

JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
621 SOUTH STATE STREET
JACKSON, MS 39201
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017
5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present

Ms. Beneta D. Burt, President
Mr. Rickey D. Jones, Vice President
Ms. Camille Simms, Sec.
Mr. Jed Oppenheim, Member
Dr. Richard Lind, Member

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
Mr. Sherwin Johnson, Communications
Ms. Chinelo Evans, Middle School CAO
Dr. Morris Stanton, High School, CAO
Dr. Margrit Wallace Chief of Academic
Ms. Sharolyn Miller, CFO
Ms. Saundra Lyons, Ex. Director HR
Ms. Stephanie Nelson, Asst. Dir. HR

Board Member Participant

By Teleconference

Ms. Kimberly Campbell, Member

Board Member Absent

Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs, Member

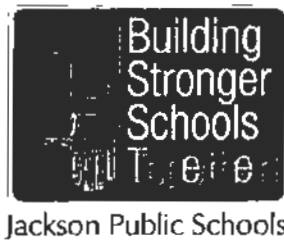
Ms. Vikki Mumford Board Secretary

- 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 5:35 P.M. by Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President. She extended greetings to all and called for middle school student to lead the pledge; and the speaker who would later give a moment of inspiration.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Miracle Small, a Blackburn Middle School Student, led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. Miracle, a friendly, compassionate and humorous scholar, is very popular at her school and serves in several capacities, including being president of the student council. She aspires to attend Mississippi State University upon graduating high school. With her science background, she ultimately plans to attend medical school and become a pediatrician.

Moment of Inspiration: The moment of inspiration was given by Bishop John C. Evans, Jr., a minister, who has prepared himself academically and spiritually to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Bishop Evans has been in the ministry for forty-one (41) years after having begun at the age of seventeen. Presently, Bishop Evans is leader of the Jerusalem Gospel Mission Church located at 175 Richardson Drive Jackson, MS. His favorite scripture is 1 Corinthians 2:4, "And my speech and my preaching were not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and Power of God."

- II. Establishment of a Quorum: A quorum was established; as there were five (5) members physically present: Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Mr. Rickey Jones, Ms. Camille Simms, Dr. Richard Lind and Mr. Jed Oppenheim; and there was one member, Ms. Kimberly Campbell, who participated by teleconference for a total of six (6) participating members at this meeting. Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent.



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Subject: JPS Board of Trustees Budget Committee Meeting

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The Board of Trustees will host a Budget Committee meeting on **Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Board room at 621 South State Street. The Board also will take into consideration any other matter properly coming before the Board.

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On November 17, 2016 Dr. Freddrick Murray was named 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: May 2, 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 | Middle School Division |
| c. Moment of Inspiration | |

II. Establishment of Quorum

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes

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| a. April 18, 2017, 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 Discipline Cases | Dr. Bishop Knox, Executive Director
of Student Services |
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VII. Superintendent's Reports / Announcements

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

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| a. Review of Policies in Section E-Support Services | Hon. JoAnne N. Shepherd, District
Counsel |
| b. Update on MDE's At-Risk Action Plan | Dr. Jason Sargent, Chief of Staff |
| c. Approval of Administrative Staff Administrators
who are being administratively moved or who has a
position change for School Year 2017-2018 | Ms. Sandra Lyons, Executive
Director of Human Resourcea |

IX. Information / Action Items:

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

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| a. | Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund Claims for Period of April 8, 2017, through April 21, 2017 | Mrs. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |
| b. | Approval of Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 | Mrs. Miller |

XI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

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| a. | Approval of Agreement between Vision To Learn and the Jackson Public School District | Dr. Bishop Knox, Executive Director of Student Services |
| b. | Approval of Agreement between Extended Learning Solutions and the Jackson Public School District | Dr. Michelle King, Chief Academic Officer for Elementary Schools |
| c. | Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Family Resource Center of North Mississippi and the Jackson Public School District | Dr. Morris Stanton, Chief Administrative Officer for High Schools |
| d. | Approval of License Agreement between the Jackson Public School District and the Jackson Convention Complex | Col. Paul Willis, Director of JROTC |
| e. | Approval of Revisions to Policies IDB Accreditation and Accreditation Procedures | Ms. Shepherd |

XII. 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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XIII. Other Business

XIV. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session

XV. Adjourn

- III. Adoption of the Agenda: The Board adopted the agenda as presented, on motion of Mr. Jed Oppenheim, and second of Dr. Richard Lind. And for good cause shown all six (6) participating members: 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 unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent from the meeting.
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes: The Board approved minutes of the April 18, 2017, Regular Meeting, on motion of Mr. Jed Oppenheim and Ms. Kimberly Campbell. And for good cause shown all six (6) members voted "aye", in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent from the meeting.
- V. Public Participation for General Comments: Topics for discussions included: Student representation on the school board and inquiries regarding the newly hired principal at Callaway High School.
1. Norcelia Tobias, a Jim Hill High School student and his friend, spoke positively for student representation on the school board. Mr. Tobias stated that students hear a lot at school and are directly impacted by board decisions. A student representative can provide a voice which may be the missing link between adults and students.
 2. Cameron Lazard, a Callaway High School student, who thinks it's a good idea to have student representatives to the school board. He believes that school matters have changed since board members were students and that public education would benefit by allowing students to have input. As a result, board members will understand more clearly what is happening in the schools, Cameron said.
 3. Jordan T. Taylor this student states that he knows how students feel about the student uniform policy, which is not very popular among high school students. He added that the cell phone policy can be altered as there should be certain times when students are permitted to use their phones. Presently, we can get in trouble, even if the phone is seen in our pockets. "I think that is too harsh," He said.
 4. Valarie King thinks having a student representative to the school board is a positive gesture as he believes that students can assist the school board with issues concerning public education.
 5. Ashley Rodgers, an adult, who is a member of the District's P-16 Council, spoke favorably about the BHAA Policy: Student Representation on the Board, if it passes. Speaking for the P-16 Council, the board should adopt this policy as this will be a positive step for our district and a venue for students to speak about pressing problems. Further, if this policy is adopted, the P-16 Council recommends compensation for students' services in the form of some type of scholarship, etc.

End of Public Participation

Note: Dorian Turner: The next two participants want to talk about the newly hired principal at Callaway High School and this matter is suitable and will be moved to executive session.

VI. Review of Discipline Cases: None

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

- Dr. Murray acknowledged the presence of principals and assistant principals for at-risk schools.
- Update on Facilities by Ms. Sandra Robinson: Ms. Robinson provided an overview of the first 22 schools as they are listed in the report from MDE. She stated that her department has completed all 121 citations with two citations remaining to be reviewed by MDE.
- CAP Update Dr. Jason Sargent, Chief of Staff, provided updates associated with the Corrective Action Plan, (CAP). A copy of his report was included in the board material. He stated that his next report will have timelines for completion of projects.
- Update on Athletics, Mr. Clint Johnson brought with him two of his assistant athletic directors: Mr. James Woody and Mr. Alfred Wansley. Mr. Johnson presented a review of activities for the 2016-2017 school year and thoughts from the upcoming school 2017-2018 school year. He listed the many duties and responsibilities entrusted to his department. His presentation was given by power point along with a hard copy that accompanied the presentation.

Update on CAP for the Elementary Division: Dr. Michelle King, Chief Academic Officer and Dr. William Merritt, Chief Academic Officers, for the elementary division gave up-dates for elementary at-risks schools. The report was accepted.

Middle School Division:

Ms. Chinelo Evans, Chief Academic Officer, for the Middle School Division, gave a presentation regarding Blackburn and Brinkley Middle Schools. The report was accepted.

High School Division

Dr. Morris Stanton, CAO for high schools, gave a presentation for the high school division: Lanier and Callaway High Schools. These are the only two at-risks high schools. The report was accepted

End of Interim Superintendent's Reports and Announcements

VIII. Information Items Only

- a. Review of Policies in Section E-Support Services: Ms. Shepherd summarized several policies in Section E. Meanwhile, those policies will be placed in the schools for public review and comment. Later, they will be presented for board approval. The policies were accepted.

- b. Update on MDE's At-Risk Plan: Dr. Jason Sargent, Chief of Staff, gave updates relatives to the Corrective Action Plan (CAP). His report was accepted.
- c. Approval of Administrative Staff and Administrators who are being administratively moved or who has a position change for School Year 2017-2018: The report was accepted by the board.

