

JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
621 SOUTH STATE STREET
JACKSON, MS 39201
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 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
Ms. Kimberly L. Campbell, Member, Esq.
Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs, Member

Board Members Absent

None

Ms. Vikki Mumford Board Sec.

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
Dr. William Merritt, IV, Elem., CAO
Dr. Michelle King, Elem., CAO
Ms. Chinelo Evans, Middle CAO
Dr. Morris Stanton, High School, CAO
Dr. Margrit Wallace, CAO

Ms. Sandra Lyons, Ex. Director HR
Ms. Stephanie Nelson, Asst. Dir. HR
Ms. Sharolyn Miller, CFO
Mr. Sherwin Johnson, Communications

- I. Call to Order, Pledge to the Flag, and Moment of Inspiration: 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 those present and to those viewing by television.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: An eleventh grader JROTC student from Murrah High School, Cadet Kelsee Ford, led the pledge of allegiance. Kelsee, an honor student, is active in campus activities and student government. She aspires to enroll in the Jackson State University ROTC Program upon graduating from high school. Later, she will study engineering in the United States Army. Kelsee's parent along with school Principal, Dr. Alvanette Buchanan, Asst. Principal, Dr. Charles Smith, and other staff members were recognized.

Moment of Inspiration: The moment of inspiration was given by Reverend Jefforey A. Stafford, a graduate of Callaway High School, Tougaloo College and the Reformed Theological Seminary. He accepted his call into the ministry in 2003; and is pastor of Pleasant Green Baptist Church Vicksburg, MS. He is married to the lovely Mrs. LaTonya Stafford. Together they are the proud parents of two children.

- II. Establishment of a Quorum: A quorum was established as six (6) members were present. Mr. Kodi Hobbs was tardy.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda: The Board adopted the agenda as presented, on motion of Dr. Richard Lind and second of Mr. Rickey Jones. And for good cause shown, all six (6) members present: Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Mr. Rickey Jones, Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, Dr. Richard Lind and Ms. Kimberly Campbell voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent from the vote.



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August 4, 2016, Board Member, Ms. Kimberly L. Campbell, Esq., replaced Dr. Otha Burton, Jr., whose term expired June 30, 2016. Note: Supt. Dr. Cedrick Gray resigned ending employment November 17, 2016. On the same day, Dr. Fredrick Murray began serving as interim 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 of Trustees. Contact information for the Board is: Vmumford@jackson.k12.ms.us, and 601/973-8625.



Jackson Public Schools

FINAL AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE: March 21, 2017

TIME: 5:30 PM

PLACE: 621 South State Street Jackson, MS 39201

I. Call to Order

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| a. Greeting and Opening Remarks | Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President |
| b. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag | High School Division |
| c. Moment of Inspiration | |

II. Establishment of Quorum

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes

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| a. March 2, 2017, Special Meeting - MSBA Training and
March 7, 2017, Regular Meeting | Mrs. Vikki D. Mumford, Secretary to
Board of Trustees |
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V. Public Participation for General Comments and / or Proposed Policy Issues

VI. Superintendent's Reports / Announcements

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| a. Remarks and Updates | Dr. Freddrick Murray, Interim
Superintendent |
| b. Presentation from P-16 Representative | |

VII. Information Items Only:

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| a. Updates on MDE's At-Risk Action Plan for
Elementary and Middle Schools | Dr. Jason Sargent, Chief of Staff |
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VIII. Information / Action Items:

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| a. Approval of Recommendation to Consolidate
Schools: Barr and Poindexter Elementary Schools;
Brinkley and Rowan Middle Schools | Dr. Freddrick Murray |
| b. Approval of Monthly Financial Report | Ms. Sharolyn Miller, CFO |
| c. Approval of Various Policies and Review of Credit
Recovery | Hon. JoAnne Shepherd, District
Counsel |

IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

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| a. | Approval of Disbursements and Accounts Payable and Activity Fund Claims for Period of February 25, 2017, through March 10, 2017 | Mrs. Sharolyn Miller, CFO |
| b. | Approval of Various Donations | Ms. Miller |
| c. | Approval of Formal Bids | Ms. Miller |
| d. | Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property | Ms. Miller |
| e. | Approval of Request to Ratify Rental Adjustment between Walker Investment Properties, LLC, and the Jackson Public School District | Ms. Miller |
| f. | Approval of Contract between Jackson Public Schools and the MS Fair Commission | Ms. Miller |

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

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| a. | Approval of Contract between the Mississippi Children's Museum and the Jackson Public School District | Dr. William Merritt, IV, CAO Elementary Division |
| b. | Approval of Consulting Services Agreement between the Tri-K Group and the Jackson Public School District | Dr. Merritt |

XI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel:

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| a. | Approval of Staff Personnel Matters | Ms. Sandra Lyons, Executive Director of Human Resources |
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XII. Other Business

XIII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session

XIV. Adjourn

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes: The Board approved minutes of the March 2, 2017, Special Meeting - MSBA Board Training and minutes of the March 7, 2017, Regular Meeting on motion of Ms. Kimberly Campbell and Ms. Camille Simms. And for good cause shown all six (6) members present voted "aye", in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Mr. Hobbs was absent from the vote.

V. Public Participation for General Comments: No Participants

VI. Interim Superintendent's Reports/Announcements - Dr. Freddrick Murray

- Note: Dr. Murray acknowledged the presence of various principals and assistant principals.
- For information only, Dr. Jason Sargent, Chief of Staff, was asked to provide briefings associated with the Corrective Action Plan, (CAP). An exhibit, noted here as exhibit 1 was given as a supplement to his report. Dr. Murray added that nothing has changed since our last meeting.
- Next, Upon the Request of Mr. Sherman None, Dr. Murray invited Mr. None, President of the P-16 Council, to make a presentation to the board and the general public about the functions of the P-16 Council. The council has been in existence for a year. Mr. None noted stated that, "We have been working to become a positive force in the community and to increase the quality of our educational system." The council is comprised of people throughout the community, educators, PTA members, and those who are adamant about increasing the quality of education in our district. The P-16 Council began with the *Children First Initiative of 2009*. The committee meets on the fourth Thursday of each month in the JPS boardroom. To communicate with the council, you may send an e-mail to: Pl6Jackson@jackson.gmail.com
- Dr. Michelle King acknowledged receipt of a \$10,000 donation from the Barbara Bush Foundation.
- Dr. Vickie Davidson acknowledged runner-ups and winners in the regional Spelling B. She stated that over 300 JPS students participated and the district has more winners than ever before.
- Dr. Davidson also announced that nine (9) JPS high school students were accepted into the *Youth Leadership Program of Jackson*.

End of Interim Superintendent's Reports and Announcements

VII. Information Items Only:

- a. Updates on MDE's At-Risk Action Plan for elementary and middle school students were given during the Interim Superintendent's Report and Announcement Period by Dr. Jason Sargent.

VII. Information/Action Items:

- a. Approval of Recommendation to Consolidate Schools: Bar and Poindexter Elementary Schools; Brinkley and Rowan Middle Schools: This item was approved on motion of Mr. Kodi Hobbs and second of Dr. Richard Lind. And for good cause shown, all seven (7) member voted

"aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- b. Approval of Monthly Financial Report: Following a discussion from Ms. Sharolyn Miller, CFO, This item was approved on motion of Mr. Jed Oppenheim and second of Mr. Kodi Hobbs. And for good cause shown, all seven members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7 to 0. Mr. Hobbs arrived at 6:03 P.M.
- c. Approval of Various Policies and Review of Credit Recovery: Mr. Jed Oppenheim moved that Policy JSCS: Mandatory School Uniform Dress Code Policy be pulled and held over to the next meeting to allow for more in-depth discussion and in-put into this policy. The remaining and following policies were submitted for approval: Policy KJ: Visitors to Schools; Policy ABD: Superintendent's Legal Status; Policy: CDB Separation of Certified Administrative Personnel (recommended for deletion); Policy GAEA: Strikes (recommended to remain tabled); Policy BCH: Student Participation; Policy CCD: Separation of School Superintendent and Policy JKA: Credit Recovery (review of revisions March 21, 2017)

Mr. Kodi Hobbs moved that we adopt all policies as presented. The motion died for lack of a second. Ms. Kimberly Campbell moved, and Mr. Kodi Hobbs seconded the motion that the student dress code policy be held over for further case-based research, and that all other policies be approved as requested by legal counsel. And for good cause shown, all seven (7) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7 to 0.

