

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016  
TIME: 5:30 P.M.  
KIND OF MEETING: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WHERE HELD: 621 SOUTH STATE STREET JACKSON, MS 39201

PRESIDING OFFICER: MS. BENETA D. BURT, BOARD PRESIDENT

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MS. BENETA D. BURT, BOARD PRESIDENT  
DR. RICHARD LIND, VICE-PRESIDENT  
MR. JED OPPENHEIM, SECRETARY  
MRS. CAMILLE S. SIMMS, MEMBER,  
DR. OTHA BURTON, JR., MEMBER  
MR. RICKEY D. JONES, MEMBER

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: MR. KODI D. HOBBS, MEMBER

ATTORNEYS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Dr. Cedrick Gray	Hon. Dorian Turner
Mr. Sherwin Johnson	Dr. Margrit Wallace
Ms. Chinelo Evans	Hon. JoAnne N. Shepherd
Ms. Sharolyn Miller	Col. Paul Willis
Dr. Freddrick Murray	Dr. William Merritt, IV
Dr. Michelle King	Dr. Jason Sargent

*Mrs. Vikki D. Mumford, Board Secretary, was keeper of record for this board meeting.*

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District was called to order at 5:34 P.M. by Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President and Presiding Officer. She extended New Year greetings to all who were present and those viewing by way of television. She then called for the introduction of the student who would lead the Pledge of Allegiance; followed by the minister who would bring the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given by Keziah Grace Kimple, a straight 'A' first grade scholar at Dawson Elementary School. Keziah is an avid reader, who insists on making reading a part of her evening activities. She loves English, writing, and math; but her favorite subject is science. Becoming a nurse practitioner or a doctor are her major career choices. Her hobbies include competitive basketball, playing a game of Wii, X-box, and the Play Station. She also enjoys playing her acoustic guitar and doing physical training in the Japanese art of unarmed combat. Parents of Keziah, Mr. Cornelius and Mrs. Patricia Kimple, were acknowledged by Ms. Burt.

The Prayer of Invocation was given by Reverend Lorraine Bishop, a native of Jackson, Mississippi, and a three-time graduate of Jackson State University. She is a retired educator from the Jackson Public School District where she served as an APAC and student council sponsor. She is listed in Who's Who among America Women Educators. She is president of the Rocky Hill Women's Institute, and executive director of the General Baptist State Convention of Mississippi. Reverend Bishop enjoys ministering to youth and challenging them to be the best they can be. Reverend Bishop has one daughter, Stephanie Luckett, and two grandsons. Her motto is: "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then, my living shall not be in vain."

**Mumford, Vikki**

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**Subject:** FW: School Board Meeting Announcement

**For Release: Monday, January 4, 2016**

**Subject: School Board Meeting, January 5, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.**

**Contact: Sherwin Johnson, JPS Public and Media Relations, 601-960-8935**

The Board of Trustees of Jackson Public Schools will hold their regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, in the School Board meeting room at 621 South State Street. The Board also will take into consideration any other matter properly coming before the Board. The meeting will be telecast live on JPS Instructional Television on Comcast Channel 19 and available on the JPS ITV You Tube Channel at a later date.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SUPERINTENDENT AND ATTORNEYS  
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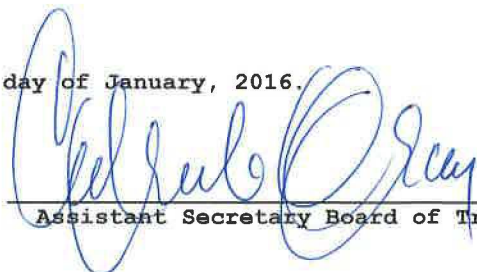
On July 1, 2015, this became a five (5) member board as Mr. Timothy D. Collins and Mrs. Monica Gilmore-Love expired June 30th. On August 4, 2015, two new board members took the oath of office. They were Mr. Rickey D. Jones and Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs. The JPSPD is headed by Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent. The Hon. JoAnne N. Shepherd is District Counsel and the Hon. Dorian Turner is Board Attorney. Mrs. Vikki D. Mumford is Secretary to the Board. Contact information for Board Secretary is: [Vmumford@jackson.k12.ms.us](mailto:Vmumford@jackson.k12.ms.us), her direct line is 601/973-8625.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District was called to order at 5:34 P.M. by Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President and Presiding Officer. She established that a quorum was present as five of seven (7) board members were present at this time. Dr. Otha Burton, Jr., and Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs were absent.

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct account of attendance of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of said District that was held on the 5th day of January, 2016, as the same appears on record in the Minute Book of said Board.

Give under my hand, this the 6th day of January, 2016.