IX. Information/Action Items: None

X. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund Claims for Period of April 8, 2017, through April 21, 2017: This item was approved on motion of Mr. Jed Oppenheim, and second of Dr. Richard Lind. And for good cause shown, all five (5) participating members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Kimberly Campbell, a participating member by teleconference, was disconnected, leaving only five participating members. Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent from the meeting. Note: Finance Items a and b were approved on the same motion.
- b. Approval of Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (This item was approved on same motion as item a)

XI. Consent Agenda Items - General

- a. Approval of Agreement between Vision to Learn 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 five members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Kimberly Campbell was disconnected from the conference and Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent from the meeting.
- b. Approval of Agreement between Extended Learning Solutions and the Jackson Public School District: Item b, was approved with items a, d and e. Approved on motion of Dr. Richard Land and second of Mr. Jed Oppenheim. And for good cause shown, all five (5) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Kimberly Campbell was disconnected from the conference and Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent from the meeting.
- c. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Family Resource Center of North Mississippi and the Jackson Public School District: This item was pulled for more discussion and later approved on motion of Ms. Camille Simms and second of Dr. Richard Lind. And for good cause shown, four of the five members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. Mr. Jed Oppenheim voted "nay" in opposition to the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1.

Kimberly Campbell was disconnected from the conference and Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent from the meeting.

- d. Approval of License Agreement between the Jackson Public School District and the Jackson Convention Complex: This item, d, was approved on same motion as items a, b and e. Approved on motion of Mr. Jed Oppenheim and second of Dr. Richard Lind. And for good cause shown, all five (5) participating members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Kimberly was disconnected from the conference and Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent from the meeting.
- e. Approval of Revisions to Policies IDB Accreditation and Accreditation Procedures: This item, e, along with items: a, b, and d, was approved on motion of Mr. Jed Oppenheim and second of Dr. Richard Lind. And for good cause shown, all five (5) participating members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Kimberly Campbell was disconnected from the conference and Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent from the meeting.

XII. Consent Agenda Item - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: All personnel items were approved on motion of Mr. Rickey Jones and second of Dr. Richard Lind. And for good cause shown, all five (5) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Kimberly Campbell was disconnected from the teleconference and Mr. Hobbs was absent from the meeting.

XIII. Other Business: Mr. Jed Oppenheim, chair, of the Student Board Representative Committee made remarks on the BHAA Policy: Student Representation to the School Board: (1) That the district's policy is in compliance with law, which does not allow student board members; (2) That students will be representatives to the board not on the school board; (3) Board members will serve as mentors to student representatives; and (4) Representatives will report to the school board on a rotation basis. Mr. Oppenheim asks that this matter be discussed in more detail at a future board meeting.

XIV. Motion for Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Mr. Rickey Jones moved, and Mr. Jed Oppenheim seconded the motion to close the meeting to consider what item(s) will be discussed in Executive Session. And for good cause shown, all five participating (5) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Kimberly Campbell was disconnected from the teleconference and Mr. Kodi Hobbs was absent from the meeting. The meeting was closed for discussion.

Motion to Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing one personnel matter: Dr. Richard Lind moved, and Mr. Jed Oppenheim seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to handle one personnel item, namely to hear from Ms. Erin Shirley Orey, who signed up to address the board as a public participant regarding the employment of the newly hired principal at Callaway High School. All five (5) participating board members voted "aye" in favor of the motion.

In executive session, Ms. Orey addressed the board as a member of concerned parents and alumni regarding the prior performance and competence of the newly hired principal of Callaway High School. The board heard Ms. Orey's concerns and, after her departure, further questioned the superintendent regarding the principal's prior performance and competence. The board took no action regarding this matter.

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 by the 5 board members present. Upon entering open session, the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

XV. Adjournment:

Upon entering open session, the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

XIV
May 2, 2017, Regular Meeting

I, the undersigned, President, Ms. Beneta D. Burt and I, Ms. Camille S. Simms, Secretary of the Board of Trustees attests to Ms. Beneta D. Burt's signature. I, Ms. Beneta D. Burt, 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 Tuesday, May 2, 2017, as the same that appears on record in Minute Book of said Board.

GIVEN under my hand, this the 3rd day of May, 2017.


Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President

5-16-17
Date


Ms. Camille Simms, Board Secretary

5-16-17
Date