

MINUTES OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR SESSION,
MARCH 8, 2007, 6:00 P.M.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Recognition of Visitors or Delegations
 - Shaw & Shanks, construction projects
4. Audience Participation
5. **Consent Agenda**

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 2007, with any additions/corrections necessary (Attachment 5a)

Approve the following amendments: (Attachment 5b)

General Purpose Court

General Purpose Board

Federal Projects Board

Approve students participating in the We The People Project Citizen State Competitive Showcase in Nashville on May 11-14, 2007 – 16 students from Doe and a class of students from JCMS plus chaperones (Attachment 5c)

Approve Geotechnical exploration proposal to conduct 20 soil test borings at JCHS/JCMS - \$6,650.00 (Attachment 5d)

6. Report of Student Board Member – Megan Motsinger
7. Recognize teachers eligible for tenure
8. Move April board meeting from April 12th to April 5th or 10th (this is necessary in order to meet the requirements of the law for notifying certified personnel of election or non-election prior to April 15th)
9. Review of Board Policy Section 5 – Personnel
10. First reading of new board policy # 2.403-Personal Property Sales, and revisions to board policies 2.702-Inventories, 3.205-Security, 3.300-Equipment and Supplies Management, and 5.305-Family and Medical Leave (Attachment # 10)
11. Changing of bus routes (Attachment #11)
12. Approve Landmark Corporation as low bidder on Mountain City gymnasium project – amount - \$154,876.00 (Attachment #12)
13. Approve Shaw & Shanks submitting drawings for Laurel and Shady Valley to the state fire marshal
14. Doe Elementary Update – Lisa Arnold
15. Budget Update – Russell Robinson
16. Any other matters which may duly come before the Board for official action

Information Items:

1. Director's Report
2. Board meeting time changes back to 7:00 p.m. in April
3. Biology in a Box
4. Day-on-the-Hill
5. Personnel decisions made by Director of Schools

Hires

- Norman Hodge – substitute custodian
- Timothy Charles McIver – substitute bus driver
- Hilda Conville – full-time instructional assistant at RCE

- Daffney Billings Harris – 3rd grade teacher at RCE (filling maternity leave)

Leaves

- Rosalee Thomas – medical leave from 2/27/07 until 3/26/07
- Alice Johnson – maternity leave from 3/2/07 until 4/17/07
- Andrea Michele Cooke – extension of leave through end of 06-07 school year
- Melissa Stanley – 2 days unpaid medical leave – February 22nd and 23rd
- LaVonna Roush – extension of maternity leave until March 12,2007

Retirement

- Betty Brown – retirement effective 6-30-07

Resignations

- Christi Blankenbeckler – instructional assistant at Roan Creek Elementary
- Maggie Lewis – Pre-K teacher at Mountain City Elementary

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Addendum

1. Approve JCHS Softball team going on overnight trip to Tennessee Wesleyan at Athens for softball tournament March 15-17 – 16 students and 5 chaperones (Attachment #1)
2. Approve the following change to the Central Office roof project – install new roof hatch – amount \$500.00

Personnel Decisions Made by Superintendent:

Hires

- Jimmy L. Anson - full-time mechanic at bus garage

Action taken on Agenda/Addendum items:

- 1-2. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Carlton. The roll was called with all members present: Mr. Buckles, Mr. Gambill, Mr. Gregg, Ms. Stout, and Mr. Carlton. Ms. Motsinger, student member, was absent (attend SCOPE in Nashville). Audrey Reece, recorder.

After a moment of silence, Mr. Woodring led in the pledge to the American Flag.

3. Students from Weeblo Den #1 Pack 9 of Mountain City Elementary School were present with their leader, Lonna Smith and were recognized by Mr. Carlton.

Mr. Carlton also recognized Pat Reece, a teacher with NECC, who was present to observe the meeting.

