

Board Minutes June 16, 2026

The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 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. Waller 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 May 18, 2026 called meeting and May 19, 2026 regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Mr. Waller; unanimous approval.
3. The May 2026 financial report was approved on a motion by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Waller; unanimous approval.
4. Superintendent Watkins presented the FY27 Budget for Final approval. On a motion by Mr. Waller, second by Ms. Smith; unanimous approval was given to approve the budget as presented.
5. Superintendent Watkins presented a request to rescind the resolution concerning the Rural Utilities Services (RUS) grant that was approved at the May 19, 2026 meeting. Unanimous approval was given for the rescission on a motion by Mr. Thompson; second by Mrs. Smith.
6. Superintendent Watkins presented a revised resolution concerning the Rural Utilities Services (RUS) grant. This grant has provided updated technology for our district to utilize distance or on-line learning. This revised resolution was approved on a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Ms. Smith; unanimous approval.
7. Superintendent Watkins presented a resolution to request Georgia Department of Education assistance in developing a new Five-Year Local Facilities Plan. This resolution was approved on a motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Ms. Smith, unanimous approval.
8. The following Field Trips and Fund Raising requests were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Waller, second by Ms. Smith:
 - JCHS Football Cheer, Solid Rock Athletics Gym, July 21-22, 2026
 - JCHS Football Cheer, Car Wash, July 15-18, 2026
 - JCMS Football Cheer, Bake Sale July 13, 2026
9. Mr. Charles Howard, JCES Principal, updated the board on the Elementary School. He shared the school's year-end discipline data and reported that the recent Chat & Chew event was successful despite rainy weather. Mr. Howard also informed the board that he and his staff are preparing for the upcoming school year.
10. Mr. Reid Bethea, JCMHS Principal, updated the board on the Middle and High Schools. He shared some of the sports schedules for the new school year. He also noted the recent Chat & Chew event was a success as there was input from both parents and community

stakeholders. Lastly, he reported that JCHS BETA left for their National Convention in Nashville, TN today.

11. The board requested an updated on all athletic booster clubs. The board allowed for groups to either submit a presentation to the board office or present in person. Reports were submitted by the Dugout Club and the Touchdown Club. Mr. Dale Brantley addressed the board and presented an update on the Athletics Booster Club. He informed the board some of the ways the Athletics Booster Club supports the athletic program. He noted that the club provides college scholarships, team meals during playoff games, bottled water, assistance with uniforms and equipment, and financial donations to individual sports as well as the athletics department as a whole.
12. During Public Participation time, Ms. Jeanette Hightower addressed the board. Her concern involved her middle school grandchild and not being offered summer school. Superintendent Watkins shared that the middle school does not offer summer school credit recovery.
13. On a motion by Mr. Brantley, and second by Ms. Smith, 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.
14. Superintendent Watkins presented a rescission request regarding Mrs. Lemia M. Carswell as School Nurse. On a motion by Mr. Brantley, second by Ms. Smith, unanimous approval was given to rescind the motion.
15. Superintendent Watkins presented personnel recommendations. The following recommendations were approved on a motion by Ms. Smith, second by Mr. Thompson; unanimous approval.
 - **To Hire:**
 - Jonathan Lewis, Middle/High Assistant Principal
 - Danielle Mayo Shenk, School Nurse
 - Katherine Snell, JCES Teacher
 - Lashonda Warthen, Bus Driver
 - Kelli Rowland, Literacy Coach K-3
 - Carla Griffin, Middle/High Counselor
 - Robin Harwell, Family & Consumer Science Teacher
16. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Superintendent