

**MINUTES OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGULAR SESSION
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chair
4. Recognition of Visitors or Delegations / Audience Participation
 - Welcome Eddie Pless and Kelly Crain

5. Consent Agenda

Approval of Agenda

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Approve the following amendments: (Attachment 5b) None

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Dr. Stephen Long	Angie Wills	Edna Miller	Leon Henley
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Approve the following Management Team for 2019-2020:

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*****Ms. Moon from Heritage Hall announced the fire exits and restroom locations before
Johnson County Board of Education meeting began******

Action taken on Agenda Items:

1. The Johnson County Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall. The Chairman, Howard Carlton called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Chance McQueen
2. The roll was called with the following members present Mr. Carlton present, Mr. Long present, Mr. Matheson present, Mr. Payne present and Ms. Reece present.
Serena Warren, recorder present.
3. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chair
Mr. Carlton turned the meeting over to Dr. Simcox for the election of Chairman. Dr. Simcox asked for nominations for Chairman, a motion was made by Mr. Payne to nominate Mr. Carlton for Chairman, and Mr. Matheson made a motion to nominate Mr. Payne, Mr. Payne declined no other motions were made, seconded by Ms. Reece for Mr. Carlton for Chairman. The motion passed by Mr. Long-yes, Mr. Matheson-no, Mr. Payne-yes, Ms. Reece-yes and Mr. Carlton-yes

Dr. Simcox turned the meeting over to Mr. Carlton- Chairman. Mr. Carlton asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman, a motion was made by Mr. Payne to nominate Mr. Long for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Ms. Reese, there were no other nominations. The motion passed by Mr. Long-yes, Mr. Matheson-no, Mr. Payne-yes, Ms. Reese-yes and Mr. Carlton-yes

Mr. Carlton informed that Eddie Pless and Kelly Crain will attend next Board meeting, for the evaluation for the Board of Distinction requirements

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Mr. Carlton moved to Item #6 Does Shady Valley Elementary continue to operate as an elementary school after the 2019-2020 school year Board Members will vote with a yes or no to continue operation of Shady Valley Elementary, Mr. Carlton asked for a motion to consider this item, Mr. Long made a motion to postpone this item after some questions are answered and Mr. Matheson seconded. Mr. Payne made a motion to discuss this item tonight and Ms. Reece seconded that motion. Mr. Carlton addressed the board that a motion and seconded has to be made to open up an item on the agenda, Mr. Carlton then ask the Board their recommendation not to consider this item, roll was called Mr. Mr. Long-yes, Mr. Matheson-yes, Mr. Payne-no, Ms. Reece-no, and Mrs. Carlton-no. Mr. Carlton addressed that we have a motion and second to consider this item and have discussion on this item, at this time opened it up for the audience participation. Mr. Carlton addressed that he asked Ms. Wills, Ms. Lipford and Dr. Simcox to come up with a presentation on why we are here tonight discussing this item. Mr. Carlton also addressed that the staff at Central Office provided the Board with information and the decision that is made tonight is a Board Decision. ** Mr. Carlton addressed the audience participation on how the meeting needs to be conducted** then opened it up to the Shady Valley residence, several spoke regarding their concerns for Shady Valley Elementary.

After the audience participation Mr. Carlton then when back to Item 6:

Does Shady Valley Elementary continue to operate as an elementary school after the 2019-2020 school year with Board Members voting with a yes or no to continue operation of Shady Valley Elementary. A motion was made by Mr. Long and seconded by Mr. Matheson to table Item 6 to be discussed at a later time, roll was called with the following votes: Mr Long-yes, Mr. Matheson-yes, Mr. Payne-no, Ms. Reece-no and Mr. Carlton-no Mr. Carlton addressed the Board that a decision needs to be made and roll call will be made whether to continue or dis-continue the operation of Shady Valley Elementary after the 2019 -2020 school year, with Board members voting with a yes or no. Roll was called with the following votes: Mr. Long-yes, Mr. Matheson-yes, Mr. Payne-no, Ms. Reece-no, and Mr. Carlton-no, the motion carried 3 to 2. Mr. Carlton announce that there would be a called meeting in January for proposals for the Shady Valley Elementary school building. Dr. Simcox will be in touch with Shady Valley Elementary parents to discuss their child's options and the Shady Valley staff/faculty will be placed in other schools.

Mr. Carlton then move the Item #5, Consent Agenda:

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A motion was made by Mr. Long seconded by Mr. Payne and carried by the following roll call: Mr. Long-yes, Mr. Matheson-not present, Mr. Payne-yes, Ms. Reece-yes and Mr. Carlton-yes to approve the consent agenda as presented and recommended

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Comments: Mr. Payne offered to help Shady Valley Elementary in other areas if needed. Mr. Long commented that he has dreaded the closing of Shady Valley Elementary for 12 years.

Mr. Matheson: not present

Mr. Payne: Thank you Mr. Carlton for the way the meeting was handled. Thank you all for the work you are doing, thanks to the people of Shady Valley Elementary for coming out

Ms. Reece: none

Mr. Long: Thank you Sherriff, and I appreciate Shady Valley for coming out

Mr. Carlton: Appreciate everyone that had a part in tonight, Mr. Long and Mr. Matheson I know that this was a hard decision but you are appreciated and thank you Shady Valley Community for coming out. I look forward to help preserving Shady Valley Elementary and Community in the Cranberry Festival and anything that we can do to help them. I thank all the Board, Ms. Simcox, Ms. Wills and Ms. Lipford as well as Chance McQueen and Chase Mc Glamery for all your work. Thanks to Heritage Hall for allowing their facility so that we could accommodate everyone. Thanks to the Sherriff Tester and the County Officers

Mr. Payne made a motion that the meeting adjourn, Ms. Reece seconded. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Director of Schools
(Dr. Mischelle Simcox)

Chairman
(Mr. Howard Carlton)

Vice-Chairman
(Mr. Kevin Long)

Member
(Ms. Jo Ann Reece)

Member
(Mr. Mike Payne)

Member
(Mr. Gary Matheson)

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