

JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
621 SOUTH STATE STREET  
JACKSON, MS 39201  
WORK SESSION OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 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, Member  
Ms. Kimberly L. Campbell, Member, Esq

Board Member Absent

None

Secretary to the Board

Ms. Vikki D. Mumford

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Fredrick Murray, Interim Supt.  
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney  
Hon. JoAnne Shepherd, Dist. Counsel  
Dr. Jason Sargent, Chief of Staff  
Ms. Chinelo Evans, AO Middle Schools  
Dr. Morris Stanton, AO High Schools  
Dr. Michelle King, AO Elem. Schools  
Dr. Calvin Lockett, Interim Dir.  
Facilities  
Sherwin Johnson, Dir. Communications  
Ms. Bonita Donald, Asst. Dir.  
Dr. Margrit Wallace, Dir. Instructions

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- I. Call to Order: This being the time, February 15, 2017, 9:00 A.M., and place, JPS Boardroom, set for the work session of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District. All members were notified and provided materials for review prior to the meeting. The Work Session was called to order at 9:11 A.M. by Ms. Beneta Burt, Board President. She extended greetings and stated that this is an opportunity to interact and have a conversation with district leadership. All in an effort to upgrade and enhance our school system. She thanked board members for their time and dedication to the work at hand of keeping safe and educating our children.
- II. Establishment of a Quorum: A quorum was established; all seven (7) members were present.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as printed. Dr. Richard Lind moved, and Mr. Kodi Hobbs seconded the motion. And for good cause shown, six (6) members, Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Mr. Rickey Jones, Ms. Camille Simms, Dr. Richard Lind, Mr. Kodi Hobbs and Ms. Kimberly Campbell voted "aye" in favor of the motion; one member, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, voted "nay" in opposition to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of six (6) to 1.
- IV. Remarks from Dr. Fredrick Murray, Interim Superintendent: Dr. Murray stated that we are here to work on the work. Further, that he is within two days of being on the job for 90 days. "Since day one, we have made some gains and we have been very focused on the tasks that are ours to do. We are striving to put things in place that will enhance our district and sustain us even for the next ten (10) years," he said. Dr. Murray introduced Mr. Victor Ellis, Principal of Forest Hill High School. Dr. Murray added that the

district is gaining traction. Following his introductory remarks, Mr. Victor Ellis stated that his mission is to restore the school to the honor it once enjoyed. With the aid of a power point presentation, Mr. Ellis gave a comparison of the previous state of Forest Hill High School, and where we are now. Mr. Ellis elaborated on areas of concern that need immediate attention at the school. A copy of the power-point presentation is hereto attached as Exhibit 1.

Note: Due to the brevity of time, Dr. Murray requested that priority items be taken care of at this time.

V. Executive Session

Motion to Close the Meeting to Consider Holding an Executive Session: Mr. Rickey D. Jones made the motion, and Ms. Kimberly Campbell seconded the motion. Six members voted "aye" in favor of the motion; one member, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, voted "nay" in opposition to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1.

Motion to Go into Executive Session:

Ms. Kimberly Campbell moved, and Dr. Richard Lind seconded the motion, to enter into executive session

To discuss one personnel item, namely, to discuss the performance of certain administrators affected by Dr. Murray's proposed new organizational chart. 6 board members voted in favor of the motion and Mr. Oppenheim voted against.

In executive session, Dr. Murray presented his explanation for several of the proposed changes to the organizational chart. The Board took no action. During the discussion, board members determined that any remaining discussion needed to take place in open session, so Mr. Kodi Hobbs moved, and Dr. Richard Lind seconded the motion, to exit executive session. All 7 board members voted in favor of the motion.

VI. Consent agenda Items - General (Listed as VII):

- a. Approval of Consulting Services Agreement between Bailey Educational Group and the Jackson Public School District;
  - b. Approval of Consulting Services Agreement between Greene Educational Group and the Jackson Public School District; and
  - c. Approval of Consulting Services Agreement between the Kirkland Educational Group and the Jackson Public School District.
- After due discussion and consideration, the Board voted to approve all three (3) contracts. On motion of Dr. Richard Lind and second of Ms. Camille Simms, five (5) of 6 members present voted "aye" in favor of the motion; one member, Mr. Jed Oppenheim voted "nay" in opposition to the motion. Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent from the vote. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1.

VII. Information/Action Items (Listed as VI):

- a. Approval of Consulting Services Agreement between Eric Stringfellow and the Jackson Public School District. Dr. Richard Lind made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Beneta D. Burt to

approve agreement. Two members, Dr. Richard Lind and Ms. Beneta D. Burt voted "aye" in favor of the motion; four members, Mr. Rickey D. Jones, Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Jed Oppenheim and Ms. Kimberly L. Campbell, voted "nay", in opposition to the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 2 to 4. Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent from the vote.

b. Approval of Instructional Management RFP: This was a place holder for the three contracts that were approved above in item VI. No action taken.

- Data Presentation by Dr. Jason Sargent, Chief of Staff: Dr. Sargent discussed the *District's Projections*.
- Following Dr. Sargent's presentation, Dr. Murray stated that Dr. Wallace's *Star Data Presentation* will be heard at the February 21, 2017, board meeting.
- Organizational Chart: Dr. Fredrick Murray handed out the district's organizational chart and responded to questions from the Board. The same is hereto attached as Exhibit 2.
- Finally Dr. Murray and the Board agreed by consensus that an update on the Corrective Action Plan, "CAP" will be given at each meeting. A written report is expected at the first meeting in each month. Mr. Rickey Jones stated that since we are working with a sense of urgency, the board would like to hear remarks on the progress of the "CAP" at each meeting.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Rickey D. Jones made the motion to adjourn the work session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jed Oppenheim. And for good cause shown, all five remaining members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0. Mr. Kodi Hobbs and Ms. Kimberly Campbell were absent from the vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

I, the undersigned, President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees; and I, 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 held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017, as the same appears on record in Minute Book of said Board.

GIVEN under my hand, this the 16th day of February, 2017.

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Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President

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Ms. Camille Simms, Board Secretary

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Dr. Fredrick Murray, Interim Supt.

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Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President

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Ms. Camille Simms, Board Secretary

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Dr. Fredrick Murray, Interim Supt.

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