter Audits

Presenter: Kristie Walker, CFO

Mrs. Walker presented the Bank of America purchase card and 2nd Quarter Internal School Audit results with no findings.

C. Agenda Item: Unaudited Financial Summary

Presenter: Mrs. Kristie Walker, Chief Financial Officer

Mrs. Walker presented the Unaudited Financial Summary as of February 25, 2025.

OPEN SESSION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people submitted written public comments which were read during the meeting.
Summary of Written Public Comments:

1. Jonathan Bradshaw, a concerned parent of two children at Cullowhee Valley School, writes to the Jackson County School Board regarding its policy on ICE enforcement actions in schools. He appreciates the board's quick response to community concerns and its commitment to inclusivity but raises issues about the policy's clarity. Bradshaw is particularly concerned about the unclear roles of School Resource Officers (SROs) in such situations and urges the board to establish clear policies to ensure they prioritize student protection. He also stresses the need for better training and education for school staff on handling interactions with ICE agents, emphasizing the importance of clearly defined protocols to prevent confusion and harm. Additionally, he questions parental rights in these scenarios, highlighting the lack of communication about potential ICE raids compared to the permissions required for minor classroom activities. He worries about the emotional impact on students witnessing such events and the possibility of children being questioned without parental consent. Bradshaw calls on the board to implement a more transparent and protective policy that prioritizes the well-being of students over compliance with federal authorities. He warns that ambiguity will lead to confusion, public distrust, and lasting harm to children.
2. Dr. Emily Naser-Hall emphasizes the need for Jackson County Public Schools (JCPS) to provide comprehensive training for staff on their rights and responsibilities when dealing with ICE agents. She stresses that JCPS personnel must understand their legal obligations under state and federal laws, including FERPA and COPPA, to protect student privacy and safety. Schools are not required to share information with ICE or allow entry without a judicial warrant. Dr. Naser-Hall recommends leveraging resources from organizations like the ACLU and local advocacy groups to ensure staff are well-informed and do not inadvertently violate legal protections. This training would help safeguard students, support families, and maintain JCPS as a safe environment for all children, regardless of immigration status.
3. Lindsay Drake, expresses concerns as a community member and educator in Jackson County regarding student safety, particularly mental well-being, in light of recent federal policy changes. While schools often prioritize physical safety, the letter argues that mental health and emotional security are equally important but overlooked in policy decisions. Drake urges school leaders to update policies to ensure clear protocols on who can enter school buildings and what legal documentation is required. She emphasizes the need for transparency in protecting student records and offering counseling to families facing difficult circumstances. Additionally, she raises concerns about School Resource Officers (SROs) and their potential involvement in immigration enforcement, calling for school-led training to ensure SROs remain trusted figures for students and families. She highlights the impact of immigration enforcement on communities, reinforcing that public education is open to all students regardless of citizenship status. Drake concludes by stressing the need for strong policies, training, and administrative support to create a truly safe and inclusive learning environment for all students.
4. Casey Walawender, a former JCPS employee, PTA president, and parent, emphasizes the strong sense of community within local schools, where staff play a vital role in students' lives. She acknowledges the high demands placed on school employees and expresses concern over the federal government's decision to remove schools and churches as safe spaces from ICE enforcement. She urges JCPS to strengthen its policies, ensuring ICE is not allowed in schools and that SROs do not participate in enforcement actions. Additionally, she criticizes an elected official, Kim Moore, for making damaging comments about deportation, arguing that such views undermine the integrity of her role.

Walawender concludes by thanking school board members who have responded with care and thoughtfulness to community concerns.

5. Brad Reisinger, a career educator with over 25 years of experience, expresses deep concern over efforts to eliminate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives in public schools. He argues that such policies contradict the principles of parental rights, as outlined in North Carolina's Parents' Bill of Rights. Reisinger highlights four key issues:
Parental Choice in Education – Restricting DEI initiatives limits families' ability to provide an education that aligns with their values.
Transparency and Access to Information – Bans on DEI efforts remove educational materials without parental input, contradicting transparency principles.
Student Well-Being and Support – DEI programs provide crucial resources for marginalized students; eliminating them undermines student success.
Government Overreach – State-imposed bans on DEI limit local decision-making, contradicting parents' rights advocacy against government control.
Reisinger urges the school board to reject these restrictions, ensuring all parents—not just a select few—have a voice in shaping education.