Tim Shaw and Tom Shanks were present to do updates on construction/renovation projects as follows:

Central Office Re-roof Project – Tom Shanks

- Asbestos removal in progress
- All materials are here
- Moving a lot more quickly than expected
- Removal of vents improving looks of building
- Hope to be done in 1-2 weeks
- One curb on roof covered over – is hatch – propose to get the closed over part removed and put in a roof scuttle – cost of \$500.00 – change order
- Recommend it be taken out of Morristown contingency allowance

At this time, Mr. Carlton went to # 2 on the Addendum for action. A motion was made by Mr. Buckles, seconded by Mr. Gregg, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to install a new roof hatch – amount \$500 – and take it from the Morristown contingency.

Mr. Carlton then went to #s 12 and 13 on the Agenda.

12. After brief explanation, a motion was made by Mr. Gambill, seconded by Mr. Buckles, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to approve Landmark Corporation as low bidder on the Mountain City gymnasium project – amount \$154,876.00.
13. After explanation and discussion about new fire marshal codes going into effect July 1st, a motion was made by Mr. Buckles, seconded by Mr. Gambill, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to approve Shaw and Shanks submitting drawings for Laurel and Shady Valley to the state fire marshal. The process will be that they will first formulate a plan and prepare a budget and bring it back to the board for approval before anything is submitted to the fire marshal.

Mr. Shanks then asked if Mr. Carlton wanted him to give information about the Geothermal exploration proposal to conduct 20 soil test borings at JCHS/JCMS \$6,650.00 which is on the consent agenda.

Geothermal exploration proposal

- Doing soil boring of proposed site of new addition at JCMS
- Necessary to do this, so best to go ahead and get it done
- Met with JCMS staff and facilities committee representatives

JCHS Kitchen – Tim Shaw

- Took bids
- Awarded bid
- Have contract
- Notice to proceed
- Were supposed to start this past Monday
- Pre-construction conference next week

5. Consent agenda – Mr. Carlton asked if anyone had any item they wished pulled off the consent agenda for individual discussion/vote. A motion was made by Mr. Buckles, seconded by Ms. Stout and passed by unanimous roll call vote that the consent agenda be approved as recommended. This included the following amendments.

General Purpose Court

Account #	Description	Original Budget	Increase	Decrease	Amended Budget
43570	Rec. from Ind. Schools		\$1,327.42		
44120	Leases and Rentals		\$1,097.24		
44170	Misc. Refunds		\$12,509.72		
49800	Operating Transfers		\$38.00		
			\$14,972.38		

The above money was receipted and deposited with the trustee and is being amended into the following appropriate line items: 43570 Receipts from Individual Schools \$1,327.42 includes \$575.00 reimbursement of field trip expenses, \$308.73 reimbursement for substitute pay, \$298.97 reimbursement for Sam's Club purchases, and \$144.72 reimbursement for supplies ordered through Central Office; 44120 Leases and Rentals **\$1,097.24 is for rental on McQueen property**; 44170 Misc. Refunds **\$12,509.72 includes \$500 refund/rebate on orders, \$174.82 reimbursement from N.E. State College for custodial supplies used; \$23.00 restitution for vandalism; \$3,243.31 reimbursement on Worker's Comp claim, and \$8,568.59 e-rate refund**; **49800 Operating Transfers \$38.00 is for GEAR UP field trip expenses.**

