

Hybrid Meeting of the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201
Tuesday, March 1, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Dr. Robert Luckett, Secretary
Cynthia Thompson, Member
Frank Figgers, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

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

Participated via Video/Tele-conference

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member

Board Members Absent

Letitia S. Johnson, Member

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 1, 2022, at 5:36 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as six (6) members, namely, President Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Robert Luckett, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, and Frank Figgers, were either present in person or participated via video/teleconference. Letitia Johnson was absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Luckett moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
 - a. February 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented; Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
 - a. Jacqueline Bolden requested to address the Board to discuss the purchase of Siwell Middle School.
 - b. Mr. Calvert requested to address the Board to discuss the current Covid-19 protocols in JPS related to data and vaccine efficacy.
 - c. Lee Bernard requested to address the Board to discuss the sale of school building.
 - d. Courtney Body requested to address the Board to discuss charter school purchase/rent of JPS buildings.
 - e. Nan Beaumont requested to address the Board protesting Midtown charter using public school property.

- f. Deloise Jones requested to address the Board regarding anti leasing/selling JPS property.
- g. Geraldine Bender requested to address the Board regarding JPS vs. Charter schools

VII. Review of Discipline Case(s)

- a. Review of Discipline Case(s): The Board tabled this item until later in the meeting for executive session consideration.

VIII. Information Items Only:

- a. Bond Update
- b. Student School Board Representative Presentation

IX. Information/Action Items:

- a. Approval of Agreement between Drayer Physical Therapy and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item a; Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Agreement between Old Capitol Inn and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) Callaway High School Prom 2022: The Board voted to approve item b; Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Agreement between Old Capitol Inn and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) Murrah High School Prom 2022: The Board voted to approve item c; Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Agreement between Jackson Convention Complex and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) Forest Hill High School Prom 2022: The Board voted to approve item d; Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of Agreement between Jackson Convention Complex and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) Provine High School Prom 2022: The Board voted to approve item e; Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of Agreement between the Mississippi E-Center and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) Jim Hill High School Prom 2022: The Board voted to approve item f; Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- g. Approval of Agreement between the 201 Capitol Building and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) Lanier High School Prom 2022: The Board voted to approve item g; Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett,

Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- h. Approval of Agreement between Hilton Garden Inn Jackson (Downtown) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) Wingfield High School Prom (2022): The Board voted to approve item h; Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- i. Approval of Engagement with Watts and Watts: The Board voted to approve item i; Barbara Hilliard moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Various Donations: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Luckett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Various Budgets for FY 21-22: The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Luckett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of the Accounts Payable Claims Docket and the Ratification of the Travel and Activity Funds Claims for the Period of February 5, 2022 through February 18, 2022: The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Luckett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of Various Policies for Amendment/Creation/Deletion: Amendment: CHAA - Wellness Policy and Procedures, IB - Instructional Goals, ICA - Curriculum Development Resources and Equipment, IDA - Instructional Management System, IDAA - Gifted Education Program IDB - Accreditation, IDG - Co-Curricular Activities, IFF - Teacher Aides/Assistants, IGBA - Early Release, IHAC - Special Programs, IKG - Use of Cell Phones by Teachers, Consolidation: IMB - Vocational and Career Technical Education, Deletion, IEC Scheduling for Instruction, IEF - Departmental Organization, IFA - Program of Studies, IN - Vocational and Career Technical Education: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Hairston motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XII. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

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

- XIII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Dr. Luckett moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Frank Figgers then moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to consider a student discipline appeal. That motion was unanimously approved.

Cynthia Thomas stated that she was recusing herself from this matter and left the room.

In executive session, the board took up the Superintendent's recommendation of alternative placement at CCAS for 45 days of Student No. 001116983 for Step 8:6 Drugs/Controlled Substance (possession, sale, use or distribution of illegal drugs/prescription drugs). The board initially heard from district administration and Attorney Tim Howard, on behalf of Student No. 001116983. During its deliberations, the board determined that Student No. 001116983 admitted to possession and consumption of part of a marijuana brownie at a school dance and the recommended disciplinary action was appropriate and in line with district policy.

After discussion, Dr. Luckett moved, and Dr. Hairston seconded the motion, to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation of alternative placement at CCAS for 45 days. All board members voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Frank Figgers, who voted nay. Johnson and Thompson were absent. The motion passed.

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

Back in open session, there being no further business, Dr. Luckett moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. That motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.



Ed Sivak, Board President

3/24/2022
Date



Robert Luckett, Board Secretary

3/24/2022
Date