

**MINUTES OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 10, 2020**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Recognition of Visitors or Delegations / Audience Participation
 - Plaque in Honor of Martine Hope
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 5, 2020, with any additions/corrections necessary. (Attachment 4a)
 - Approve the following amendments: (Attachment 4b)
 - General Purpose School Board Amendment
 - General Purpose School Court Amendment
 - Head Start Board Amendment (Calendar)
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 - Head Start Fiscal Board Amendment
 - Authorize the Director of Schools and Board Chairman to approve end-of-year clean-up Board Amendments for the Head Start budget ending December 31, 2020
 - Approve overnight field trips and trips over 150 miles for the following: None
5. Report of Student Board Member – Laura Paterson
6. Maintenance Vehicle vs Personal Vehicle cost for 5 days
7. Approve making April 1, 2021, a ½ day instructionally
8. Approve Virtual Learning Criteria (Attachment 8)
9. 5 Year Plan Update: (Attachment 9)
 - Goals & Strategies from the District Annual Improvement Plan will be shared with the Board of Education
 - Instructional Update: Assessment, Virtual Numbers, etc.
10. Discussion of purchasing school buses for the 2021-2022 school year, and permission to post for bids
11. First reading of TSBA recommended changes on the following policies: (Attachment 11)
 - Policy #6.402 Physical Examinations and Immunizations
 - Policy #6.405 Medicines
12. Second and final reading of Johnson County Board of Education recommended change:
 - Policy #1.405 Rules of Order (Attachment 12)
13. COVID Update
14. Budget Update – Tina Lipford
 - Summary of Audit Findings (Attachment 14)
15. Any other matters which may duly come before the Board for official action
 - Information Items:**
 1. Director's Report:
 - Head Start/Pre K information (DR1)
 - UTRUST-Appreciation Day Food Service, January 7, 2021
 - 1st Semester ends Monday, January 11, 2021
 - December 21, 2020 through January 4, 2021 Christmas Holiday/Vacation students return to school January 5, 2021 full day (½ day on December 18, and teacher work day on January 4, 2021)
 - Board Appreciation week January 24-30, 2021
 - Happy Holidays!
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Action taken on Agenda Items:

1. The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The Chairman, Howard Carlton called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Simcox, meeting was conducted under the CDC Guidelines.
2. The roll was called with the following members present: Mr. Long absent, Mr. Matheson present, Mr. Payne present, Ms. Reece absent, and Mr. Carlton present, Ms. Warren, recorder present, meeting was conducted there was a coram
3. Recognition of Visitors or Delegations / Audience Participation Plaque in Honor of Martine Hope: The Board, Ms. Norton, Mr. Henley and Dr. Simcox shared the impact that Ms. Hope had in the community, school, with the children and with the staff. Prayers and love for you all. There will also be a plaque in her Honor at Johnson County High School.

The Family of Martine Hope
In Appreciation for Her
Outstanding and Dedicated Service
to the
Johnson County School Students for 32 years
JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Mrs. Hope joined Johnson County Schools in November of 1988. She had a love for children and often worked in our before & after school childcare program. She was always a committed and dedicated worker for the Johnson County Youth League basketball program, taking up ticket money at Roan Creek Elementary anytime there was a youth league basketball game. Mrs. Hope would cheer for all the players and loved the sport of basketball. In the 32 years Mrs. Hope worked for us she made a lasting impact on our staff and students she worked with daily. "We are grateful for her selfless service to our students and our community, she will be greatly missed."

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A motion was made by Mr. Payne seconded by Mr. Matheson and carried by the following roll call: Mr. Matheson yes, Mr. Payne-yes, and Mr. Carlton-yes to approve the consent agenda as presented and recommended

5. Report of Student Board Member – Lauren Paterson, was out due to work
Dr. Simcox read the report from the student board representative; The following is my report: Hello and happy holidays! Just a reminder, though students begin Christmas break after December 18th, 2020, the first semester of school is not yet over, as we will continue this semester during the first half of January. The theatre department was fortunate to record their live radio play of 'It's a Wonderful Life' at WMCT this week! To tune in, it will be playing on December 22nd @7:00pm and December 25th @9:00am! National Honor Society will be assisting in Santa's Helping Hands for Christmas, and the members will need to assist loading and delivering the presents tomorrow, December 10th.
Our robotics teams will be competing this Saturday, December 12th in Bristol, Virginia in a states-qualifying competition. Be sure to share your support!
Student Council officers have also decorated a light pole on main street, be sure to drive by and see it! If any students have pictures they want in the yearbook, please email yearbook@jocoed.net. Thank you, and happy holidays!
6. Maintenance Vehicle vs Personal Vehicle cost for 5 days, due to two members beginning out this item is tabled until next month for discussion
7. Approve making April 1, 2021, a ½ day instructionally, a motion was made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Matheson and carried by the following roll call: Mr. Matheson-yes, Mr. Payne-yes and Mr. Carlton-yes
8. Approve Virtual Learning Criteria (Attachment 8), presentation was given by Ms. Miller and Ms. Laing; a motion was made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Matheson and carried by the following roll call: Mr. Matheson-yes, Mr. Payne-yes and Mr. Carlton-yes
9. 5 Year Plan Update: (Attachment 9), Ms. Wills and Dr. Long updated the Board on case benchmarks and process monitoring
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13. COVID Update, Ms. Henley updated the Board on updated information concerning quarantining days changed from the CDC, also about rapid testing and how that will work and who will be qualified to receive

14. Budget Update – Tina Lipford

- Summary of Audit Findings (Attachment 14), discussed the audit findings and what we have in place, also updated the Board on revenue, expenditures, sales tax collections and property tax collections

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Comments: Dr. Simcox shared Skyline/SkyBest Student Connect Grant Program, 2020 Grant Award to Johnson County Schools, this will help with students in the Skyline/Sky Best areas for internet (around 15 families) also 2nd Harvest will provide food from 1-2:30pm on Friday at Johnson County High School. Mr. Adams updated Board on progress on CTE new house and football field at Roan Creek Elementary.

Mr. Matheson: none

Mr. Payne: Merry Christmas, and thank you all especially the teachers

Ms. Reece: out of town

Mr. Long: out of town

Mr. Carlton: Merry Christmas, thanks for all the work and time during COVID

Mr. Payne made a motion that the meeting adjourn, Mr. Carlton adjourn the meeting. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

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Chairman
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Vice-Chairman
(Mr. Mike Payne)

Member
(Mr. Kevin Long)

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