

Regular Board Meeting of
the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
May 16, 2023
5:30 p.m.

Board Members in person

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

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

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

Board Members via Teleconference

Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
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, Jr., Board President, called the Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on May 16, 2023, at 5:33 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as six (6) members, namely, Dr. Ed Sivak, Dr. Robert Luckett, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Barbara Hilliard, and Cynthia Thompson were present or participated via video/teleconference. Letitia S. Johnson was absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Luckett moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none.
- IV. Reading and Approving of the Minutes:
May 2, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none.
PASSED
- V. Superintendent's Report:
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
 - a. One public comment to be taken up in executive session.
- VII. Information Only Item (s):
 - a. Board Member Reports
 - b. JPS Athletics Update
Review of Amended Agreement between Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center (JHCHC) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
- VIII. Information/Action Item(s):
 - a. Approval of Addendum for Year 3 with Insight Educational Group for the Teacher and School Leader Grant Implementation (Project Ignite): The

Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- b. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended April 30, 2023: The Board voted to approve item b. Mr. Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Donations: The Board voted to approve item a. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item b. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval to Declare Specified Property as Surplus Property: The Board voted to approve item c. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval to Operate the Child Nutrition Summer Food Service Feeding Program: The Board voted to approve item d. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval to Reject Bid 3222 (03-24-23) Renovations to Clausell Elementary: The Board voted to approve item e. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval to Reject Bid 3227 (04-12-23) Restroom and HVAC Upgrades for Green, Lake, and Walton: The Board voted to approve item f. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- g. Approval to Reject Bid 3228 (04-14-23) Restroom and HVAC Upgrades for Lester, Sykes, and Wilkins: The Board voted to approve item g. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- h. Approval to Reject Bid 3230 (4-17-23) Renovations to Callaway, Kirksey, North Jackson, and McWillie School: The Board voted to approve item h. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- i. Approval to Award Bid 3226 (04-12-23) Boyd Restroom and HVAC Upgrades (ESSER): The Board voted to approve item i. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- j. Approval to Reject Bid 3229 (04-13-23) ESSER Restroom and HVAC Upgrades to Wingfield: The Board voted to approve item j. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- k. Approval to Award Bid 3231 (04-18-23) Renovations to McLeod Elementary School: The Board voted to approve item k. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; 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. Dr. Luckett moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Resolution Naming Lanier Basketball Court - Thomas Billups Court: The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Luckett moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of the Rental Agreement between Jackson State University (JSU) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for our Annual JPS Convocation: The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Luckett moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Renewal Agreements (Reconstruction, Greater Jackson Arts Council, Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, Genesis and Light, Toot, Teach & Roll, Amiable Arts, Sports Paradise Fitness & Fundamentals, Parents for Public Schools Jackson (Ask for More), Global Gateways, Corporation for Global Community Development, JSU Kids Kollege, Bean Path, Test Taking Solution and Sylvan Learning Center for Summer Programs for the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item d. Dr. Luckett moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

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

- XII. Consideration to Hold 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.

Dr. Lockett then moved, and Mrs. Hilliard seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to (1) hear a parent complaint, whose statement to the board was moved from public participation to executive session because it concerned her child and other district students, and (2) receive an update regarding legal issues and potential litigation regarding Lake Hico. The motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board first called for the parent to make her statement. The board took no action on this matter.

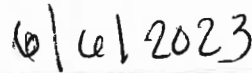
Next, the board received an update regarding, and discussed, legal issues and potential litigation regarding Lake Hico. The board took no action regarding this matter.

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

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



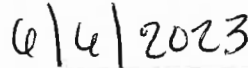
Ed Sivak, Board President



Date



Cynthia Thompson, Board Member



Date