

JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
621 SOUTH STATE STREET
JACKSON, MS 39201
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017
5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present

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

Board Member Absent

Ms. Kimberly Campbell, Member

Ms. Vikki Mumford Board Secretary

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
Mrs. Sharolyn Miller, CFO
Ms. Sandra Lyons, Ex. Director HR
Ms. Stephanie Nelson, Asst. Dir. HR

- 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 and called for the middle school student who would lead the pledge; and the speaker who would later give a moment of inspiration.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Rodricus McGee, a Blackburn Middle School eighth grader was unable to be present to lead the pledge of allegiance; and from the audience, Raven A. James, a seventh grade Rowan Academy Middle School student, recited the pledge of allegiance. Raven is active in extra-curricular activities and has the highest average in mathematics and science; she has won the Barbara Bush Trendsetter Rising Star Award and continues to excel in all of her classes. Raven's goal is to become a teacher and will attend the University of Southern Mississippi.

Moment of Inspiration: An inspirational message was given by Pastor Henry Jenkins, who is in his thirteenth (13th) year as pastor of the *Christian Union Missionary Baptist Church* in Tougaloo, MS. He has earned a master degree in theology from Siwell Seminary in New Orleans, LA. He is the father of one adult daughter; and his favorite scripture is, *Ephesians 2:20-21*, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that work in us. Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen"

- II. Establishment of a Quorum: A quorum was established; as there were five (5) members present at the start of the meeting: Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Mr. Rickey Jones, Ms. Camille Simms, Dr. Richard Lind and Mr. Jed Oppenheim. Ms. Kimberly Campbell and Mr. Kodi Hobbs were absent from the meeting at this time.

III. Adoption of the Agenda: The Board adopted the agenda as presented, on motion of Ms. Camille Simms and second of Mr. Jed Oppenheim. And for good cause shown all five (5) members present: Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Mr. Rickey Jones, Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Jed Oppenheim and Dr. Richard Lind, voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 5 to 0. Mr. Kodi Hobbs and Ms. Kimberly Campbell were absent from the vote.

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes: The Board approved minutes of the May 2, 2017, Regular Meeting and the May 4, 2017, Special Meeting, on motion of Mr. Jed Oppenheim and second of Mr. Rickey Jones. 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. Mr. Kodi Hobbs and Ms. Kimberly were absent from the vote.

V. Public Participation for General Comments: May 16, 2017, Reg. Meeting

1. Emon D. Thompson: Ms. Thompson, a parent, who appreciates board members who have a vested interest in the district's schools.
2. Cynthia Thompson: Ms. Thompson, a parent, who has concerns about prior redistricting of Students from their longtime schools; and she made inquiries relative to the former principal of Wingfield High School who has been moved.
3. Gloria Thompson: Ms. Thompson, an Alumni of Wingfield High School, expressed her concerns relative to decisions made by district personnel.
4. Debra Atkins: Ms. Atkins, a parent, who voiced her concerns relative to delays in posting of student grades; and transportation concerns.
5. Cameron Callaway: Mr. Callaway, a student, who has concerns relative to State testing.
6. Students and community individuals who have concerns relative to Wingfield High School were: Cashayla Yates, Valery King, Litako Towers, and Micah Brigg
7. Student Speakers with Concerns Regarding Student Representation to the Board: Sharna, Dante, Nadia
8. Anna Taylor: A citizen with a personnel inquiry that was later taken up in executive session. Note: See executive session notes for disposition of this matter.

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

- Dr. Murray acknowledged the presence of principals and assistant principals placed at the at-risk schools.
- Dr. Murray stated that the District has recently received information relative to the third grade gate. Dr. Wallace was called to analyze testing data. The 3rd grade testing is to determine if a student is

ready for fourth grade, Dr. Murray said. Our percentage has increased over last year. And those third graders who did not pass will have a couple of opportunities to retake the test before the start of the next school year.

