

Regular Board Meeting of
the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
March 7, 2023
5:30 p.m.

Board Members in person

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Dr. Robert Luckett, Board Member
Frank Figgers, Member
Cynthia Thompson, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.
Earl Burke, Chief Operations Officer
William M. Merritt, IV., Chief of Staff
Elem., Middle & High School Asst. Supt.
Larissa Moore, ESQ., General Counsel

Board Members via Teleconference

Letitia S. Johnson, Member
Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member

Board Members Absent

Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President

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 March 7, 2023, at 5:31 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as six (6) members, namely, Dr. Ed Sivak, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Dr. Robert Luckett, Letitia S. Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson were present or participated via video/teleconference. Barbara Hilliard was absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Luckett moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none.
- IV. Reading and Approving of the Minutes:
February 24, 2023, Special Virtual Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Cynthia Thompson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report:
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
 - a. Diamond Bigham with Jackson Federation of Teachers, requested to address the Board via email but did not show up.
- VII. Information Items Only:
 - a. Monthly Bond Update:
 - b. After-school Updates:
 - c. School Improvement Updates:

- d. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Hinds Behavioral Health Services (HBHS) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):
- e. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Marion Counseling Service, PLLC and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):

VIII. Information/Action Item(s):

- a. Approval of the Grant Agreement between the Phil Hardin Foundation and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board Voted to approve item a. Dr. Luckett moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Abii (Van Robotics) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Bates Elementary School: The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Luckett moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of the Amended Contracts for Bailey Education Group, The Kirkland Group, Kids First and Pamela M Franklin, LLC and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Luckett moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Agreement between Education Networks of America, Inc. (ENA) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for RFP 2022-19: The Board voted to approve item d. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of Agreement between Arkansas State University (ASU) the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item e. Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of Agreement with Avant Assessment, LLC. and Jackson Public School District (JPSD) to Comply with Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Guidelines for the Seal of Biliteracy Assessment: The Board voted to approve item f. Dr. Luckett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item a. Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval to Award Bid 3216 (02-15-23) Renovations to Wells APAC: The Board voted to approve item b. Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Final Close Out Change Order Credit \$906.00 Walton Elementary School Improvements: The Board voted to approve item c. Frank Figgers

moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- d. Approval of Participation of Jackson Public School District (JPSD) in the EPA Clean Bus Rebate Program: The Board voted to approve item d. Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- e. Approval of EPA Clean School Bus Rebate Grant Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023: The Board voted to approve item e. Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matter: The Board voted to approve Staff Personnel as presented. Dr. Luckett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Frank Figgers, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- XI. Consideration to Hold Executive Session: Frank Figgers moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

After discussion, Dr. Luckett moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to discuss legal issues and potential claims in connection with Entergy's close-out plan for Lake Hico. The motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board received a report from Dr. Greene and General Counsel, Larissa Moore, regarding the status of Entergy's close-out plan for Lake Hico, and they discussed legal issues and potential legal claims and proceedings regarding the close-out plan. The board took no action.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Dr. Luckett moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to exit executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

- XII. Adjourn: Back on open session, there being no further business, Cynthia Thompson moved, and Dr. Hairston seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.



Ed Sivak, Board President



Date



Robert Luckett, Board Secretary



Date