

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

Board Members Present

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

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent  
Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.  
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney  
Larrisa Moore, Esq., DGC  
Dionne Woody, Elem. Asst. Supt.  
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.  
Saundra Lyons, Ex. Director HR  
William Merritt, Chief of Staff

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 October 5, 2021, at 5:32 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as seven (7) members, namely, President Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Robert Luckett, Cynthia Thompson, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Frank Figgers, were either present in person or participated via video/teleconference.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Luckett moved that the Board adopt the agenda; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett, Jeanne Middleton, Cynthia Thompson and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes  
September 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a; Letitia Johnson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett, Jeanne Middleton, Cynthia Thompson and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report
  - a. State Accountability Reporting
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:  
None
- VII. Information Items Only:
  - a. Bond Update  
Review of Agreement between Seidlitz Education and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
- VIII. Information/Action Items:
  - a. Approval of Purchasing Agent for Jackson Public Schools: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Luckett motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- b. Approval of the Amended Combining and Combined Budgets for June 30, 2021: The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Luckett motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Mississippi Employer Assisted Housing Teacher Program: The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Luckett motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between Grand Canyon University and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item d. Dr. Luckett motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval to Award of RFP #2021-16 District Benchmark and Formative Assessment Services: The Board voted to approve item e. Dr. Luckett motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of Data Sharing Agreement between BrightBytes, Inc. and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item f. Dr. Luckett motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

**IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:**

- a. Approval of Various Donations: The Board voted to approve item a. Letitia Johnson motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Extended School Year for Fiscal Year 2021-2022: The Board voted to approve item b. Letitia Johnson motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, 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 September 11, 2021, through September 24, 2021: The Board voted to approve item c. Letitia Johnson motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; 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. Letitia Johnson motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- b. Approval of the MOU between the Juanita Sims Doty Foundation and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item b. Letitia Johnson motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none.

**PASSED**

- c. Approval of Amendment to the Amiable Productions Agreement for After School Programs for the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item c. Letitia Johnson motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; 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. Dr. Luckett motioned; Frank Figgers second; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

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

Dr. Luckett then moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to consider authorizing the district's joinder in a legal proceeding regarding the Viola Lake property. That motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board heard a report and recommendation from deputy general counsel, Larissa Moore, regarding a proposed legal proceeding by the City of Jackson, as trustee of the trust owning and holding the Viola Lake property, to dissolve the trust and authorize the sale of the property, the proceeds of which would be for the benefit of the district. Board members were presented for their review and consideration a draft petition and joinder. After discussion, Dr. Luckett moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to approve the district's joinder in the proceeding with the City of Jackson to dissolve the Viola Lake Trust and sell the property for the benefit of the district. The motion was approved by all board members with the exception of Frank Figgers, who voted nay.

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


Back in open session, there being no further business, Letitia Johnson 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

10/19/21

Date



Robert Luckett, Board Secretary

10/19/21

Date