

DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 26, 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 (VIA TELEPHONE)
MRS. CAMILLE S. SIMMS, MEMBER
MR. RICKEY D. JONES, MEMBER
MR. KODI D. HOBBS, MEMBER

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE - THIS IS A SIX (6) MEMBER BOARD.
ON JUNE 30, 2016, DR. OTHA BURTON'S TERM EXPIRED.

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	Mr. Fred D. Davis
Dr. Freddrick Murray	Dr. William Merritt, IV
Dr. Michelle King	Dr. Jason Sargent
Ms. Saundra Lyons	Ms. Stephanie Nelson

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 5:30 P.M. by Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President. She extended greetings to all present and those viewing by television. Ms. Burt then called for the student who would lead the pledge of allegiance, followed by the minister who would bring the prayer of invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: The pledge of allegiance was led by elementary student, Nadia Stewart. Nadia is a rising third grader who attends Lee Elementary School. She is the daughter of Ms. Hiawatha Stewart and her hobbies include bonding with her grandmother, playing with her cat Mikey, reading about Ninja Turtles, and drawing. She loves animals and likes to rescue animals that are in distress. Nadia enjoys being a member of her Sunday school class where she can study and meet many of her friends. Nadia's mother and family members were recognized at the meeting along with her principal at Lee Elementary School.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Dr. Richard Lind. Dr. Richard Lind provided a very fervent invocation for the success of the board meeting and the JPSD. Dr. Lind has been a member of the JPSD Board of Trustees for two years; and he is presently serving as vice-president of the Board. He is employed as director of food service at UMMC Medical Center in west Jackson and is the senior pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church in Utica, MS. He has been married to Mrs. Kyla Lind for a number of years and together they are the parents of two adult children.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SUPERINTENDENT AND ATTORNEYS
Jackson Public School District
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Post Office Box 2338 Jackson, MS 39225
(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 terms' 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, her direct line is 601/973-8625.



For Release: Monday, July 25, 2016

Subject: School Board Meeting, July 26, 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, July 26, 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 available on the JPS ITV You Tube Channel at a later date.



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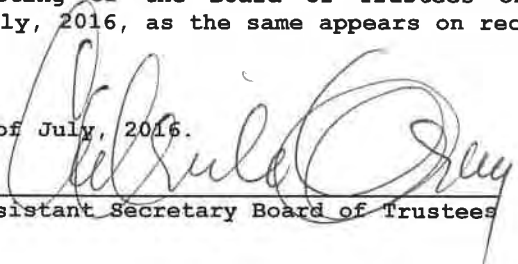
ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

July 26, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District was called to order at 5:30 P.M., by Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President. She established that a quorum was present, consisting of all five members seated and (1) member, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, participating via telephone. Note: Presently, this is a six (6) member board as Dr. Otha Burton's term on the board expired June 30, 2016.

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 26th day of July, 2016, as the same appears on record in the Minute Book of said Board.

Give under my hand, this the 27th day of July, 2016.


Assistant Secretary Board of Trustees



Jackson Public Schools

FINAL AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE: July 26, 2016

TIME: 5:30 PM

PLACE: 621 South State Street Jackson, MS 39201

I. Call to Order

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| a. Greetings 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

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes

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

VI. Superintendent's Reports / Announcements

VII. Information Items Only:

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| a. Preview of Response to Audit Findings | Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent |
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VIII. Information / Action Items:

IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

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| a. Approval of Amendment to Consulting Services
Agreement between Marion Counseling Services
PLLC and the Jackson Public School District | Dr. Mario Miller, Executive Director of
Exceptional Education |
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XI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel:

XII. Other Business

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| a. Election of Board Officers | Hon. Dorian Turner, Presiding |
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XIII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session

XIV. Adjourn

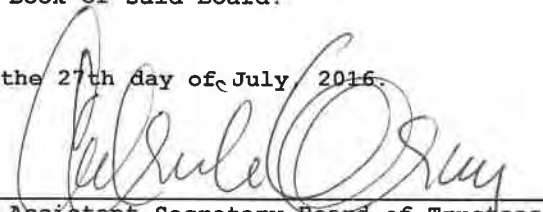
III
Adoption of the Agenda
Board File

ORDER ADOPTING THE AGENDA FOR THE JULY 26, 2016,
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Richard Lind moved, seconded by Mr. Kodi Hobbs, to adopt the agenda as printed. All six (6) board members voted "aye," in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0.

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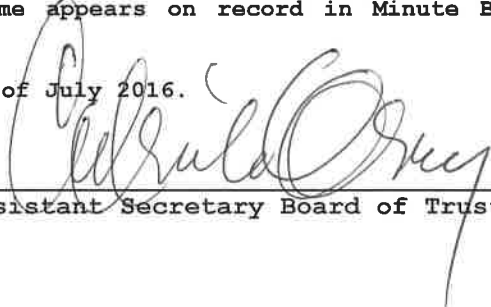

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MINUTE ORDER

This was an abbreviated agenda and minutes of the July 12, 2016, Meeting will be offered for approval at the August 4, 2016 Regular 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 26th day of July, 2016, as the same appears on record in Minute Book of said Board.

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V.
File

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

July 26, 2016

Joy Hogge Executive Director of Family and Children Services with mental health challenges: On behalf of our organization, JPS, thank you for your increased attention to our children. We have some concerns. There are so many students with mental health challenges in the JPS. We do not want you to use another provider, but there are inherent conflicts of interest. People put children in these programs because there is money in it. It is a potential place to put children if there is a need. Please take my concerns under consideration.

Jan Hillegas of Ward 5: There were two things that surprised me: (1) that Kelly Services is looking for and will hire substitute teachers. I have never heard of that before; (2) then, I saw a legal ad in the newspaper where you, (JPS) are advertising for vendors for exceptional education services. That concerns me greatly. Last week, I wrote a letter to three (3) of you who I vaguely know. Today, I would appreciate it if you would make a statement to us here and those who are watching by television to inform us what is going on. Now, I see public education dollars will be shared with companies. JPS should be providing those services. I am looking for details; and I would appreciate you speaking back to me. Why do you give away these services? Will Kelly services hire teachers too? Thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Wildly Important Goals (WIG)

1. Increase academic performance and achievement
 2. Increase average daily attendance for students and teachers
 3. Attract and retain high quality teachers and administrators
 - Preparing every scholar every day ready for life
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- JPS Salutes thirty (30) summer school graduates. All six (6) high schools participated;
- Online registration continues throughout the district. For more detail, visit the website;
- Note to parents: Each student is required to read at least three books during the summer. We challenge them to read many books;
- School attendance is important; we are asking parents and students to strive for less than 5 absences this school year;
- Early dismissal: A student has to be in school at least 63% of the school day to be counted as present;
- The first day of school for teachers is Thursday, August 4, 2016; and the first day for scholars is Tuesday, August 9th.
- Breakfast and lunch will be free for all students this school year.
- The superintendent's hotline will be in operation for the first two days of this school year. The hotline number is 601/960-2781.
- JPS is calling for all fathers and male caregivers to take their child/children to school on the first day. All fathers are asked to be more involved in their child's school year.
- Ms. Sylvia Leggette was recognized for receiving the Geospatial Technology Fellowship. She accepted the fellowship at the T3G Conference in California. She has worked for JPS for over 20 years.

End of Superintendent's Remarks and Announcements

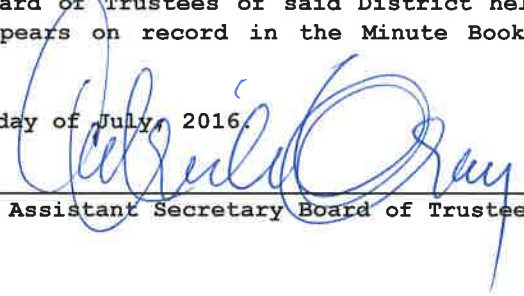
INFORMATION ITEMS ONLY

Preview of Responses to Audit Findings

Upon the recommendation of District Counsel and pursuant to a motion of Mrs. Camille Simms, seconded by Mr. Rickey D. Jones, this item is hereby moved to the end of the agenda and will be discussed in executive session. Five (5) of the board members present voted "aye" in favor of the motion; and one board member, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, who participated by telephone, voted "nay" in opposition to the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 1.

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Information/Action Items

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS/FINANCE

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X. a
Gray/Reese/Miller
Board File

ORDER APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN MARION COUNSELING SERVICES, PLLC,
AND THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board received a recommendation from Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent, presented by Dr. Mario Miller, Executive Director of Exceptional Education, for approval of an amendment to a consulting services agreement between Marion Counseling Services, PLLC, and the Jackson Public School District. A copy of the amendment to the consulting services agreement was included in the board material and a copy is hereto attached.

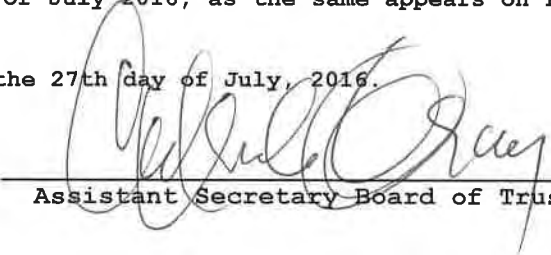
After due discussion and consideration, the Board determined that the above recommendation was well received and that the amendment should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made by Mrs. Camille S. Simms, seconded by Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs, and for good cause shown, five (5) of (6) board members voted "aye" in favor of the motion; one board member, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, participating by telephone voted "nay" in opposition to the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 1.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the recommendation from Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent, as presented Dr. Mario Miller, Executive Director of Exceptional Education, for approval of an amendment to a consulting services agreement between Marion Counseling Services, PLLC, and the Jackson Public School District, IS HEREBY APPROVED. A copy of the amendment to the consulting services agreement was included in the board material and a copy is hereto attached.

