

Board Minutes April 15, 2025

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, April 15, 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 Ms. Smith 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 March 18, 2025 regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Waller second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
3. The March 2025 financial report was approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Ms. Waller; unanimous approval.
4. The following Fund-Raising Request was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Waller, second by Mr. Thompson:
 - Varsity Football, Annual Coke Sale, April 28, -May 12, 2025
5. Mr. Charles Howard, JCES Principal, updated the board on his school. He presented the current discipline data. He reminded board members that testing season was here and the 3-5 grades would soon begin Georgia Milestone Testing. He also noted that he would be having his PAC meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
6. Mr. Reid Bethea, JCMHS Principal, updated the board on his school. He provided discipline data from both schools. He also noted that the middle and high schools were entering testing season with Georgia Milestones and End of Course. He thanked Mrs. Fenton and Mrs. Tanner for the success of the etiquette classes held recently for all middle school students. He announced numerous upcoming events including: PAC meeting, Scholarship Night, Cord Ceremony, Honors Night, Graduation, and numerous spring sports events.
7. Mrs. Tecia McKay, Associate Superintendent, presented the board with pictures of various happenings in our district including: small group instruction, project-based learning, STEM rotation, Literacy Intervention, Tech Prep modeling, book studies, grade level collaboration, and SEL.
8. Superintendent Watkins, on behalf of Mr. Charlie Lindsey, Associate Superintendent, updated the board on the progress of the football stadium project. He presented a bid from Tom-A-Lama Construction to clean up the line from the visitor bleacher area around to Chadwick Drive for security perimeter fencing. Superintendent Watkins recommended this clean up to the board for approval. On a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Ms. Smith, unanimous approval was given to move forward with this project.

9. Dr. Hanna Kiser, Director of Special Education, CTAE, and Assessments, reiterated that it was indeed testing time and everything was in place.
10. Superintendent Watkins discussed the contract with Raymond James for the Athletic Facilities projects and that the resolution would be presented for adoption at the May board meeting.
11. On a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Waller; 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. Brantley.
12. Superintendent Watkins presented Landry Thompson for employment for the 2025-2026 school year as an intern teacher. The vote was 4 YES with Mr. Thompson abstaining.
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 for 2025-2026 School Year:**
Ms. Pamela Calloway, JCMHS Counselor
Mr. Chip Fleming, JCHS Special Education
Ms. Jennifer Jessup, JCHS Softball Coach
Ms. Ella Atkinson, Substitute Teacher
Ms. Brittany Realy, Substitute Teacher
 - **Resignations:**
Mrs. Liz Ridgeway, effective at end of current contract
Mrs. Morgan Brown, effective at end of current school year
14. The meeting was then adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent