

JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
621 SOUTH STATE STREET
JACKSON, MS 39201
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, January 10, 2017
5:30 P.M.

Board Present

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

Board Member Absent

None

Secretary to the Board

Ms. Vikki D. Mumford

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Freddrick Murray, Interim Supt.
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Hon. JoAnne Shepherd, Dist. Counsel
Dr. Jason Sargent, Chief of Staff
Dr. Calvin Lockett, Dir. Operations
Mr. Victor Ellis, Forest Hill
Dr. Morris Stanton, CAO
Ms. Chinelo Evans, CAO
Dr. Michelle King, CAO
Dr. William Merritt, IV., CAO
Ms. Sharolyn Miller, CFO
Mr. Sherwin Johnson, Communications
Dr. Bishop Knox, Student Services
Ms. Saundra Lyons, Dir. HR
Ms. Stephanie Nelson, Asst. Dir HR
Dr. Dyna M. Chambers, Teacher
Recruitment
Mr. Bobby Brown, Prof. Development

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and Moment of Inspiration:

- a. 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 greeted those present and those who were viewing by television. Next, she called for the introduction of the student who would lead the pledge of allegiance and the speaker who would provide a moment of inspiration.
- b. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by Tylen Goings, a 4th grader at Oak Forest Elementary. Tylen loves reading, and mathematics. After school, he enjoys playing football and riding his dirt bike. He is active in religious affairs and attends Bethlehem M. B. Church in Edwards, MS. He is the son of Ms. Angela Goings and Mr. Larry Johnson, Jr. His parents, the school's principal and staff members were recognized.
- c. The Moment of Inspiration was given by Elder Lanford Eugene Porter, Sr., a Jackson native who received his formative education from local schools and his higher education from Hinds Community College and Jackson State University. Elder Porter is now retired from Nissan North America; and is now a full-time pastor. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Darlean Manifold and together they have two adult sons.

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On November 17, 2016, Dr. Fredrick Murray became Interim Superintendent of the Jackson Public School District, succeeding former Superintendent Dr. Cedrick Gray. The Honorable JoAnne N. Shepherd is District Counsel and the Honorable Dorian E. Turner is Board Attorney. Ms. Vikki D. Mumford is Secretary to the Board of Trustees and can be reached at: Vmumford@jackson.k12.ms.us, and by telephone at 601/973-8625.



Jackson Public Schools

For Release: Monday, January 9, 2017

Subject: School Board Meeting, January 10, 2017, 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 10, 2017, 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.

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Jackson Public Schools

FINAL AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE: January 10, 2017

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. Moment of Inspiration | |

II. Establishment of Quorum

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes

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| a. December 20, 2016, Regular Meeting | Mrs. Vikki D. Mumford, secretary to the Board of Trustees |
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V. Public Participation for General Comments and / or Proposed Policy Issues

VI. Review of Discipline Case(s)

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| a. Review of Appealed and Non-Appealed Discipline Cases | Dr. Bishop Knox, Executive Director of Student Services |
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VII. Superintendent's Reports / Announcements

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| a. Interim Superintendent's Remarks and Updates | Dr. Freddrick Murray, Interim Superintendent |
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VIII. Information Items Only:

IX. Information / Action Items:

- a. Consideration of Geographical Scope of Superintendent Search
- b. Consideration of Dissemination of Request for Proposals for Superintendent Search Consultant

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

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| a. Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund | Mrs. Sharolyn Miller, CFO |
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**Claims for Period of December 10, 2016, through
December 23, 2016**

XI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

XII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters

**Ms. Sandra Lyons, Executive Director
of Human Resources**

XIII. Other Business

XIV. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session

XV. Adjourn

II. Establishment of a Quorum:

- a. A quorum was established as there were five (5) members seated and one, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, participating by telephone. Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs was tardy, arriving at 5:49 P.M.

III. Adoption of the Agenda:

- a. The regular meeting agenda was adopted as printed on motion of Ms. Kimberly L. Campbell and second of Dr. Richard Lind. All six (6) participating members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs was absent from the vote.

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes:

- a. The minutes of the December 20, 2016, Regular Meeting were approved on motion of Mr. Rickey D. Jones, and second of Dr. Richard Lind. All six (6) participating members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs was absent from the vote.

V. Public Comment:

- a. Mrs. Margrit Garner - stated that the community is looking for a strong superintendent who can challenge the board of trustees; one who will focus on increasing the graduation rate and raising the standards for APAC students, etc.
- b. Ms. Debra Akins - Ms. Akins complained about the school policy that limits the amount of time that parents can visit their child's school.
- c. Ms. Dana Larkin and Mrs. Okolo Rashid: These two community activist individuals appeared on behalf of a group called, "Working Together Jackson." Both pledged their support to be continually engaged with this school district, JPS, to help it re-establish itself. Further, both women would like to have a voice in the impending superintendent search campaign. Their request is for JPS to symbolically break with the past and lead the district to excellence. They noted that a national search should not preclude a local applicant or candidate from being accepted.

