

MINUTES OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR SESSION,  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2007, 7:00 P.M.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
4. Presentation of plaque to retiring employee:  
Linda J. Thomson
5. Recognition of Visitors or Delegations
6. Audience Participation
7. **Consent Agenda**  
Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2007, with any additions/corrections necessary (Attachment 7a)

Approval of annual Certification of Compliance (ED-2152) that all students have been provided textbooks (Attachment 7b)

Approve the Certification of Compliance for the Tennessee School Nutrition Standards Act for School Year 2007-2008 (Attachment 7c)

Approval of proposal for Extended Contract for 2007-2008 (Executive Agreement 8-22-07) (Attachment 7d)

Approve the contract to audit accounts for the Activity Funds and U.S.D.A. procedures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 with Lewis and Associates, PC in the amount of \$8,500.00 (Attachment 7e)

Approval of contract between Johnson County School System and Frontier Health, Inc. to provide a Prevention and Early Intervention Counselor for at-risk students (Attachment 7f)

Approval of overnight field trips: (Attachment 7g)

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Washington, D. C. – May 12-18, 2008
- FFA field trip to Shelbyville, TN for Horse Judging Contest – August 24-25 (Executive Agreement 8-14-07)
- JCHS overnight/150+ miles field trip requests

Approve change/revision to 2007-08 school calendar due to error in dates (Attachment 7h)

Approve FY 2007-2008 Safe Schools Act Application – State Funds \$15,800, Local Match \$1,655 – Total Amount \$17,455. (Attachment 7i)

Approve the following DHA Committee Pool for the 2007-08 school year: John Mast, Emogene South, Gay Triplett, Pat Verplank, David Timbs, Mischelle Simcox, Debra Wilcox

8. Report of Student Board Member – Nancy Blevins
9. First reading of TSBA recommended changes to following board policies (Attachment #8)
  - Security – 3.205
  - Scheduling and Routing – 3.401
  - Interrogation and Searches – 6.303
  - Bus Conduct – 6.308
  - Suspension/Expulsion/Remand – 6.316
  - Disciplinary Hearing Authority 6.317
10. Review of Section 1 – School Board Operations – of Board Policy Handbook
11. Approve Change Order on Mountain City Elementary Gym renovation project - \$500 credit (Attachment #11)
12. Approve Bennett's Pest Elimination for pest control for schools for the 2007-2008 school year (Attachment #12)
13. Facilities Committee Update – Dr. David Timbs

14. Update on test scores/Value Added Presentation – Dr. David Timbs
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

- Fall District Meeting – September 24<sup>th</sup> at Chucky Doak High School – leave Central Office at 3:15 p.m.
- Board Retreat – set date for October 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>
- TSBA Convention – get registration information forms to Audrey ASAP
- Shady Valley Library Building Fund
- Linda Irwin/Niswonger

2. Personnel decisions made by Director of Schools

Hires

- After school childcare workers at Laurel Elementary for 2007-2008: Teresa Cunningham, Director; Heather Robinson, Bookkeeper/Caregiver; Lesa Arnold, Melissa Issacs Brown, Deborah Dickens, Patty Kimmel, Carol Peterson, Beverly Teague, and Diane Eastridge as Caregivers
- CCLCP (21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center) at Doe for summer 2008 and school year 2007-2008 program: Lisa Arnold, Rose Rasmusen, Coordinators; Barbara Hampton, Bookkeeper; Cheri Long, Debra Arnold, Pat Dobbins, Melissa Timbs, Daphne Greene, Nikki Taylor, Pam Amstein, and Jessica Trent, Teaches, tutors and field trip supervisors; Mary Slep, Melissa Newman, and Rita Robinson as assistants; Lisa Arnold, Rose Rasmussen, Barbara Hempton, Dianne Wilson, Cheri Long, Pat Dobbins, Tammy Eggleston, Colleen Proffitt, Anne Osborne, and Pam Amstein in Summer Acceleration Program 2008
- CCLCP (21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center) at Doe for 2007-2008 school year: Marilyn Brown, Lisa Zeggert, Tracy, Sherry Stanley, and Patricia Payne
- Angela Ward – Special Education assistant at RCE
- Hilda Conville and Heather Edmiston as Kid's Corral child caregivers at RCE
- Rosemary Martin – caregiver in Kid's Country after school childcare program
- Shelba Hicks – substitute custodian and substitute cook
- Cynthia Cornett – custodian at JCHS
- Wanda Payne – part-time adult education teacher

Leaves

- Jeannie Taylor – medical leave for month of August and September using sick days through September 28, at which point unpaid leave will begin
- Kathy Thomas – food service employee at JCHS – 2 days leave without pay – September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>
- Brenda Gambill – 4 days leave without pay – September 4-7, 2007
- Pat Verplank – Family medical leave beginning on September 4, 2007 for undesignated period of time
- Bonnie Thompson – bus driver – medical leave from August 8, 2007 to September 17, 2007 due to knee replacement surgery
- Erin Taylor – 1 day unpaid leave on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and using three personal days on September 24, 25, and 26
- Holly McFadden – instructional assistant – medical leave beginning August 7, 2007 until November 2007

Resignations

- Kelly Lynn – Gear-Up tutor at JCHS
- Cynthia Cornett – special education assistant at RCE

Retirement

- Linda J. Thomson – food service employee

Transfers

- Patty Kimmell from assistant at Laurel Elementary to interim Health Educator at JCVS during the medical leave of Jeannie Taylor. Will return to position as assistant at Laurel when Ms. Taylor returns.
- Kim Laws from assistant at JCMS to interim 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at RCE during the medical leave of Pat Verplank. Will return to position as assistant at JCMS when Ms. Verplank returns.