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XI. Personnel

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS/PERSONNEL

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XII. Other Business

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Election of Board Officers: Dorian Turner Presiding

Ms. Turner explained the two methodologies that can be used to acquire new officers. They were: (1) the rotation method whereby a current officer steps up to the next position; (2) the nomination method whereby a member will nominate a candidate and each board member will vote.

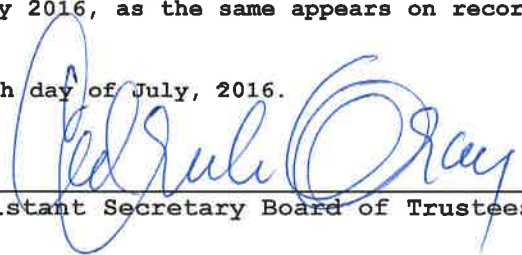
- Method to Hold the Election: Mr. Jed Oppenheim moved that the board use the nomination method. The motion was seconded by Ms. Beneta D. Burt. The motion carried by a vote of five (5) to one (1). Mrs. Camille Simms opposed the motion.
- The Floor Open for Nominations for Board President: Mr. Jed Oppenheim nominated Mr. Rickey D. Jones and Mr. Kodi Hobbs nominated Ms. Beneta D. Burt.

Candidate 1 for the Office of President

- Board members in favor of Mr. Rickey Jones were: Dr. Richard Lind, Mr. Jed Oppenheim and Mr. Rickey D. Jones; there were three (3) in favor. There were three in opposition to Mr. Jones. They were Ms. Beneta Burt, Mrs. Camille Simms, and Mr. Kodi Hobbs; with the voting resulting in a tie.
- Candidate 2 for the Office of President: The second nominee for board president was Ms. Beneta D. Burt. Those in favor were: Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs, Mrs. Camille Simms and Dr. Richard Lind; four (4) voted in favor of Ms. Burt; and two opposed the nomination. They were: Mr. Rickey D. Jones and Mr. Jed Oppenheim. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 2.
- The Floor Open for Nominations for Vice-President: Dr. Richard Lind was nominated and he declined. Ms. Beneta D. Burt nominated Mrs. Camille S. Simms for vice-president and she declined. Mr. Jed Oppenheim nominated Mr. Rickey D. Jones, and he accepted the nomination. Five (5) members voted in favor of Mr. Rickey D. Jones, and one member, Mrs. Camille S. Simms, opposed the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 1.
- The Floor Open for Secretary: Ms. Beneta D. Burt nominated Mrs. Camille S. Simms for Secretary and she accepted the nomination. All six (6) board members voted in favor of Ms. Simms. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 0.
- Officers for 2016-2017 School Year: Ms. Beneta D. Burt, President for a second term. Mr. Rickey D. Jones, Vice President and Ms. Camille S. Simms, Board Secretary

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XIII. a
Dr. Gray/Shepherd
Board File

ORDER CONVENING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS
RESPONSES TO AUDIT FINDINGS

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING AND CONSIDER CONVENING EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Mrs. Camille S. Simms moved, seconded by Mr. Rickey D. Jones, to close the meeting to determine the need for an executive session. Five (5) board members voted "aye", in favor of the motion; one board member, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, voted "nay" in opposition to the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 1.

MOTION TO CONVENE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Mr. Rickey D. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Kodi Hobbs, to enter into executive session to discuss strategies and options for the district, including appeal and/or potential litigation, in connection with its response to the MDE accreditation audit. Five board members voted "aye" in favor of the motion; one board member, Mr. Jed Oppenheim voted "nay" in opposition to the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 1.

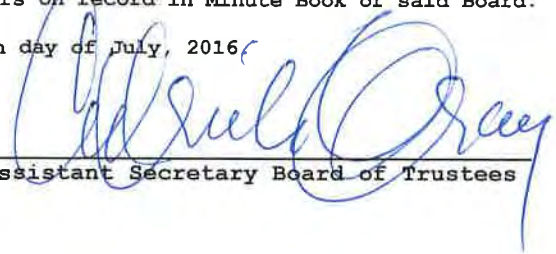
In executive session, the board received and discussed reports and recommendations from the superintendent and members of the administration, along with legal advice from attorney, Honorable Jim Keith, who had been retained by the superintendent to advise the board as to legal options and strategies. The board received and discussed the reports, recommendations and various strategies, but took no action.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Mr. Rickey D. Jones moved, and Mrs. Camille S. Simms seconded the motion, to exit the executive session. Five members voted "aye" in favor of the motion; one member, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, abstained from the vote.

Upon entering open session, the board attorney reported on matters discussed in executive session. There being no further business, Mr. Rickey D. Jones moved, and Dr. Richard D. Lind seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. All board members voted "aye" in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

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XIV. Adjournment
July 26, 2016, Regular Meeting
Board File

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Rickey D. Jones moved, seconded by Dr. Richard Lind, to adjourn the meeting, All six members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0. The meeting was adjourned.



Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President

Mr. Jed Oppenheim, Board Secretary