VI. Review of Non-Appealed Discipline Cases: The item was moved to executive session by consent of the Board and Dr. Bishop Knox, Executive Director of Student Services.

VII. Superintendent's Report/Announcements:

- At each meeting, Dr. Murray will provide an up-to-date status of the Corrective Action Plan based on the checklist.
- Dr. Jason Sargent stated each staff member must hold himself/herself accountable for the implementation of the CAP now that it has been approved.
- Dr. Sargent reminded students and parents that an up-to-date immunization records must be provided to their schools. The lack thereof will subject students to suspension from school after a third notice has been given.

VIII. Information Items Only: None

IX. Information/Action Items

- a. Consideration of Geographical Scope of Superintendent Search:
On motion of Ms. Kimberly Campbell, second of Mr. Kodi Hobbs, and for good cause shown, six (6) board members voted "aye" in favor of the motion to make a broad search for a superintendent. That the search, be locally, regionally and nationally performed. One member, Mr. Oppenheim, abstained from the vote. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0 to 1. Further, that a nationwide search does not preclude our interim superintendent from applying.
- b. Consideration of Dissemination of Request for Proposal for Superintendent Search Consultant: Ms. Kimberly Campbell moved that the District be in search of a search firm that has a minimum of ten (10) years' experience. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kodi Hobbs. And for good cause shown six (6) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion; and one member, Mr. Jed Oppenheim voted "nay" in opposition to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1.
- c. Request for Proposal for Superintendent Search Consultant: Ms. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney, reported on the publications in which the search RFP will be advertised. Next, the Board directed Ms. Turner to provide a venue for

community participation. To that end, Mr. Sherwin Johnson was directed to make available a medium on the website for community input relative to the qualities of a new superintendent.

- Next, Mr. Oppenheim was appointed chair of the local/community search committee; and, he was asked to get two more board members to serve with him.

X. Consent Agenda Items Finance:

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund Claims for Period of December 10, 2016, through December 23, 2016: The Board voted to approve this item on motion of Dr. Richard Lind, and second of Ms. Kimberly Campbell. All seven (7) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

XI. Consent Agenda General: None

XII. Consent Agenda Personnel:

- a. The Board voted to approve all personnel matters as presented by Ms. Saundra Lyons, Executive Director of Human Resources, on motion of Dr. Richard Lind, and second of Mr. Jed Oppenheim. All seven (7) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

XIII. Other Business:

- a. Ms. Beneta Burt, Board President, encouraged parents to please have a conversation with your children about what items should be in book bags and what items should not be in book bags. Further, parents were asked to talk to students about respect for themselves, their teachers and each other. "We clearly want all of our students to stay in school. We ask all of our students to be disciplined and obey the rules. Teachers have to be able to teach." Ms. Burt said. Each person has to be held accountable for his/her actions.

XIV. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Ms. Kimberly Campbell moved, seconded by Mr. Rickey D. Jones, to close the meeting to determine what items are to be discussed in executive session. All seven participating members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Motion to Go into Executive Session: Mr. Rickey Jones moved, and Ms. Camille Simms, seconded the motion to go into executive

session for the sole purpose of discussing a discipline case. All seven participating members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

VI. a. Discipline Case brought to Executive Session:

Parents of student case No.: 17-226. Both parents appeared before the board along with Mr. Victor Ellis, Principal Forest Hill High School. Parents stated that did they were not present to contest the decision; but, they wanted to speak concerning the circumstances surrounding this case. Both parents were allowed to speak their allotted time. At the close of the discussion, the Board took no action.

Motion to Exit Executive Session: Dr. Richard Lind moved that the Board exit the executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kimberly Campbell. And for good cause shown, all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Adjournment

January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting

XV. Adjournment:

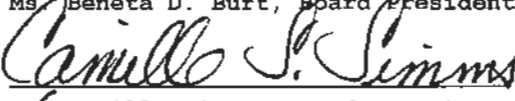
There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Camille Simms, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kimberly Campbell. All seven (7) members voted "aye", unanimously in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

I, the undersigned, Ms. Beneta Burt, Board President, Ms. Camille Simms, Board Secretary, and I, Dr. Freddrick Murray, Interim 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 10th day of January, 2017, as the same appears on record in Minute Book of said Board.

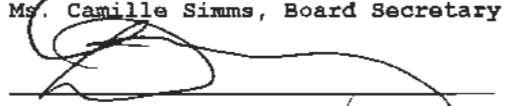
GIVEN under my hand, this 11th day of January 2017.


Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President

2-7-17
Date


Ms. Camille Simms, Board Secretary

2-7-17
Date


Dr. Freddrick Murray, Interim Supt.

2/7/17
Date