71100-198	Substitute Teachers	\$69,234.25	\$160.50		\$69,394.75
71100-201	Social Security	\$306,439.57	\$4.23		\$306,443.80
71100-722	Instr. Equipment	\$70,286.90	\$95.00		\$70,381.90
71200-198	Substitute Teachers	\$18,342.00	\$2,980.71		\$21,322.71
71200-201	Social Security	\$47,649.44	\$184.80		\$47,834.24
71200-210	Unemployment Comp.	\$1,343.45	\$16.99		\$1,360.44
71200-212	Employer Medicare	\$11,146.57	\$43.22		\$11,189.79
71300-198	Substitute Teachers	\$8,267.50	\$133.75		\$8,401.25
71300-201	Social Security	\$44,004.91	\$8.29		\$44,013.20
71300-212	Employer Medicare	\$10,292.22	\$1.96		\$10,294.18
71300-448	T & I Const. Materials	\$134,252.46	\$350.00		\$134,602.46
72210-790	Other Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$8,568.59		\$18,568.59
72310-513	Workers Comp. Ins.	\$119,473.32	\$17.59		\$119,490.91
72320-307	Communication	\$17,000.00	\$389.65		\$17,389.65
72320-599	Other Charges	\$4,553.61	\$298.97		\$4,852.58
72610-410	Custodial Supplies	\$65,000.00	\$174.82		\$65,174.82
72610-415	Electricity	\$500,000.00	\$272.59		\$500,272.59
72610-454	Water & Sewer	\$34,000.00	\$435.00		\$34,435.00
72620-499	Other Supplies/Mats.	\$75,043.88	\$72.72		\$75,116.60

72710-146	Bus Drivers	\$223,379.00	\$536.00		\$223,915.00
72710-412	Diesel Fuel	\$120,086.13	\$77.00		\$120,163.13
71710-433	Lubricants	\$5,000.00	\$150.00		\$5,150.00
			\$14,972.38		
34290	Other Educ. Reserves	\$1,694,512.00		\$208,647.00	\$1,485,865.00
71200-128	Homebound Teachers	\$20,000.00	\$8,000.00		\$28,000.00
71200-399	Other Contr. Services	\$34,000.00	\$14,253.00		\$48,253.00
73300-189	Other Salaries/Wages	\$40,000.00	\$26,557.00		\$66,557.00
73300-201	Social Security	\$2,480.00	\$1,647.00		\$4,127.00
73300-204	State Retirement	\$4,412.00	\$2,778.00		\$7,190.00
73300-210	Unemployment	\$260.00	\$151.00		\$411.00
73300-212	Employer Medicare	\$580.00	\$385.00		\$965.00
76100-707	Building Improvements	\$666,407.00	\$154,876.00		\$821,283.00
			\$208,647.00		
(Funds from reserve to cover additional OTPT services (\$22,253.00), additional school age child care funds for salary and wages (\$31,518.00), and the Mountain City gym renovations of \$154,876.00)					
(Prepared by Audrey Reece and Russell Robinson)					

General Purpose Board

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	AMENDED BUDGET
71100-128	HOMEBOUND TEACHERS	\$4,500.00	\$3,500.00		\$8,000.00
71100-163	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS	\$96,343.00		\$3,500.00	\$92,843.00
71200-128	HOMEBOUND TEACHERS	\$20,000.00	\$11,000.00		\$31,000.00
71200-163	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS	\$95,661.00		\$11,000.00	\$84,661.00
72220-124	PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSONNEL	\$39,380.43	\$4,447.00		\$43,827.43
72220-201	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$6,728.10	\$259.00		\$6,987.10
72220-204	STATE RETIREMENT	\$7,360.66	\$256.00		\$7,616.66
72220-207	MEDICAL INSURANCE	\$14,510.00		\$2,000.00	\$12,510.00
72220-212	EMPLOYER MEDICARE	\$1,574.14	\$60.00		\$1,634.14
72220-355	TRAVEL	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00		\$5,500.00
72220-399	OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$2,000.00		\$1,022.00	\$978.00
72220-499	OTHER SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$3,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
72220-524	INSERVICE/STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$5,002.05		\$1,500.00	\$3,502.05
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	TOTALS	\$300,059.38	\$21,022.00	\$21,022.00	\$300,059.38
ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION, PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSONNEL AND SPECIAL EDUCATION ROUTINE TRAVEL					

Federal Projects Board

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	AMENDED BUDGET
71100-163-102	EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS	\$185,266.00		\$5,000.00	\$180,266.00
71100-198-102	NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$10,000.00
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	TOTALS TITLE I 07-01	\$190,266.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$190,266.00
ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR TITLE I FUNDED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS					

the alternate, were not present. They were in Nashville, attending the SCOPE Conference.

