

JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
621 SOUTH STATE STREET
JACKSON, MS 39201
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016
5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present

Ms. Beneta D. Burt, President
Mr. Rickey D. Jones, Vice President
Ms. Camille S. Simms, Secretary
Dr. Richard Lind, Member
Mr. Jed Oppenheim, Member
Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs, Member
Ms. Kimberly L. Campbell, Esq.,
Member

Secretary to the Board

Ms. Vikki D. Mumford

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Mr. Sherwin Johnson
Hon. JoAnne Shepherd Dist. Counsel
Dr. Jason Sargent
Mr. Wilbur Walters
Dr. Fredrick Murray
Ms. Chinelo Evans
Dr. Michelle King
Dr. William Merritt, IV

Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President, called the special meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. She extended words of welcome to all who were present. II. A quorum was established; all seven members were present.

Ms. Burt explained that the agenda contained one item; and that item was to discuss the superintendent's evaluation and/or performance. III. She then called for a motion to adopt the agenda. On motion of Mr. Rickey D. Jones and second of Ms. Camille Simms, the agenda was adopted as printed. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

IV. Information/Action Items

Under this category, the agenda listed: a. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session and b. Superintendent's Evaluation/Performance. (See executive session summary on the following page.

Motion for Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Dr. Richard Lind moved, seconded by Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs, to close the meeting to determine the need for an executive session. Six (6) of (7) board members, Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Mr. Rickey D. Jones, Ms. Camille S. Simms, Dr. Richard Lind, Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs, and Ms. Kimberly Campbell voted "aye" in favor of the motion; one board member, Mr. Jed Oppenheim voted "nay" in opposition to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1.

Following the motion to consider holding an executive session, the meeting stood in recess at 5:35 P.M.

At 7:20 P.M., the meeting was reconvened and Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President, thanked all for remaining for the report. She stated that, "As a school board, our first and foremost priority is to educate our children. We are the guardian of the public trust. Our present status is that of a

regression for the district." Dr. Gray's last day of employment is yet to be determined; details of his early departure have not been finalized. The board and the superintendent will mutually agree on terms and the next steps will be for the board to look toward hiring an interim superintendent; as it searches for a new superintendent for the Jackson Public School District.



Jackson Public Schools

For Release: October 26, 2016

Subject: JPS Board of Trustees Announces Special Meeting

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

The Jackson Public Schools' Board of Trustees has scheduled a special Board meeting Friday, **October 28, 2016, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** in the **School Board meeting room** at 621 South State Street.

The purpose of the meeting is to evaluate the superintendent and the District's leadership team and discuss how the administration plans to improve student performance.

The Board also will also take into consideration any other matter properly coming before the Board.

CONNECT WITH US:

twitter.com/drcedrickgray • facebook.com/JacksonPublicSchools • youtube.com/jpsitv

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SUPERINTENDENT AND ATTORNEYS
Jackson Public School District
662 South President Street Jackson, MS 39201
Post Office Box 2338 Jackson, MS 39225
(601) 973-8625 Fax: 601/960-0324

