

Hybrid Meeting of the Jackson Public School District  
Board of Trustees  
621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201  
Tuesday, September 21, 2021  
5:30 p.m.

Board Member Present

Dr. Ed Sivak, President  
Dr. Robert Lockett, Secretary  
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President  
Frank Figgers, Member

Participated via Video/Tele-conference

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, 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  
Dionne Woody, Elem. Asst. Supt.  
Sherwin Johnson, Communications  
Dr. Marvin Grayer, MS Asst. Supt.  
Laketia Thomas, High School Asst. Supt.  
Saundra Lyons, Ex. Director HR  
Dr. Kathleen Grigsby, Elem. Asst. Supt.  
William Merritt, Chief of Staff

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 September 21, 2021, at 5:35 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as seven (7) members, namely, President Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Robert Lockett, Cynthia Thompson, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Frank Figgers, were either present in person or participated via Zoom.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Lockett moved that the Board adopt the agenda; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Lockett, Jeanne Middleton and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
  - a. September 7, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a; Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Lockett, Jeanne Middleton and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Update on Curriculum & Teacher Development

**Cynthia Thompson joined the meeting at 5:37 p.m.**
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
  - a. George Stewart (JAE) addressed the Board to discuss Policy GAAJ- mandatory vaccination.
- VII. Information Items Only:
  - a. Board Member Reports ~ Legislative Survey
  - b. Review of the MOU between the Juanita Sims Doty Foundations and the Jackson Public School District

VIII. Information/Action Items:

- a. Approval of Policy GAAJ- Required Vaccines/Testing for Employees: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Luckett 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 the Mississippi Employer Assisted Housing Teacher Program Loan Agreement: The Board voted to approve item b. Frank Figgers 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 Monthly Financial Report: The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Luckett motioned; Frank Figgers 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 to Increase Price of Adult Meals: The Board voted to approve item d. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers 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 of Agreement between Mulvihill Enterprises for Professional Services (consultant) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item e. Dr. Luckett motioned; Letitia Johnson 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 Agreement between Millcreek Schools Pearl and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item f. Dr. Hairston 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**
- g. Approval of Lead Partner for EduStars Praxis Support for School Year 2021-2022: The Board voted to approve item g. Dr. Hairston motioned; Dr. Luckett 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**
- h. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between Alcorn State University the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item h. Barbara Hilliard 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**
- i. Approval of Agreement between Crock Leadership Associates, LLC and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item i. Frank Figgers 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**
- j. Approval of District to District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item k. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers 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 Budgets: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers 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 Various Bids and Rejections: The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers 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 Recommendation to Dispose of Surplus Property: The Board voted to approve item c. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers 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 the Accounts Payable Claims Docket and the Ratification of the Travel and Activity Funds Claims for the Period of August 21, 2021 through September 10, 2021: The Board voted to approve item d. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers 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 for Contract Adjustment Change Order #1 (Add \$40,000.00): The Board voted to approve item e. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers 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 for Final Contract Adjustment Change Order #1 (Credit \$800.00) Forest Hill High School Restroom Renovations: The Board voted to approve item f. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers 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**
- g. Approval for Final Contract Adjustment Change Order #1 (Credit \$3,493.75) Forest Hill High School General Improvements: The Board voted to approve item g. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers 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**
- h. Approval of a Single-Source Purchase of the Elements Curriculum for High School Scholars with Disabilities who are working toward an Alternate Diploma for the Exceptional Education Department: The Board voted to approve item h. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Frank Figgers 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. Review of the English Learners District Plan: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Luckett motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: 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**
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- c. Review of Amendment to MOU between BXS Insurance, Inc. for Nurse Triage Services and the Jackson Public School District The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Luckett motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: 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. Review of Agreement between Jackson Convention Complex and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item d. Dr. Luckett motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: 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. Letitia Johnson motioned; Barbara Hilliard 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: Dr. Luckett moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. All seven (7) board members voted in favor of the motion.

Cynthia Thompson then moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to consider authorizing a quantum meruit proceeding. That motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board heard a report and recommendation from deputy general counsel, Larissa Moore, regarding the need to institute a quantum meruit proceeding. During the period July 8 - 14, 2021, Peoples Middle School conducted a professional development program for staff at the school site. Also, during the period of July 12 - 16, 2021, Powell Middle School conducted professional development for its staff at the school site. Through inadvertence, approval to pay the employees to attend those professional development programs was not presented to the board for approval in advance. Consequently, Attorney Moore is requesting authority to institute a quantum meruit proceeding seeking authorization to pay school staff at Peoples Middle School in the total amount of \$9,990.00, and to pay school staff at Powell Middle School in the total amount of \$43,340.75. These amounts will be paid from Title I, II and/or School Improvement funds. After discussion, Barbara Hilliard moved, and Dr. Luckett seconded the motion, to grant Attorney Moore authority to institute the quantum meruit proceeding as recommended. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Back in open session, there being no further business, Barbara Hilliard 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

October 5, 2021

Date



Robert Luckett, Board Secretary

October 5, 2021

Date