Five community members signed up to speak as follows:

1. Dr. Aaron Callahan, an associate professor of linguistics and former ESL teacher, speaks as a private citizen advocating for Spanish-speaking and Latin communities in her county. She emphasizes the fear and instability caused by the rescinding of federal policies that previously designated schools, childcare centers, churches, and hospitals as protected locations from ICE enforcement. Callahan urges the school board to take proactive steps to support immigrant families by creating clear policies and resources in compliance with federal and state regulations, including FERPA, special education, ESL services, and Title I and III programs. While she appreciates the district's initial response to a letter-writing campaign, she calls for a more comprehensive and public policy that aligns with NEA best practices implemented in other districts.
2. Mr. Ricardo Bello, the Executive Director of Unidex, a nonprofit serving rural communities in Western North Carolina, speaks not as a leader but as a community member. He shares his personal struggle with education, emphasizing its importance for children facing daily challenges, especially under new laws and policies that make them more vulnerable. He stresses the need for support and education on diversity, correcting misconceptions about Latino communities and their languages. Bello highlights the significance of understanding different Latin American cultures and concludes with a quote from Pythagoras: "Educate the children, and it will not be necessary to punish the men."
3. Becky Pechmann, a former Jackson County Public School student and community member, addresses the school board to advocate for policies protecting students from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). She emphasizes that all children, regardless of citizenship status, have the right to an education and appreciates that federal law guarantees this right. While acknowledging that Jackson County Public Schools employees are aware of this law, she urges the board to take further action. She requests an official policy barring ICE from entering schools and preventing school resource officers from collaborating with ICE. She stresses the importance of ensuring student safety and calls on the board to uphold justice and protect all students.
4. Mr. David Johns shared a student letter - A student from Smoky Mountain High School shares their journey as an immigrant adjusting to life in the United States. Initially, they faced significant challenges, including language barriers, cultural differences, and feelings of isolation. School was difficult due to the fast-paced lessons and classmates who either

mocked their accent or underestimated them. However, with the support of kind peers, they began to adapt and gain confidence. Now, at 17, they feel more at home, excelling in school and soccer. They find joy in helping new students who face similar struggles and express gratitude for those who have supported them. Their faith gives them strength as they continue striving for a better future.

5. Enrique Gomez, an immigrant and native Spanish speaker, serves as the Treasurer of the Jackson County NAACP. He expresses concerns regarding a school district policy memo instructing faculty and staff to direct ICE officers to their supervisors. He highlights the risk of people impersonating ICE officers, referencing a 2018 incident in his community where a van mimicking an ICE vehicle caused distress. He argues that school employees should not be responsible for verifying officers' credentials or warrants, emphasizing that only sworn officers should handle such matters. Additionally, as a parent, he warns that the removal of a child by ICE agents could deeply impact the community and urges school leaders to proactively determine and train staff on how to respond in such scenarios. He concludes by thanking school officials for their service.

ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Agenda Item:** Jackson Community School
Presenter: Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent

Dr. Ayers turned the discussion about the Jackson Community School over to Board Chairman Wes Jamison. After discussing three options for Jackson Community School and considering community input during a Special-Called meeting on February 11, 2025, the board evaluated keeping JCS at its current location, relocating to SMHS and SMES, or revitalizing JCS through recruitment and programming.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, the board voted unanimously to approve Jackson Community School remaining in its present location with a revitalization through recruitment and programming.*

- B. **Agenda Item:** Budget Amendments
Presenter: Kristie Walker, Chief Financial Officer

Mrs. Walker presented the budget amendments for February 25, 2025, and asked for board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, the board voted unanimously to approve the 02-25-2025 Budget Amendments.*

- C. **Agenda Item:** 2025-2026 Audit Engagement Letter and Contract
Presenter: Kristie Walker, CFO

Mrs. Walker presented the 2025-2026 Audit Engagement Letter and Contract from Anderson, Smith & Wike, PLLC and asked for board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, the board voted unanimously to approve the 2025-2026 Audit Engagement Letter and Contract.*

D. Agenda Item: Summer Testing Program Plan

Presenter: Laura Dills, Director of Federal Programs

Ms. Laura Dills presented the 2024-2025 Summer Testing Program Plan and asked for board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, the board voted unanimously to approve the 2024-2025 Summer Testing Program Plan.*

E. Agenda Item: Purchase of Avigilon Security Cameras Server

Presenter: Greg Stewart, Chief Technology Officer

Mr. Stewart presented the bid from MSS Fire and Security for the purchase of an additional Avigilon Security Camera Server and asked for board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, the board voted unanimously to approve the purchase an Avigilon Security Camera Server from MSS.*

D. Agenda Item: Field Trips

Presenter: Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent

1. FES, Grades 7 and 8 - Carowinds, NC, 05-10-25, TT10214.
2. SMHS JROTC, Grades 9 through 12 – R-S Central High School, Rutherfordton, NC, March 7-8, 2025, TT10254.
3. SMHS, Grade 11 – NC State, Charlotte, NC, March 31 to April 1, 2025, TT10296.
4. SMHS, Grade 12 – Dollywood, Pigeon Forge, TN, April 28, 2025, TT10298.
5. SMHS, EC Grades 9 to 12 – Young Harris College, Young Harris, GA, March 20, 2025, TT10323.