The Johnson County School System does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the programs and activities which it operates pursuant to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336. If you need provisions to attend this Board of Education meeting, please notify Morris Woodring, Director of Schools, at (423) 727-2640.

### Action Taken on Agenda Items

1-2. The chairman, Mr. Carlton, called the meeting to order. The roll was called, with all members present: Mr. Buckles, Mr. Gambill, Mr. Gregg, Ms. Stout, Mr. Carlton, and Nancy Blevins, student member. Audrey Reece, recorder.

3. Election of Chairman/Vice Chairman  
Mr. Carlton turned the meeting over to Mr. Woodring for election of chairman. Mr. Woodring asked for nominations for chairman. A motion was made by Mr. Gregg, seconded by Ms. Stout, to nominate Howard Carlton for chairman. Mr. Woodring asked if there were any other nominations. A motion was made by Mr. Buckles that nominations cease and Mr. Carlton be elected chairman by acclamation. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Woodring then turned the meeting back over to Mr. Carlton.

Mr. Carlton asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Ms. Stout nominated Kenneth Gregg for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Buckles made a motion that nominations cease and Mr. Gregg be elected vice-chairman by acclamation. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

4. Presentation of plaque to retiring employee – Linda J. Thomson. Ms. Thomson was not present at the meeting. Mr. Woodring said they would see that she receives her plaque.

5-6. Recognition of Visitors/Audience Participation

There were two people present who wished to address the board. The first was Mr. John Greer who wanted to talk to the board about the problems his son was having on the bus. Mr. Greer went over what process has occurred at the school and on Ms. Norton's part. Mr. Carlton and Mr. Woodring told him that the situation would be looked at and Mr. Woodring would contact Mr. Greer when they had reached a solution/decision.

Ms. Trish Burchette with the Band Boosters was present and made a brief presentation to the board about the Band Boosters Organization. She said they are in the process of developing Articles of Incorporation with the help of an attorney. She said she would get copies of this to the board when it is available. She gave the board information packets about the Band Boosters.

7. Consent Agenda  
After a brief moment to look over the consent agenda, a motion was made by Mr. Buckles, seconded by Ms. Stout, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to approve the consent agenda as presented and recommended.

8. Report of student board member – Nancy Blevins

- Parent conferences happening tonight 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Senior Night at 7:00 p.m. in the JCHS gym
- Home football game tomorrow night with Avery County High School
- Action Youth Coalition
- First club day of the year – JCHS now has 21 clubs
- New program – after school homework help – Monday-Thursday 3:30 – 4:30
- JCHS students fortunate to have tutoring – GEAR UP program has two tutors – one for Math/Science and one for English/Social Studies
- First ACT test of the year will be this coming Saturday morning

9. First reading of TSBA recommended changes to board policies. After Mr. Woodring went over the changes, a motion was made by Mr. Gambill, seconded by Mr. Gregg, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to approve first reading of the changes to the following board policies:

- Security – 3.205
- Scheduling and Routing – 3.401

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These policies will be brought to the next meeting for second and final reading.

10. Review of Section 1 – School Board Operations – of Board Policy Handbook. Mr. Carlton said he hoped everyone had had a chance to look these policies over. He asked if anyone had any changes, additions, or deletions to recommend. There were no changes brought up so Mr. Carlton said they would consider this section of board policy to be current and correct and no motion/action would be needed.
11. After brief explanation, a motion was made by Mr. Buckles, seconded by Ms. Stout, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to approve Change Order on Mountain City Elementary School Gym renovation project – a credit of \$500.
12. After brief explanation, a motion was made by Mr. Gambill, seconded by Mr. Gregg, and passed by unanimous roll call vote to approve Bennett’s Pest Elimination for pest control for the schools for the 2007-2008 school year.
13. Facilities Update – Dr. David Timbs
14. Update on test scores/Value Added – Dr. David Timbs

Dr. Timbs did a PowerPoint presentation about the test scores/Value Added scores – he and Mr. Woodring said there would be another presentation in November when the report cards are out.

He then did an update on facilities – projects finished and on-going.  
 Projects completed: JCHS Science Wing, JCHS kitchen, and MCE gym  
 He said that thus far the committee process is working really well.

15. Budget Update – Russell Robinson handed out a budget update document and briefly went over some of the highlights. He said we have been notified that our budget has been approved by the Comptroller’s Office.

Mr. Carlton then went to Mr. Woodring for the Director’s Report. Mr. Woodring commented on the following items:

- Fall District Meeting – September 24<sup>th</sup> at Chucky Doak High School – will leave Central Office at 3:15 p.m.
- Board Retreat – set for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at Roan Creek Elementary
- TSBA Convention – get registration information forms to Audrey ASAP
- Shady Valley Library Building fund – Mr. Woodring said they would discuss this at the retreat
- Linda Irwin/Niswonger
- Thanks to everyone for calls, visits, cards, etc. during illness and death of father
- Congratulations to Mountain City Elementary – eligible for award for either Blue Ribbon School or Title I Distinguished School

Mr. Buckles commented that he was very pleased with Dr. Timb’s presentation – it was very impressive. Ms. Stout agreed with this.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Director of Schools	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Member	Member	Member