

**February 5, 2018**

The Johnson City Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room at the Columbus Powell Center. The following members were in attendance:

Mr. Timothy Belisle, Chair  
Mr. Jonathan Kinnick, Vice Chair  
Mr. Thomas Hager, Jr.  
Mr. John Hunter, II  
Dr. Richard Manahan  
Mrs. Stacie Torbett  
Dr. Steve Barnett, Superintendent of Schools

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING**

- A. Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.
- B. A moment of silence was held.
- C. Students from Towne Acres Elementary School led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- D. The opening for the meeting was provided by Towne Acres students.
- E. Art work on display during February was provided by Towne Acres students.
- F. Dr. Josh Simmons, Principal, provided an update on Towne Acres Elementary School.

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

Dr. Debra Bentley presented the following recognition certificates on behalf of the Board:

- SHHS students Delia Mwinyelle and Grant Wilson were finalists in the Eastman 2018 Black History Oratorical Contest. Grant Wilson won fifth place and Delia won first place.
- Towne Acres' teachers Lauren Temm and Tyree Jeffries were session presenters at the Tennessee Educational Technology Association conference held earlier in the school year.

- The following teachers were selected as building-level Teachers of the Year:

<b>TEACHER</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>
Cara Waddell	Cherokee
Keila Smithpeters	Fairmont
Maria LaBarbera	Lake Ridge
Marla Hyatt	Mountain View
Jamie Henry	North Side
Jamie Mains	South Side
Allison Razo	Towne Acres
Ashley Davis	Woodland
Misty Davis	Indian Trail I.S.
Kathy Leonard	Indian Trail I.S.
Kelly Lane	Indian Trail I.S.
Richard Church	Liberty Bell M.S.
Jessica Adams	Liberty Bell M.S.
Felicia Losh	Liberty Bell M.S.
Randy Brewer	Science Hill H.S.
Floyd Brown	Science Hill H.S.
Chris Dockery	Science Hill H.S.
Jessica Schiwitz	Science Hill H.S.
Jackie Smith	Science Hill H.S.
Wendy Whitmore	Science Hill H.S.

- The 2018-2019 Johnson City Teachers of the Year are:
  - Jamie Mains – PreK – 4 (South Side Elementary)
  - Misty Davis – 5-8 (Indian Trail Intermediate)
  - Jackie Smith – 9-12 (Science Hill High School)
- School Resource Officers Kenny Willis and Lorrie Goff are commended for their exemplary service of devotion, dedication, and hard work in protecting students and staff members.
- A plaque of appreciation was presented to Chief Mark Sirois for his outstanding service to the community and specifically his commitment to providing comprehensive police support for Johnson City Schools.

### 3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On recommendation by Belisle and on motion by Kinnick, seconded by Hunter, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board adopted the agenda as presented.

A copy of the agenda is included with these minutes.

### 4. **CORRESPONDENCE, DELEGATIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Paula Treece, President of the JC Council of PTA, invited Board Members to the “A look into our schools” event on Friday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to noon inside the boardroom in Central Office.

**5. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF**

- A. The Board accepted the *Report on New TN Science Standards* as presented on the agenda by Dr. Chris Bowen.
- B. The Board heard a report from Tara Fenner, from Blackburn, Childers, & Steagall, CPAs regarding the *2016-2017 City of Johnson City Audit*. She reported it was another good audit year for the school system. Manahan asked if the school system's fund balance was adequate and Fenner responded she felt it was adequate and had no concerns.
- C. The Board accepted the *Foundation Update* regarding the STEAM bus and the April 12th, "Spell-A-Bration" Fundraiser as presented by Amy Stover.
- D. The Board accepted the *Blended Learning and Technology Initiative Update* as submitted on the agenda by Dr. David Timbs.
- E. The Board accepted the *Building Projects Update* as submitted on the agenda by Dr. Roger Walk.
- F. The Board accepted the *Update on Sales Tax – PEP* as submitted on the agenda by Leia Valley.
- G. On recommendation by Belisle and on motion by Manahan, seconded by Hunter, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the *Financial Report ending December 31, 2017 & 2018 Employee Health Clinic*, as submitted on the agenda by Leia Valley.
- H. On recommendation by Belisle and on motion by Manahan, seconded by Kinnick, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the *2017-2018 Budget Amendment #2 for the following funds: General Purpose School Fund (GPS)* as submitted on the agenda by Leia Valley.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

On recommendation by Belisle and on motion by Manahan, seconded by Hunter, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items as presented:

- A. Board meeting minutes for January 4, 2018 (regular session)
- B. 2018 Elementary & Intermediate Summer School Fee
- C. Overnight field trip requests: SHHS (3) - Band, Booster Club and Science Bowl
- D. Proposed Fundraising Activities: LBMS (3) and SHHS (2)
- E. PTA Proposed Fundraising Activity ITIS Coin Wars
- F. Request from Mary Nell McIntrye, CH, to write a check over \$5,000
- G. Request from Tammy Pearce, LBMS, to write a check over \$5,000
- H. Request from Melanie Riden-Bacon, SHHS, to write to write a check over \$5,000

- I. Request from Todd Barnett, SHHS, to transfer funds of \$12,000 from 71100-429 Instructional Supplies and Materials to 71100-429-901 Forward Funding. These funds will be used to accommodate Tennessee Senate Bill 401, effective July 1, 2017, that increased Tennessee BEP funds made available to teachers from \$100 to \$200 per teacher.