7. Recognition of teachers eligible for tenure – The principals introduced the tenure-eligible teachers from their schools and made comments about them. They teachers also had an opportunity to comment on their jobs, etc.

JCHS –Paula Norton introduced Garry Ferry, Kathy McCulloch, and Daniel McEwen
Laurel – Teresa Cunningham introduced Elva (Taffy) Dugger
Mountain City – Gay Triplett introduced Paula Stewart and Amy Woodall
RCE – Margaret Wallace introduced Summer Eller

8. Mr. Woodring said they needed to change the April board meeting so that letters to certified personnel notifying them of election or non-election could be delivered before April 15 (which is on Sunday this year). After brief discussion, the meeting was changed to Thursday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m.
9. Review of Board Policy Section 5 – Personnel – None of the board members had any recommendations for change so no action was taken on this item.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Mr. Buckles, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to approve the first reading of new board policy 2.403 – Personal Property Sales, and the revisions to board policies 2.702-Inventories, 3.205-Security, 3.300-Equipment and Supplies Management, and 5.305-Family and Medical Leave. These policies/changes will come before the Board in April for second and final reading.
11. After explanation and brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Ms. Stout and carried by unanimous roll call vote to approve the changes in bus routes as recommended by Mr. Woodring and Mr. Barry Bishop.

Items 12 and 13 were taken care of earlier in the meeting.

14. Doe Elementary Update – Lisa Arnold did a PowerPoint presentation about the programs, test scores, and other information about Doe Elementary School.
15. Russell Robinson gave each board member a budget update handout and went over some of the information. He said 67.6% of budget has been realized and we have spent 55.57% of the budget, which means we are bringing in more than we are spending. He talked about an e-reporting workshop he attended.
16. Any other matters which may duly come before the board. Nothing was brought up.

Mr. Gregg said he wanted to thank all the tenure eligible teachers for coming and for submitting their portfolios.

Director's Report

- Next meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. on April 5th
- Dr. Timbs got grant – Biology in a Box – workshop at RCE in July – Johnson County and Carter County teachers
- Graduation date – May 12th – 10:00 a.m.
- Missed 9 days for snow – 4 days left plus built in days
- Last day is May 16th
- March 2 – breakfast with Mr. Carlton and teacher representatives from each school – gave a report on this

Mr. Gregg – Report on Day-on-the-Hill

- Very productive meeting
- Met with Ron Ramsey and Jason Mumpower –

Mr. Carlton then went to item #1 on the addendum.

1. A motion was made by Mr. Buckles, seconded by Mr. Gambill, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to approve JCHS softball team going on overnight trip to Tennessee Wesleyan at Athens for softball tournament March 15-17 – 16 students and 5 chaperones

Mr. Gambill

- Appreciate teachers for coming and staying for the entire meeting
- Lucky to have the quality of teachers we have
- Thanks to Boy Scouts for coming

Mr. Buckles

- Echo congratulations to tenure teachers
- FFA Banquet May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Stout

- Thanks to tenure teachers for coming and for preparing portfolios

Mr. Gregg

- Thanks to Lisa Arnold for presentation on Doe School
- Thanks to all visitors for coming
- Echo what has been said about the tenure teacher portfolios and appreciate them coming tonight

Mr. Carlton

- Appreciate Weeblo Pack for attending
- Appreciate teachers
- Appreciate Lisa's presentation and am looking forward to the one next month
- Election for TSBA officers
- Read letter from Michael Resnick – Association Executive Director

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

_____ Director of Schools	_____ Chairman	_____ Vice-Chairman
_____ Member	_____ Member	_____ Member