

**Board Minutes
October 21, 2025**

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, in the board office at 6:00 p.m. Kevin Brantley, Donald Smith, Sherrie Smith, Marty Thompson, and Jacob Waller were present. Chairman D. Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Mr. Thompson gave the invocation and Mr. Brantley 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 September 16, 2025 regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Waller, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
3. The September 2025 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Waller; unanimous approval.
4. Superintendent Watkins presented Board Policy IFBG- Internet Acceptable Use for first reading. The board agreed by consensus to review this policy to be voted on at the November 18, 2025 board meeting.
5. The following Field Trips and Fund-Raising Requests were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Ms. Smith:
 - JCMS BETA, State Convention, December 4-6, 2025
 - JCHS BETA, State Convention, December 1-3, 2025
 - JCMS BETA, Christmas Décor, October 22 -November 17, 2025
 - JCMS PBIS, Yard Flags, March 1 – 31, 2026
 - JCHS Basketball Cheer, Hairbow Calendar, October 22 – November 21, 2025
 - JCMHS Band, Donation Tickets, October 22 – 31, 2025
 - JCHS Tennis, Trojan Apparel, October 22 -31, 2025
6. Mr. Charles Howard, JCES Principal, provided the board with an update on his school. He shared current discipline data, reported on the progress of GaLeads, and invited them to the Fall Fun Fair Festival on Oct 30, 2025 from 5:00-7:00 pm.
7. Mr. Reid Bethea, JCMHS Principal, provided the board with an update on the school and shared the current discipline data. He emphasized that attendance for students and staff remains a high priority. He commended the Varsity Softball team for winning the Region Championship and recognized the Varsity Football team for remaining undefeated, noting that basketball season is now underway. He applauded Mrs. Amanda Winfrey and Ms. Gina Bright for their hard work and dedication to homecoming during which Ms. Torrian Waters was crowned Homecoming Queen. He further recognized Mrs. Amanda Winfrey and the yearbook staff for being honored on the Pictavo International Honor Roll. He announced that Toye Boulineau and Dr. Amy Rowland were selected as the Rotary Student and Teacher of the Month, respectively. In addition, he reported that BETA students placed in four out of five events at their leadership competition.

8. Mrs. Tecia McKay, Associate Superintendent, provided the board with an update on curriculum and school improvement initiatives. She emphasized the district's continued commitment to innovative instruction and highlighted the recent career fair, the ongoing STEM rotation at the elementary school, and project based math. She then introduced Mrs. Kelli Rowland to present an update to the board on the literary intervention program. Mrs. Rowland shared a presentation illustrating small-group instructional settings for this intervention and discussed several of the techniques being used in the program.
9. Dr. Hanna Kiser, Director of Special Education, CTAE, & Assessments, updated the board on several key areas. She reported that JCS has been selected for an audit of its assessments and noted that Special Education FTE reporting is complete. She also highlighted the successful CTAE interview event.
10. Superintendent Watkins updated the board on the changes to the gifted education model and announced that 14 teachers have begun the gifted endorsement program through Oconee RESA. He noted recent budget, funding, and reporting deadlines that have been successfully met for state compliance. He also provided an update on the RUS grant. Finally, he discussed with the board the option of participating virtually in the GSBA Conference this December. The board agreed to attend the conference virtually this year.
11. On a motion by Mr. Waller, and second by Mr. Brantley, the board gave unanimous approval 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. Waller, second by Mr. Brantley.
12. Superintendent Watkins presented personnel recommendations. The following recommendations were approved on a motion by Mr. Waller, second by Mr. Brantley; unanimous approval.
 - **To Hire:**
 Rayna Lindsey, ELA Teacher
 Denise Davis, Custodian
 Elene Cooper, School Nutrition
 - **To Resign**
 Sheila Thigpen, School Nutrition
13. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

**JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD
OF EDUCATION**

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent