

Regular Board Meeting of  
the Jackson Public School District  
Board of Trustees  
April 4, 2023  
5:30 p.m.

Board Members in person

Dr. Ed Sivak, President  
Letitia S. Johnson, Member  
Cynthia Thompson, Member  
Frank Figgers, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent  
Dorian Turner, Board Attorney  
Larissa 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. Robert Lockett, Board Member

Board Members Absent

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 April 4, 2023, at 5:35 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as six (6) members, namely, Dr. Ed Sivak, Dr. Robert Lockett, Frank Figgers, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia S. Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson were present or participated via video/teleconference. Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston was absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Letitia Johnson moved that the Board amend the agenda to pull Policy FH from section VII-c of the policy review; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Lockett, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none.
- IV. Reading and Approving of the Minutes:  
March 21, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Cynthia Thompson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Lockett, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, 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:  
None.
- VII. Information Only Item (s):
  - a. Finance Committee Meeting updates:
  - b. Bond/ESSER Update:
  - c. Review of Various Policies: DJ - Activity Fund (Procedures), DIER - Vendor Protest and Grievance (Procedures); DIA- Authorized Signatures, DOD - Cellular Phone Usage (Procedures), DID- Travel Reimbursement Request, DEGE - Fees, ECC - Field Trips (Procedures), EFB - Property Insurance, EI - Energy Management, GACK - Use of Personal and District Vehicles, GBEM - Drug and Alcohol (Policy & Procedures), JBI - Grade & Subject Placement,

JKAD - Student Safety BFA - Public Records, and EBAB - Emergency Drills (Policies & Procedures).

VIII. Information/Action Item(s):

- a. Approval of the Agreement between McGraw Hill-Achieve3000 (RFP 2022-25) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item a. Letitia Johnson moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Lockett, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval to Award RFP 2023-01, and the Approval of the Agreement between The Children's Defense Fund and Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item b. Cynthia Thompson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Lockett, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Grant Agreement between the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item c. Frank Figgers moved; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Lockett, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Donations Office Finance and Operations: The Board voted to approve item a. Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Lockett, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval to Award Bid 3219 (03-10-23) ESSER Renovations to John Hopkins Elementary: The Board voted to approve item b. Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Lockett, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item c. Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Lockett, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

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

XI. Consideration to Hold Executive Session: None

- XII. Adjourn: Cynthia Thompson moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.



Ed Sivak, Board President

4/18/2023

Date



Robert Lockett, Board Secretary

4/18/2023

Date