Dr. Ayers presented the above-listed field trips and asked for board approval.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, the board voted unanimously to approve the above-listed field trips.*

CLOSED SESSION

The board unanimously approved a motion by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, to enter into 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-319-32, and (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by attorney-client privilege.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, the board voted unanimously to return to open session.

OPEN SESSION

Action: Upon a motion by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Dr. Lynn Dillard, the board unanimously approved the consent action agenda:

- A. Draft Closed Session Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 21, 2025.
- B. Draft Closed Session Minutes from the Joint Meeting with County Commissioners on February 6, 2025.

PERSONNEL ACTION AGENDA

Action: Upon a motion made by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, the board voted unanimously to approve the personnel agenda as recommended by Dr. Ayers. The board unanimously approved the following recommendations:

Employee Recommendations:

1. Agnew, Joanna – Teacher, SMES
2. Ammons, Stephanie – Afterschool Tutor, FES
3. Blackwell, Brittney – Substitute EC Bus Monitor, SMHS
4. Broom, Anita – Custodian, SMHS
5. Bumgarner, Jared – Transportation Mechanic, Bus Garage
6. Carmichael, Tiffany – Substitute School Nutrition Assistant, SCES
7. Clawson, Gail – Infant-Toddler Lead Assistant, SCES
8. Frady, Melissa – Substitute School Nutrition Assistant, SMES
9. Green, Amanda – Afterschool Tutor, FES
10. Gregory, Melvin Scott – Substitute School Nutrition Assistant, FES
11. Hall, Jennifer - Substitute EC Bus Monitor, CVES
12. Hendershot, Sarah – Afterschool Tutor, FES
13. Howell, Wendy – Afterschool Tutor, FES
14. Howell, Wendy – Temporary Custodian, FES
15. Maney, Emma – Afterschool Tutor, FES
16. Mathis, Joshua – Custodian, BRS
17. Mayes, April – Afterschool Tutor, FES
18. Miller, Morag – Afterschool Tutor, FES
19. Morgan, Kirsten - Afterschool Tutor, FES
20. Paulk, Angela – EC Teacher Assistant, BRS
21. Plemmons, Abigail – Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, District-wide
22. Stillwell, Renee – Teacher, SMHS
23. Sumner, Robin – School Mental Health Clinician, District-wide
24. Webb, Jessica – Gear-up District Coordinator. District-wide
25. Young, Lyndsi – Behavior Support Assistant, BOE-SCES

Employee Resignations:

1. Brower, Brittany – School Counselor, SMES
2. Buck, Bailey – Substitute School Nutrition Assistant, BRS-BREC
3. Donatelli, Donna - Substitute School Nutrition Assistant, CVES
4. Holland, Jeremiah – Custodian and Bus Driver, SMHS
5. Hoover, Brandon – Substitute School Nutrition Assistant, CVES
6. Ledford, Stephanie - Substitute School Nutrition Assistant, CVES
7. Whiteside, Meagan – Teacher, SMES

Employee Retirements:

1. Bryson, April – Principal, SCES
2. Lanford, Gerald – Teacher, BREC
3. Parris, Judy – School Nutrition Assistant, SMHS
4. Queen, Bernice - School Nutrition Assistant, SMHS
5. Taylor, Lora – Teacher, FES

Employee Separations:

1. Riddle, Ronnie – Bus Driver, SCES

Employee Special Request – Leave of Absence:

1. Mathis, Donna – Teacher Assistant, FES

Staff, Non-Staff, and Returning Coach Recommendations:

1. Bell, Vivian – Assistant Coach District MS Women’s Soccer, SMHS-District, New Non-Staff
2. Boone, Jerrod – Assistant Coach Varsity Men’s Basketball, SMHS, Returning Staff
3. Boyles, Autumn – Head Coach District MS Women’s Soccer, SMHS-District, Returning Staff
4. Brown, Megan – Head Coach Indoor Track, SMHS, Returning Staff
5. Bryson, Richard – Head Coach Baseball, FES, Returning Non-Staff
6. Cabe, Dustin – Head Coach District MS Softball, SMHS-District, Returning Non-Staff
7. Cain, Matthew – Assistant Coach Varsity Men’s Wrestling, SMHS, Returning Non-Staff
8. Cain, Matthew - Assistant Coach MS Wrestling, SMHS-District, Returning Non-Staff
9. Caldwell, Michael – Assistant Coach Baseball, FES, Returning Non-Staff
10. Callaway, Molly – Head Coach Women’s Basketball, SCES, Returning Staff
11. Carter, Scott – Assistant Coach Varsity Swim, SMHS, Returning Non-Staff
12. Cooper, Jack – Head Coach District MS Men’s Track, SMHS-District, Returning Non-Staff
13. Davis, Tom – Head Coach JV Wrestling, SMHS, Returning Non-Staff
14. Dills, Monica Brooke – Assistant Coach Women’s Basketball, SCES, Returning Staff
15. Dunford, Ollin – Head Coach Varsity Women’s Basketball, SMHS, Returning Staff
16. Ellsworth, Marissa – Assistant Coach JV Women’s Basketball, SMHS, Returning Non-Staff
17. Herren, Steven - Assistant Coach MS Baseball, BREC, Returning Staff
18. Hooper, Elliott – Head Coach District MS Baseball, SMHS-District, New Non-Staff
19. Larch, Catherine Mindy – Head Coach Varsity Women’s Wrestling, SMHS, Returning Non-Staff
20. Maney, Christopher – Assistant Coach District MS Golf, SMHS-District, New Non-Staff
21. Mayse, Tim – Head Coach Varsity Women’s Basketball, BREC, Returning Staff
22. McCall, Kristina – Assistant Coach Varsity Women’s Soccer, BREC, Returning Staff
23. McRae, Lucy – Assistant Coach District MS Women’s Soccer, SMHS-District, New Non-Staff
24. Melvin, Jason – Head Coach JV Women’s Basketball, SMHS, Returning Non-Staff

25. Miller, Scott – Head Coach District MS Women’s Track, SMHS-District, Returning Staff
26. Montgomery, Ailey – Assistant Coach Varsity Women’s Wrestling, SMHS, Returning Staff
27. Montgomery, Cole Dalton – Head Coach Varsity Men’s Golf, SMHS, Returning Staff
28. Montgomery, Cole Dalton – Assistant Coach Freshman Men’s Basketball, SMHS, Returning Staff
29. Moody, Madison – Head Coach Varsity Cheer, SMHS, Returning Non-Staff
30. Mull, Ryan – Head Coach MS Baseball, BREC, Returning Non-Staff
31. Mulligan, Tyler – Assistant Coach Varsity Women’s Basketball, SMHS, Returning Staff
32. Orr, Kelli – Head Coach JV Cheer, SMHS, Returning Non-Staff
33. Pressler, Nick – Head Coach Varsity Women’s Soccer, BREC, Returning Staff
34. Richards, Keith – Head Coach District MS Wrestling, SMHS, Returning Staff
35. Schnorenberg, Paul – Head Coach Varsity Swim, SMHS, Returning Non-Staff
36. Scifers, Jonathan – Assistant Coach District MS Track, SMHS-District, Returning Non-Staff
37. Shull, Heather – Assistant Coach Varsity Cheer, SMHS, Returning Staff
38. Steinel, Ashley – Assistant Coach Varsity Women’s Basketball, BREC, Returning Staff
39. Stephens, Anthony – Head Coach Baseball, SCES, Returning Non-Staff
40. Stockton, Jordan – Head Coach JV Men’s Basketball, SMHS, Returning Staff
41. Sutherland, Diana – Head Coach Softball, SCES, Returning Staff
42. Todd, Mark - Head Coach District MS Golf, SMHS-District, New Non-Staff
43. Watkins, Rebekkah – Head Coach MS Women’s Soccer, BREC, Returning Staff
44. Wilson, Erik – Head Coach Varsity Men’s Wrestling, SMHS, Returning Staff
45. Wilson, Nicholas – Assistant Coach Baseball, CVES, New Non-Staff
46. Woods, Robert – Assistant Coach District MS Softball, SMHS-District, Returning Non-Staff
47. Young, Thomas – Head Coach Varsity Men’s Basketball, SMHS, Returning Staff

- E. Agenda Item: Motion to Amend Agenda to Add a Resolution Regarding Partisan Board of Education Elections for Jackson County Board of Education
 Presenter: Mr. Wes Jamison, Board Chairman

Mr. Jamison asked the board to amend the agenda to include an additional action item for a Resolution Regarding Partisan Board of Education Elections for Jackson County Board of Education.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Kim Moore, the board voted unanimously to approve the addition of an action item for a Resolution Regarding Partisan Board of Education Elections for Jackson County Board of Education.*

- F. Agenda Item: Resolution Regarding Partisan Board of Education Elections for Jackson County Board of Education
 Presenter: Mr. Wes Jamison, Board Chairman

Ms. Ashley Leonard, Board Attorney, read the Resolution Regarding Partisan Board of Education Elections for Jackson County Board of Education. JCPS BOE supports a Non-Partisan election.

Action: *Upon a motion by Mrs. Abigail Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Gayle Woody, the board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution Regarding Partisan Elections for Jackson County Board of Education.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Education is March 25, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at Jackson Community School, 3770 Skyland Drive, Sylva, NC.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, Chairman Wes Jamison adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Mr. Wes Jamison, Chairman

Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Secretary