  
Assistant Secretary Board of Trustees



Jackson Public Schools

## **FINAL AGENDA**

### **Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DATE: January 5, 2016

TIME: 5:30 PM

PLACE: 621 South State Street Jackson, MS

39201

Print

#### **I. Call to Order**

a. Greeting and Opening Remarks

**Ms. Beneta D.  
Burt, Board  
President**

b. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Elementary  
Division**

c. The Prayer of Invocation

**Minister**

#### **II. Establishment of Quorum**

#### **III. Adoption of Agenda**

a. Discipline Cases for Review

**Dr. Bishop  
Knox,  
Executive  
Director of  
Student  
Services**

#### **IV. Reading and Approving Minutes of:**

a. December 15, 2015 Regular Meeting

**Mrs. Vikki D.  
Mumford,  
Secretary to  
the Board of  
Trustees**

#### **V. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues**

#### **VI. Superintendent's Reports/Announcements**

a. Board Calendar Update

**Dr. Cedrick  
Gray,  
Superintendent**

#### **VII. Information Items Only:**

#### **VIII. Information/Action Items:**

#### **IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:**

**Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund Claims for**

**Ms. Sharolyn**

a. Period of December 5, 2015 through December 18, 2015

Miller, CFO

b. Approval of Various Donations

Ms. Miller

**X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:**

**XI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel:**

a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters

Ms. Sandra  
Lyons, Interim  
Executive  
Director of  
Human  
Resources

**XII. Other Business**

**XIII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session**

**XIV. Adjourn**



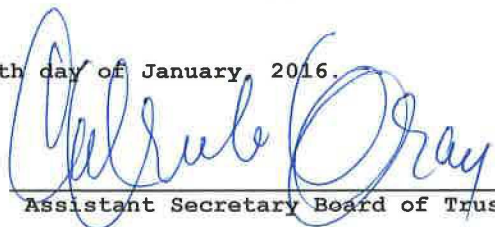
III  
Adoption of the Agenda  
Board File

ORDER ADOPTING THE AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 5, 2016,  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Richard Lind moved, seconded by Mr. Rickey D. Jones, to adopt the agenda as printed. All five (5) board members present voted "aye," in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a unanimously vote of 5 to 0. Dr. Otha Burton, Jr., and Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs were absent from the meeting.

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution of the Board of Trustees of said District held on the 5th day of January, 2016, as the same appears on record in the Minute Book of said Board.

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Assistant Secretary Board of Trustees

III. a  
Review of Discipline Cases  
Board File

REVIEW OF DISCIPLINE CASES

NONE

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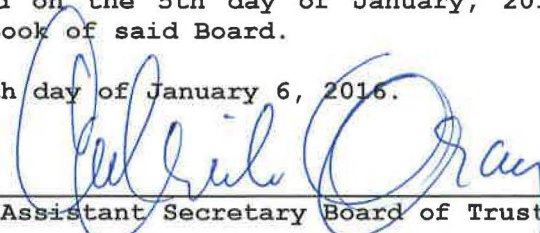


ORDER APPROVING MINUTES OF THE  
DECEMBER 15, 2015, REGULAR MEETING

Dr. Richard Lind moved, seconded by Mr. Jed Oppenheim, to approve minutes of the December 15, 2015, Regular Meeting. All five (5) board members present voted "aye," in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Dr. Otha Burton, Jr., and Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs were absent from the meeting.

I, the undersigned Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceeding of the Board of Trustees of said District adopted on the 5th day of January, 2016, as the same appears on record in Minute Book of said Board.

GIVEN under my hand, this 6th day of January 6, 2016.

  
Assistant Secretary Board of Trustees

V.  
January 5, 2016 Regular Meeting  
Board File

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NONE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 5, 2016

We are focused on three *Wildly Important Goals*, to:

1. Increase academic performance and achievement;
2. Improve average daily attendance for students, teachers, and staff; and
3. Attract and retain highly quality teachers, administrators and staff.

Our mission is simple and our task is succinct: "We are Building Stronger Schools Together!"

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Announcements:

- P-16 Public Council Meeting 1/14/16 from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. at Murrah High School. All stakeholders are invited.
- JPS Pre-Screening for Pre-Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2016-2017 School Year will be conducted from January 11<sup>th</sup> - March 4<sup>th</sup>. Parents and guardians may submit an application at school sites in their respective attendance zone. For a list of schools and Pre-K screening procedures, visit the JPS website or call 601-960-4002
- The MLK 2016 Contest for students has a theme of, "Only Light, Only Love."
- The 2015 JPS Pepsi Holiday Tournament was a success. The Callaway Chargers defeated the Murrah Mustangs in overtime.

This concludes the superintendent's report and announcements.

VII. a.  
Gray/Miller  
Board File

INFORMATION ITEMS ONLY - NONE

VIII. a.  
Gray/Miller  
Board File

INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

NONE

IX. a.  
Gray/Miller  
Board File

ORDER APPROVING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACTIVITY FUND CLAIMS  
FOR PERIOD OF DECEMBER 5, 2015, THROUGH DECEMBER 18, 2015

The Board received a recommendation from Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent, presented by Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer, for approval of accounts payable and activity fund claims for the period of December 5, 2015, through December 18, 2015. A list of these claims is hereto attached.


