

Board Minutes
May 20, 2025

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 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. Brantley, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
2. The April 15, 2025 regular meeting and April 29, 2025 called meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Waller second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
3. The April 2025 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Ms. Waller; unanimous approval.
4. Superintendent Watkins presented a Resolution with Raymond James Financial Group for financing the Athletic Facilities. This Resolution was approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Waller; unanimous approval.
5. Superintendent Watkins presented the GSBA Governance Team Self-Assessment for discussion. This item was tabled and will be presented for approval at the June meeting.
6. The following Field Trip and Fund-Raising Requests were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Waller, second by Mr. Brantley:
 - JCHS BETA, National Convention, Orlando, FL, June 23 – 26, 2025
 - JCMS Cheer, Bow Fundraiser, June 1 – 23, 2025
 - JCHS Basketball Cheer, Donuts, July 14 – 18, 2025
 - JCHS Basketball Cheer, Bake Sale, June 21, 2025
7. Mr. Charles Howard, JCES Principal, updated the board on his school. He presented the discipline data for the year. He recognized the following students for placing at the district Stem Fair: Eli Taylor, Rylie Wilds, Amelia Brint, Jaybren Albert, Shiloh Pool, Hayden Richardson, Jenna Kate Johnson, Kamora Simmons, Cayden Williams, Diego Bravo, Eden Wilcher, Piper Tanner, Bailee Brantley, Sadie Rowland, Camryn Reese, Wesley Davis, Ryan Ivey, Chanze Horne, Emma Rae Mason, Haylei Harris, Sawyer Attaway, and Skylar Bridges.
8. Mr. Reid Bethea, JCMHS Principal, updated the board on his school. He provided discipline data from both schools for the year. He also noted that the Parent Picnic was a success and was well attended. He reminded everyone that Graduation on May 24, 2025 was going to be held in the gym but would be live streamed by Mr. Mike Brinson. Ms. Gina Bright and Mrs. Amanda Winfrey were present and explained the process for graduation. They explained the ticket distribution, seating arrangements, etc. Mr. Bethea announced that the Rotary Student of the Month for May was Kaylie Crawford and she selected Coach Don Norton as the Teacher of the Month. He also recognized the following students for placing at the district Science Fair: Tatum Roberts, Alana Cason, Emalee Brantley, Weston Foskey, Talon McCoy, Briley Ussery, JD Carswell, Brianna Jackson, and McKhyrick Jones.
9. Mrs. Tecia McKay, Associate Superintendent, updated the board on the upcoming GLISI conference. She noted that Milestone scores are back and the data will be used at the upcoming District Leadership Summit. She presented a video from our Media Specialist, Mrs. Hallie Fenton, who is our current District Teacher of the Year. Finally, she distributed a copy the

Parent/Family Engagement Plan/Policy and noted there were not any changes for the new school year.

10. Superintendent Watkins presented the Parent/Family Engagement Plan for approval. This plan was approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Ms. Smith, unanimous approval.
11. Mr. Charlie Lindsey, Associate Superintendent, updated the board on the progress of the football stadium project. He noted that it was on schedule. He also updated them on other on-going projects: Visitor Fieldhouse, Gym renovation and Sports Complex restroom/concession stand. He noted that data collections for the end of the year were on track. Finally, he discussed inventory control and initiations to better manage warehouse inventory.
12. On a motion by Mr. Waller, second by Ms. Smith; unanimous approval was given 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. Thompson.
13. Superintendent Watkins presented personnel recommendations. The following recommendations were approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Ms. Smith; unanimous approval.
 - **To Hire:**
Mrs. Felicia Norris, JCES Teacher
Mr. Matthew Sherwood, JCHS Teacher
Ms. Jennifer Jessup, Bus Driver
Mr. Chase Lindsey, Cross Country Assistant Coach
 - **Resignations:**
Ms. Lenora Davis, Bus Driver
Mr. James Blair, Bus Driver
Ms. Heather Smith, JCES Teacher
Ms. Siterro Wheeler JCMS Instructional Coach
14. The meeting was then adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent