

Hybrid Meeting of the Jackson Public School District  
Board of Trustees  
621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201  
Thursday, November 16, 2021  
5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Dr. Ed Sivak, President  
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President  
Cynthia Thompson, Member  
Frank Figgers, Member  
Dr. Robert Luckett, Secretary  
Letitia S. Johnson, 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.  
Sherwin Johnson, Communications  
Dr. Marvin Grayer, MS Asst. Supt.  
Laketia Thomas, High School Asst. Supt

Participated via Video/Tele-conference

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, 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 November 16, 2021, at 5:33 P. M.

Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as seven (7) members; namely, President Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Robert Luckett, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, and Frank Figgers, were either present in person or participated via video/teleconference.

**Frank Figgers joined the meeting at 5:38 p.m.**

- II. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Luckett moved that the Board adopt the agenda; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

III. Reading and Approving Minutes

- a. November 4, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a; Barbara Hilliard moved; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IV. Superintendent's Report

- a. 2021 Benchmark Assessment 1

- V. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:  
None

VI. Information Items Only:

- a. Board Member Reports  
b. Review of Agreement between Mississippi State University on behalf of T. K. Martin Center (TKMC) for Technology and Disabilities and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)  
c. Review of Agreement between Van Robotics Robot and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)  
d. Review of Agreement between Operation Shoestring and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)

- e. Review of Board Policy Amendment Recommendations: EBD, EB, ED, EL and DEGD

VII. Information/Action Items:

- a. Approval of Agreement between Identity Theft Guard Solutions, Inc. (IDX) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Luckett motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Belhaven University (BU) and Jackson Public Schools (JPS): The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval to Amend the Resolution of the Jackson Public School District Requesting the Department of Finance and Administration to Adopt a Resolution to Declare the Necessity for Issuance of State General Obligation Bonds: The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Luckett motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended October 31, 2021: The Board voted to approve item d. Dr. Luckett motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

VIII. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Recommendation to Approve Various Donations: The Board voted to approve item a. Letitia Johnson motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Recommendation to Dispose of Surplus Property: The Board voted to approve item b. Letitia Johnson motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, 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 October 23, 2021 through November 5, 2021: The Board voted to approve item c. Letitia Johnson motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval for Final Contract Adjustment Change Order #4 (Credit \$83,026.76) Upgrades to All High School Science Labs: The Board voted to approve item d. Letitia Johnson motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- e. Approval to Award Bid #3195 (10-14-21) Drainage and Utility Improvements at Various Schools: The Board voted to approve item e. Letitia Johnson motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Lockett, Letitia Johnson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none.  
**PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

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

X. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: None

- XI. Adjourn: Cynthia Thompson moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. That motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

  
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Ed Sivak, Board President

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Robert Lockett, Board Secretary

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