

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 Lockett, 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

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
 Jackson Public School District
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 (601) 973-8625 Fax: 601/960-0324

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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
 t 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 JPSD 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, 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.

Given 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

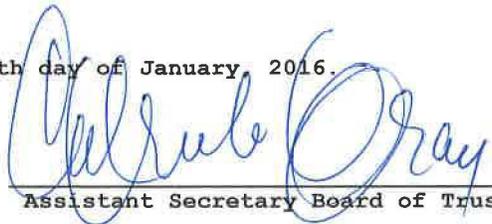
III
Adoption of the Agenda
Board File

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

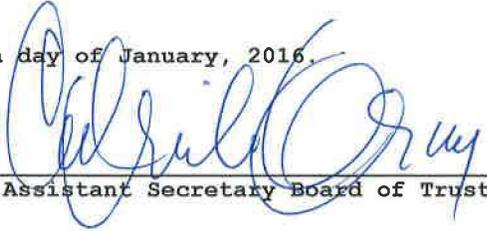
III. a
Review of Discipline Cases
Board File

REVIEW OF DISCIPLINE CASES

NONE

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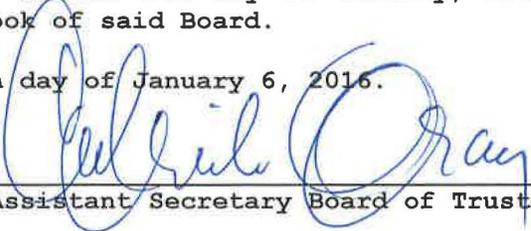

Assistant Secretary Board of Trustees

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!"

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 11th - March 4th. 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 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

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.

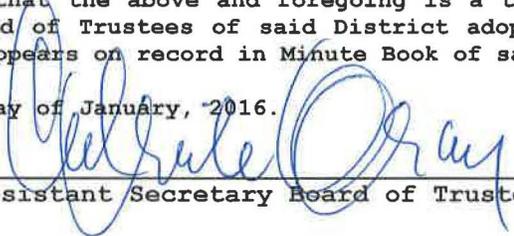
After due discussion and consideration, the Board determined that the above recommendations well received and that all items should be approved.

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.

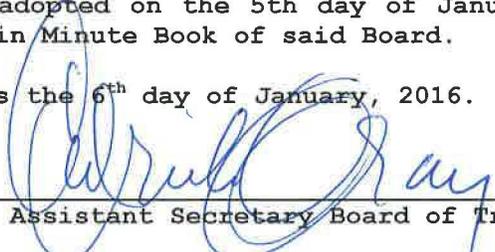
In executive session, the board received a report from District Counsel, JoAnne Shepherd, regarding the status of the Michael Jenkins litigation. Mrs. Shepherd recommended that the Board approve a settlement of the litigation in the amount of \$32,500.00. Upon discussing the matter, Mr. Rickey Jones 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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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