



Jackson Public Schools

Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
621 South State Street  
Jackson, MS 39201

Special Meeting  
**Wednesday**, January 18, 2017, 12:30 P.M.  
JPS Board Room  
**621 South State Street**  
Jackson, MS 39211

**Board Members Present**

Ms. Beneta D. Burt, **President**  
Mr. Rickey D. Jones, **Vice President**  
Ms. Camille S. Simms, **Secretary**  
Mr. Jed Oppenheim, **Member**

**Board Members Absent**

Dr. Richard Lind  
Mr. Kodi Hobbs  
Ms. Kimberly Campbell

**Administrative Staff and Attorneys**

Dr. **Freddrick Murray**, Interim Supt.  
Hon. JoAnne **Shepherd**, District Counsel  
Hon. Dorian **Turner**, Board Attorney  
Dr. **Calvin Lockett**  
Hon. **Kashonda Day**  
Hon. **Cydney Archie**



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**For Release: January 18, 2017**

**Subject: JPS Board of Trustees Announces Special Meeting**

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The Jackson Public Schools' Board of Trustees has scheduled a special Board meeting **Wednesday, January 18, 2017, beginning at 12:30 p.m.** in the **School Board meeting room** at 621 South State Street.

The purpose of the meeting is discuss personnel matters.

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



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**JPS Boardroom**

- I. Call to Order** **Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President**
- II. Establishment of Quorum**
- III. Adoption of Agenda**
- IV. Information/Action Item (s)**
  - a. Personnel**
- V. Other Business**
- VI. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session**
- VII. Adjournment**

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Board President Ms. Beneta D. Burt called the meeting to order at 12:30 P.m. Four (4) of seven (7) Members present were: They were: Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Mr. Rickey D. Jones, Ms. Camille S. Simms and Mr. Jed Oppenheim.

On motion to adopt the agenda, Mr. Jed Oppenheim moved and Ms. Camille S. Simms seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 4 to 0.

**Information Action Item: Personnel**

The personnel matter for discussion was indicative of an executive session.

Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Mr. Rickey D. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Jed Oppenheim, for a discussion to consider an executive session. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Motion to Enter into Executive Session: Following a discussion, Mr. Rickey D. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Camille S. Simms, that the board enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel matters, namely, the appearance before the board of William Weikel in connection with his recommendation of termination. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

A panel of four (4) people appeared before the board. For JPS School District: the Honorable Kashonda Day and the Honorable Cidney Archie; for Mr. William Weikel, his attorney the Honorable Joel Dillard. Following the discussion, Ms. Beneta Burt moved to uphold the administration's decision to terminate Mr. William Weikel for his violation of school policy. Ms. Camille S. Simms seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 4 to 0.

Mr. Jed Oppenheim moved to exit executive session, seconded by Ms. Camille S. Simms. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 4 to 0.

**Other Business:**

Board members gave positive expressions regarding the great reports given in the A.M. at the Mississippi Department of Education headquarters.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Rickey D. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Camille Simms. All voted unanimously in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment  
January 18, 2017, Special Meeting

Approval of Minutes for Wednesday, January 18, 2017



Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President

2-7-17

Date



Ms. Camille S. Simms, Secretary

2-7-17

Date



Dr. Frederick Murray, Interim Supt.

2-7-17

Date