Contact Information for Board Members for 2016-2017 School Year

Name and Occupation	Ward and Address	Phone	Title
Ms. Beneta D. Burt Executive Director Mississippi Road Map to Health Equity, Inc. Jackson, MS 39213	Ward 3 5 Autumn Cove Jackson, MS 39206 bburt@jackson.k12.ms.us benetaburt@bellsouth.net	Home: (601) 362-5987 Work: (601) 987-6783 Cell: (601) 951-9273	Board President
Mr. Rickey D. Jones Certified Business Counselor, MS Small Business Development Center & Realtor Jackson, MS	Ward 5 1020 Dewey Street Jackson, MS 39209 Rickeyjones33@gmail.com rickeyj@jackson.k12.ms.us	Cell 769/218-9124	Vice President
Mrs. Camille Stutts Simms, Insurance Broker and Retail Store Co-Owner 3300 Edgewood Terrace Suite B Jackson, MS 39206	Ward 4 2451 Montebello Dr. Jackson, MS 39213 camillesimms07@gmail.com csimms@jackson.k12.ms.us	Cell: 601/918- 8076 Business: 769-216-2587	Secretary
Mr. Jed H. Oppenheim Program Officer Kellogg Foundation 125 South Congress Suite 100 Jackson, MS 39201	Ward 7 1805 Devine Street Jackson, MS 39202 joppenheim@jackson.k12.ms.us jedopp@gmail.com	Cell: (310) 994-1841	Member
Dr. Richard Lind Director of Food Service Manager-CMMC Medical Center Jackson, MS 39204	Ward 6 111 Oakridge Drive Jackson, MS 39212 Rlind38599@aol.com rilind@jackson.k12.ms.us	Cell: (601) 672-5595 Home: (601) 373-8931	Member
Mr. Kodi Hobbs The Hobbs Group LLC Alfa Insurance Agency Hobbs Properties Jackson, MS 39211	Ward 1 114 Cativo Dr. Jackson, MS 39211 khobbs@alfains.com Kodih@jackson.k12.ms.us	Cell 601/454-9319	Member
Ms. Kimberly L. Campbell Esq., State Dir. AARP 141 Township Ave. Suite 302 Ridgeland MS 39157	Ward 2 1062 Devonshire Drive Jackson, MS 39206 kicampbell@jackson.k12.ms.us Kimberlycampbell13@att.net	Cell: 601/622-7880	Member
Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent, JPSD	cegray@jackson.k12.us.us	Work: (601) 960-8725	Superintendent
Ms. Joanne Shepherd District Counsel, JPSD	P.O. Box 2338 Jackson, MS 39225-2338 jnelson@jackson.k12.ms.us	Work: (601) 960-8916 Fax: (601) 973-8545	District Counsel
Ms. Dorian Turner Board Attorney, JPSD	deturner@detpllc.com http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us FAX 601/354-3656	Cell: 601/942- 8346 (601) 354-2971	Board Attorney

On August 4, 2016, Ms. Kimberly L. Campbell, Esq., took the oath of office as a board member to replace Dr. Otha Burton, Jr., whose term expired June 30, 2016. Dr. Cedrick Gray is Superintendent of this District; 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 of Trustees. Her contact information is: Vmumford@jackson.k12.ms.us, and the board office direct line is 601/973-8625.



Jackson Public Schools

FINAL AGENDA

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE: October 28, 2016

TIME: 5:30 PM

PLACE: 621 South President Street, Jackson,
MS 39201

I. Call to Order

a. Call to Order

Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President

II. Establishment of Quorum

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Information / Action Items:

a. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session

b. Superintendent's Evaluation

V. Adjourn

IV. a.
Dr. Gray/Shepherd
Board File

ORDER CONVENING EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS
THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PERFORMANCE

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO CONSIDER CONVENING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Dr. Richard Lind moved, seconded by Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs, to close the meeting to determine the need for an executive session. Six (6) of (7) board members, Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Mr. Rickey D. Jones, Ms. Camille S. Simms, Dr. Richard Lind, Mr. Kodi Hobbs and Ms. Kimberly Campbell, voted "aye", in favor of the motion; one board member, Mr. Jed Oppenheim voted "nay" in opposition to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1.

MOTION TO CONVENE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PERFORMANCE:

Ms. Camille S. Simms moved, seconded by Mr. Rickey D. Jones, to enter into executive session to discuss the superintendent's performance. Six (6) of (7) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion; one board member, Mr. Jed Oppenheim voted "nay" in opposition to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1.

In executive session, the board the discussed the superintendent's performance and his employment with the district. The board took no action on this matter.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Mr. Rickey D. Jones moved, and Ms. Camille S. Simms seconded the motion, to exit the executive session. All seven (7) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. Upon entering open session, the board president, Ms. Beneta D. Burt, reported on the matters discussed in executive session. There being no further business, Mr. Rickey D. Jones moved, and Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. All seven (7) board members voted "aye" in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

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 adopted on the 28th day of October, 2016, as the same appears on record in Minute Book of said Board.

GIVEN under my hand, this the 31st day of October, 2016.

Superintendent


V. Adjournment
October 28, 2016, Special Meeting
Board File

Adjournment


There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Rickey D. Jones moved for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs. All seven (7) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The Motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7 to 0.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

I, the undersigned, Ms. Beneta Burt, Board President, Ms. Camille Simms, Board Secretary, and I, Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent 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 28th day of October, 2016, as the same appears on record in Minute Book of said Board.

GIVEN under my hand, this the 31st day of October, 2016.



Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President



Date



Ms. Camille Simms, Board Secretary



Date

Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent

Date