

Hybrid Meeting of the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201
Tuesday, January 18, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Cynthia Thompson, Member
Frank Figgers, Member
Letitia S. Johnson, Member

Board Members Absent

Dr. Robert Luckett, Secretary

Participated via Video/Tele-conference

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Larrisa Moore, Esq., DGC
William Merritt, Chief of Staff
Margaret Purnell, Interim CFO
Joe Albright, COO
Dr. Kathleen Grigsby, Elem. Asst. Supt.
Laketa Thomas, High School Asst. Supt.
Sherwin Johnson, Communications
Dr. Marvin Grayer, MS Asst. Supt.

Secretary to the Board

Rosalind Williams

- I. Call to Order: Dr. Ed Sivak, Board President, called the Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on January 18, 2022, at 5:35 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as four (4) members; namely, President Ed Sivak, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, and Letitia Johnson, were either present in person or participated via video/teleconference. Dr. Robert Luckett was absent from the meeting. Barbara Hilliard and Frank Figgers arrived later in the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Letitia Johnson moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Hairston, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
December 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a; Cynthia Thompson moved; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
 - a. Jennifer West addressed the Board to discuss the two vacant buildings (Rowan Middle & Brown Elementary) located in Midtown.
- VII. Information Items Only:
 - a. Board Member Reports
 - b. Student School Board Representative Presentation
 - c. Review of School Improvement Benchmark Results Update #1 for Identified Schools
 - d. Benchmark 2 Data Presentation
 - e. Review of District Test Security Plan

- f. Review of Various Policies for Amendment/Creation: Amendment FA - Goals and Objectives, FCC - Architects, FEA - Site Acquisition, GBEA - Contracts and Agreements for Employees, GAAJ - Required Vaccines/Testing for Employees, GACN - Sexual Harassment Consolidation, FB/FBA - Long Range Planning, FCB/FCA/FDB/FEB/FGB - Educational Facility Considerations and Specifications, FED/FEE/FEF - Bids, Awards, and Penalty Clauses for Construction Contracts

VIII. Information/Action Items:

- a. Approval of Agreement between Medcor (Nurse Triage Services) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item a. Letitia Johnson motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of the Homeland Security Cooperative Agreement between the Jackson Public School District and the Mississippi Department of Public Safety: The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Agreement between Upland Software, Inc. and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item c. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Agreement between EduShift, Incorporated and Jackson Public Schools (JPS) for the Project R.I.S.E. Literacy Grant Implementation: The Board voted to approve item d. Cynthia Thompson motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended December 31, 2021. The Board voted to approve item e. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Amendment to Lake Hico Land Use and Development Study - Professional Services Agreement: The Board voted to approve item f. Letitia Johnson motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Recommendation to Dispose of Surplus Property: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Letitia Johnson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of the Accounts Payable Claims Docket and the Ratification of the Travel and Activity Funds Claims for the Period of December 16, 2021 through January 7, 2022: The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President

Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- c. Approval of Final Contract Adjustment (Credit \$17,194.68) Boyd Elementary School Restroom Renovations: The Board voted to approve item c. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of District to District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item a. Frank Figgers; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- b. Approval of Various Policies for Amendment/Creation: CG/LDC - Approval of Research Projects, DC - State and Federal Eligibility Determination, DEA - Local Tax and State Revenues, DEB - Revenues from Federal Sources, DED - Notes, DEEE - Federal Cash Transaction Reporting, DA - Fiscal Management Goals and Objectives, DB - Annual Operating Budget, DBA - Budget Goals and Objectives, DBD - Budget Preparation Procedures, DBE - Adoption Procedures, DBG - Periodic Budget Reconciliation, DEGB - Admission and Gate Receipts, and DH - Accounting and Reporting: The Board voted to approve item b. Frank Figgers motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: The Board voted to approve Staff Personnel as presented. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Letitia Johnson second; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Letitia Johnson moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Frank Figgers then moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation, namely, the proposed petition by the City of Jackson to dissolve the Viola Lake trust. That motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board received a report from General Counsel, Larissa Moore, and discussed the City of Jackson's proposed petition to dissolve the Viola Lake trust and the City's request for execution by JPS of a joinder in the petition. The board directed the superintendent and general counsel to obtain additional information for its consideration and action. No action was taken.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Letitia Johnson moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to exit executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

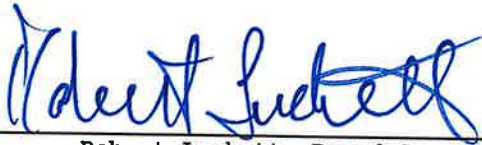
Back in open session, there being no further business, Barbara Hilliard moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. That motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.



Ed Sivak, Board President

2/1/2022

Date



Robert Lockett, Board Secretary

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