After due discussion and consideration, the Board determined that the above recommendation was well received and should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made by Mr. Rickey D. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Camille S. Simms, and for good cause shown, all six (6) board members present voted "aye", in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Board member, Mr. Kodi Hobbs, was absent from the meeting.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT the recommendation from Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent, as presented by Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer, for approval of accounts payable and activity fund claims for the period of December 6, 2015, through December 18, 2015, IS HEREBY APPROVED. A list of claims is hereto attached.

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Assistant Secretary Board of Trustees

IX. b.  
Gray/Miller  
Board File

ORDER APPROVING RECEIPT OF VARIOUS DONATIONS

The Board received a recommendation from Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent, presented by Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer, for approval of receipt of various donations. The list of donations was read at the board meeting and a copy of same is hereto attached.


After due discussion and consideration, the Board determined that the above recommendation was well received and should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made by Mr. Rickey D. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Camille S. Simms, and for good cause shown, all six (6) board members present voted "aye", in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Board member, Mr. Kodi Hobbs, was absent from the meeting.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT the recommendation from Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent, as presented by Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer, for approval of various donations, IS HEREBY APPROVED. A list of donations is hereto attached.

The undersigned Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, do hereby certify, that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution of the Board of Trustees of said District adopted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, as the same appears on record in Minute Book of said Board.

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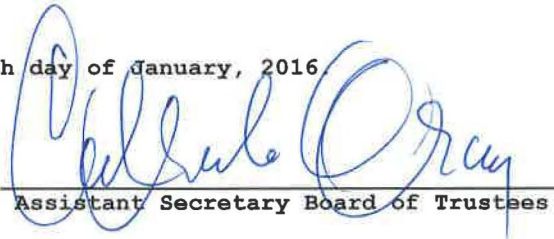
X.  
Consent Agenda General  
Board File

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - GENERAL

NONE

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Assistant Secretary Board of Trustees

XI. a.  
Gray/Lyons  
Board File

ORDER APPROVING THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION  
FOR STAFF PERSONNEL MATTERS

The Board received a recommendation from Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent, presented by Ms. Saundra Lyons, Interim Director of Personnel, for approval of all Staff Personnel Matters as presented in the personnel report. A copy of the report is hereto attached.

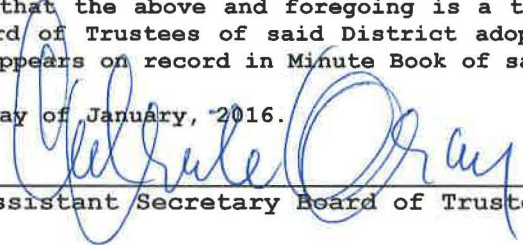
After due discussion and consideration, the Board determined that the above recommendations well received and that all items should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made by Mr. Jed Oppenheim, seconded by Dr. Richard Lind, and for good cause shown, all six (6) board members present voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs was absent from the vote.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the recommendation from Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent, as presented by Ms. Saundra Lyons, Interim Director of Personnel, for approval of all Staff Personnel Matters, IS HEREBY APPROVED. A copy of the personnel report is hereto attached.

The undersigned Assistant Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution of the Board of Trustees of said District adopted on the 5th day of January, 2016, as the same appears on record in Minute Book of said Board.

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Assistant Secretary Board of Trustees

XII.  
Other Business

Discussions

1. The superintendent's evaluation instrument;
2. For the board secretary to present a summary of the meeting of the Finance Committee; and
3. Setting date and time for an ad hoc committee meeting to clarify agreement with Hinds County Board of Supervisors and the JPS District regarding the Henley-Young Juvenile Detention Center.

XIII. a.  
Dr. Gray/Shepherd  
Board File

ORDER CONVENING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM  
DISTRICT COUNSEL, JOANNE N. SHEPHERD,  
AND TO RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSED SETTLEMENT  
OF THE MICHAEL JENKINS V. JPS LITIGATION

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING AND CONSIDER CONVENING EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
Mr. Rickey D. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Jed Oppenheim, to close the meeting for a discussion and consideration of what matter(s) will be discussed in executive session. All six (6) board members present voted "aye", in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent from the meeting.

MOTION TO CONVENE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
Mr. Rickey D. Jones moved, seconded by Mrs. Camille S. Simms, to enter into executive session to discuss a proposed settlement of the Michael Jenkins v. JPS litigation. All six (6) board members present voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0.

In executive session, the board received a report from District Counsel, JoAnne Shepherd, regarding the status of the Michael Jenkins litigation. Mrs. Shepherd recommended that the Board approve a settlement of the litigation in the amount of \$32,500.00. Upon discussing the matter, Mr. Rickey Jones moved, and Mr. Jed Oppenheim seconded the motion to approve the recommendation. All six (6) board members present voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Mr. Rickey D. Jones moved, and Dr. Otha Burton, Jr., seconded the motion, to exit executive session. All six (6) members present voted in favor of the motion.

Upon entering open session, the board attorney reported on the matter discussed in executive session. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

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GIVEN under my hand, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

  
Assistant Secretary Board of Trustees

XIV. Adjournment  
January 5, 2016, Regular Meeting  
Board File

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by consensus. Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent from the meeting.

  
Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President

  
Mr. Jed Oppenheim, Board Secretary