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Disbursements and Accounts Payable and Activity Fund Claims for Period of February 25, 2017, through March 10, 2017: This item was approved on motion of Mr. Jed Oppenheim, and second of Mr. Kodi Hobbs. And for good cause shown, all seven (7) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7 to 0. Note: All seven finance items, a-f, were unanimously approved on this motion.
- b. Approval of Various Donations
- c. Approval of Formal Bids
- d. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property
- e. Approval of Request to Ratify Rental Adjustment between Walker Investment Properties, LLC, and the Jackson Public School District
- f. Approval of Contract between the Jackson Public Schools and the MS Fair Commission

X. Consent Agenda Items - General

- a. Approval of Contract between the Mississippi Children's Museum and the Jackson Public School District: This item was approved on motion of Dr. Richard Lind, and second of Mr. Jed Oppenheim. And for good cause shown, all seven (7) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7 to 0.

- b. Approval of Consulting Services Agreement between the Tri-K Group and the Jackson Public School District: Note: Mr. Jed Oppenheim recused himself and left the room. This item was approved on motion of Dr. Richard Lind that this item be approved with the requirement and direction that legal counsel set a reasonable minimum amount. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kimberly Campbell. And for good cause shown, all six (6) remaining members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Mr. Oppenheim returned to the room.

XI. Consent Agenda Item - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: The following personnel items were pulled for discussion in Executive Session: A-20 and E-17. All other personnel items were approved on motion of Ms. Kimberly Campbell and second of Mr. Kodi Hobbs. And for good cause shown, all seven (7) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 7 to 0.

XII. Other Business: None

- XIII. Motion for Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Mr. Jed Oppenheim moved, second by Mr. Kodi Hobbs to close the meeting to consider what items will be discussed in Executive Session. And for good cause shown, all seven (7) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0. The meeting was closed.

Motion to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of discussing two Personnel Matters A-20 and E-17. Mr. Rickey Jones moved, and Ms. Camille Simms seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to discuss two personnel matters, namely, (1) the character and competence of the candidate recommended for principal of Callaway High School, and (2) the performance and circumstances surrounding the retirement of Elbert Smith as principal of Jim Hill High School. All seven (7) board members voted "aye" unanimously in favor of the motion.

In executive session, Dr. Fredrick Murray, Interim Superintendent, first explained to board members the circumstances surrounding the retirement of Principal Elbert Smith and his performance as principal of Jim Hill High School. Next, Dr. Murray reported to the board on the process of selecting Mr. Xavier Hodo as principal of Callaway High School, along with his credentials and prior performance. After discussing both matters, Mr. Jed Oppenheim moved, and Mrs. Camille Simms seconded the motion, to approve both items, namely, Personnel Items A-20 and E-17. Six (6) board members voted "aye" in favor of the motion and one (1) member, Mr. Rickey Jones, voted "nay" in opposition to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 1.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Mr. Rickey Jones moved, and Mr. Jed Oppenheim seconded the motion, to exit executive session. The motion was approved unanimously. Upon entering open session, Mr. Rickey Jones moved, and Mr. Jed Oppenheim seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

XIV. Adjournment:

Upon entering open session, Mr. Rickey Jones moved, and Mr. Jed Oppenheim seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by a vote of 7 to 0.

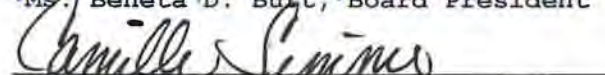
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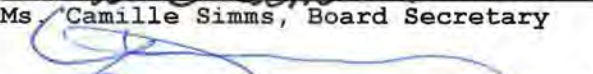
March 21, 2017, Regular Meeting

I, the undersigned, President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees; and I, Dr. Freddrick Murray, Interim Superintendent, of the Jackson Public School District, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the resolution of the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting held on March 21, 2017, as the same that appears on record in Minute Book of said Board.

GIVEN under my hand, this the 22nd day of March, 2017.


Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President


Ms. Camille Simms, Board Secretary


Dr. Freddrick Murray, Interim Supt.

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