

Hybrid Meeting of the Jackson Public School District  
Board of Trustees  
621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201  
Tuesday, September 7, 2021  
5:30 p.m.

Board Member Present

Dr. Ed Sivak, President  
Dr. Robert Luckett, Secretary

Participated via Video-conference

Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President  
Letitia S. Johnson, Member  
Frank Figgers, Member  
Cynthia Thompson, Member

Board Member Absent

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, 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 7, 2021, at 5:34 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as six (6) members, namely, President Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Robert Luckett, Cynthia Thompson, and Frank Figgers, were either present in person or participated via Zoom. Dr. Jeanne Hairston was absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Luckett moved that the Board adopt the agenda; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett, Cynthia Thompson and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
  - a. August 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a; Letitia Johnson moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett, Cynthia Thompson and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
  - b. August 24, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item b; Letitia Johnson moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett, Cynthia Thompson and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Updates on Virtual Learning for PK-6 Scholars
  - b. Consideration for Mandated Vaccination
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:  
None
- VII. Information Items Only:

- a. Bond Update
- b. Review of the English Learners District Plan
- c. Review of Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy
- d. Review of Amendment to MOU between BXS Insurance, Inc. for Nurse Triage Services and the Jackson Public School District
- e. Review of Agreement between Jackson Convention Complex and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
- f. Approval of MOU between Education Equity Lab for Dual Enrollment and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): Letitia Johnson moved that the Board amend the agenda to take action on item 7f; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett, Cynthia Thompson and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

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

VIII. Information/Action Items:

- a. Approval of RFP 2021-12, Pool of Partners to Provide Administrative and Instructional Coaching (Catapult and Bailey Ed. Group Amendment): The Board voted to approve item a. Cynthia Thompson motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Agreement between Hinds Behavioral Health Services (HBHS) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item b. Cynthia Thompson motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Agreement between Maverick Health, LLC and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item c. Cynthia Thompson motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Activity Fund and Various Budgets: The Board voted to approve item d. Cynthia Thompson motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended July 31, 2021: The Board voted to approve item e. Cynthia Thompson motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of Agreements for After School Programs for the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item f. Cynthia Thompson motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- g. Approval of Agreement between Americorps with Reading and Math, Inc. and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item g. Cynthia Thompson motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for

the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

h. Approval of Agreement between RFP 2021-04 - Quaver Music and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item h. Cynthia Thompson motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

i. Approval of Agreement between Duvall Decker (to provide a Development Plan for the Lake Hico property) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item i. Cynthia Thompson motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

j. Approval of Master Subscription Agreement Terms and Conditions from Identity Automation Information Technology Services (ITS): The Board voted to approve item j. Cynthia Thompson motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

k. Approval of District to District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item k. Cynthia Thompson motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

a. Approval of the Accounts Payable Claims Docket and the Ratification of the Travel and Activity Funds Claims for the period of August 7, 2021 through August 20, 2021: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Luckett motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

b. Approval of Various Bids: The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Luckett motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

a. Approval to Award RFP 2021-10 of Translation, Transcribing, and Interpreting Vendor, between Cal Interpreting and Translation (CIT) and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, 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, Frank Figgers, Dr. Luckett, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Dr. Luckett moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. All six (6) board members voted in favor of the motion.

Dr. Luckett moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to discuss the potential settlement of the Southern v. Younger lawsuit. The motion was unanimously approved.

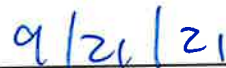
In executive session, the board heard a report and recommendation from deputy general counsel, Larissa Moore, regarding the status and potential settlement of the Southern v. Younger lawsuit. Attorney Moore asked the board for certain settlement authority. After discussion, Barbara Hilliard moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to grant Attorney Moore certain settlement authority for this proceeding. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Back in open session, there being no further business, Cynthia Thompson moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. That motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.



Ed Sivak, Board President



Date



Robert Luckett, Board Secretary



Date