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

On recommendation by Belisle and on motion by Manahan, seconded by Kinnick, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 roll call vote, the Board approved the *Resolution to Amend Letter Grading of Tennessee Public Schools*.

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

The following information items were shared with the Board: Board Calendar of Events; Personnel Items; Correspondence on Behalf of the Board; Donations to: Homeless Education Program (2), CH (1), LR (1), MV (4), NS (2), TA (2), WD (1), ITIS (1) and SHHS (5),

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board members reported on various committee meetings

**12. BOARD UPDATES/DISCUSSION**

Board members shared updates and discussed items of interest to the Board/school system.

**13. MEETING DATES**

- The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the JCS Board Room.
- A special Session will be held on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., in the Maple Room to review Sections 2, 5, and 6 of Board Policy.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

attachments: Copy of Agenda

**Johnson City Board of Education Regular Meeting  
February 05, 2018 6:00 PM  
Central Office**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING**

**1.A.** Call to Order and Welcome  
Tim Belisle, Board Chair

**1.B.** Moment of Silence  
Tim Belisle, Board Chair

**1.C.** Pledge of allegiance to the flag  
Students from TA

**1.D.** Opening  
Students from TA

**1.E.** Art work on display  
Students from TA

**1.F.** Update on TA  
Dr. Josh Simmons, Principal

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

Public attachment - February 2018 Recognitions

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**4. CORRESPONDENCE, DELEGATIONS AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

**5. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF**

**5.A.** New TN Science Standards  
Dr. Chris Bowen

**5.B.** Audit Report for FY 17  
Public attachment - 2016-2017 Audit Report  
Tara Fenner with Blackburn Childers and Steagal

**5.C.** Foundation Update  
Amy Stover

**5.D.** Blended Learning and Technology Initiative Update  
Public attachment - 2017-19 Board Tech Plan (1-22-18)  
Public attachment - Technology Blended Learning Update (1-22-2018)  
Dr. David Timbs

**5.E.** Building Projects Update  
Public attachment - BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATE  
Dr. Roger Walk

**5.F.** Update on Sales Tax - PEP  
Public attachment - Dec 2017 PEP Report  
Leia Valley

**5.G.** Financial Report Ending December 31, 2017 & 2018 Employee Health Clinic  
Public attachment - Dec 2017 Financial Report - Feb Board Agenda  
Public attachment - 2018 Employee Health Clinic  
Leia Valley

**5.H.** 2017-2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 for the following funds:  
General Purpose School Fund (GPS)  
Public attachment - Budget Amendment #2  
Leia Valley

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**7.A.** Approval of Minutes  
Public attachment - M-January-04-18R

**7.B.** 2018 Elementary & Intermediate Summer School Fee  
Public attachment - 2018 Elementary & Intermediate Summer School Fee

**7.C.** Overnight Field Trip Requests  
Public attachment - Overnight Field Trip Requests

**7.D.** Proposed Fundraising Activities  
Public attachment - Proposed Fundraising Activities

**7.E.** PTA Proposed Fundraising Activity ITIS Coin Wars  
Public attachment - PFA ITIS PTA Coin Wars

**7.F.** CH - Request to write a check over \$5,000  
Public attachment - CH Request to write a check over \$5,000

**7.G.** LBMS - Request to write a check over \$5,000  
Public attachment - LBMS Request to write a check over \$5,000

**7.H.** SHHS - Request to write a check over \$5,000  
Public attachment - SHHS Request to Write Checks Over \$5,000

**7.I.** SHHS - Request to transfer funds  
Public attachment - SHHS Request to Transfer Funds

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR ACTION**

### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9.A.** Resolution to Amend Letter Grading of Tennessee Public Schools  
Public attachment - Resolution to Amend Letter Grading of Tennessee Public Schools

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**10.A. BOE Calendar of Events**

Public attachment - BOE CALENDER OF EVENTS

**10.B. Correspondence on Behalf the Board**

Public attachment - Feb. 2018 Correspondence from BOE (002)

**10.C. Personnel Items**

Public attachment - PERSONNEL ITEMS

**10.D. Donations**

Public attachment - Donations

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public attachment - 2018 BoardCommitteeReports

**12. BOARD UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**

**13. MEETING DATES**

Public attachment - BOARD OF EDUCATION UPCOMING MEETINGS

Public attachment - Feb-Mar 2018 FHCC Monthly Calendars

**14. ADJOURNMENT**