- Kindergarten readiness test data was discussed.
- Casey, Davis Magnet and McWillie maintained a 100% passing rate for 3rd graders. McWillie, Key and Lake Elementary schools are the selected sites to host a summer school program.
- Dr. Jason Sargent gave updates on the Corrective Action Plan (CAP). This report will be posted on the JPS Website.
- Vision to Learn: Philanthropy business provides free eye exams and glasses to students in the Jackson Public School District. Out of several hundred students screened and 53 were determined to need glasses. These students will be allowed to select their frames; and their glasses will be provided free of charge; and delivered within two weeks. "On behalf of the community and parents, we thank Vision to Learn," Dr. Murray said. It was noted that out of the number of students screened, over sixty percent (60%) have vision issues.
- Dr. Michelle King reported on the Barbara Bush Trendsetters Program which provides mentors for the Family Literacy Initiative.
- End of Interim Superintendent's Report

VII. Information Items Only

a. Update on the District's At-Risk Action Plan:

1. Ms. Chinelo Evans presented updates for Middle Schools. Her report was accepted.
2. Dr. Morris Stanton presented updates for High Schools. The report for high schools was accepted.

VIII. Information/Action Items

- a. Approval of Food Service Staff Members and Salaries for the 2017-2018 School Year: This item was approved on motion of Ms. Camille Simms, and second of Mr. Kodi Hobbs. 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. Ms. Kimberly Campbell was absent from the meeting.
- b. Approval to Award RFP 2017-03 for Student Transportation Services to First Student: This Item Failed. Dr. Richard Lind moved, seconded by Mr. Kodi Hobbs, to approve this agenda item. After due discussion, three members voted "aye" in favor of the motion: Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Ms. Camille Simms and Dr. Richard Lind; three members voted "nay" in opposition to the motion: Mr. Kodi Hobbs, Mr. Jed Oppenheim and Mr. Rickey Jones. The motion failed because of a 3 to 3 vote. Ms. Kimberly Campbell was absent from the meeting.

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance

- a. Approval of Disbursements, Accounts Payable and Activity Fund Claims for the Period of April 22, 2017, through May 5, 2017: This item was approved on motion of Mr. Jed Oppenheim and second of Mr. Kodi Hobbs. And for good cause shown, all six members present voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0. Ms. Kimberly Campbell was absent from the meeting.

Note: All items, a-g in this category, were approved by a unanimous vote of 6 to 0 upon the same motion reported in item "a" of this section. Ms. Kimberly Campbell was absent from the meeting.

- b. Approval of Formal Bids - Approved
c. Approval to Dispose of Surplus Property - Approved
d. Approval of Consent to Sublease 16th Section Property - Approved
e. Approval to Award of RFP No. 2017-04 to Trustmark National Bank as the depository for the Jackson Public School District - Approved
f. Approval of an Audit Contract between the Jackson Public School District and Bruno and Tervalon LLP, CPA for the Annual Audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017 - Approved
g. Approval to Operate the Summer Food Service Program in the Jackson Public School District - Approved

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of Consulting Services Agreement between the Flippen Group and the Jackson Public School District: This item and all items, a-g in this category, were approved unanimously on motion of Mr. Jed Oppenheim and second of Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs. And for good cause shown, all six (6) members present voted "aye" in favor of the motion. Ms. Kimberly Campbell was absent from the meeting.
b. Approval of Work-Place/Health Immunization Agreement between Wal-Mart and the Jackson Public School District - Approved
c. Approval of Final Contract Adjustment Change Order Number 1 Roof Replacement and Repair for Galloway Elementary School (Deduct \$22,499.50) - Approved
d. Approval of Final Contract Adjustment Change Order Number 1 Roof Replacement for Murrah High School (Deduct \$36,000.00) - Approved
e. Approval of Final Contract Adjustment Change Order Number 1 Roof Replacement Change Order Number 1 Roof Replacement and Repairs for Provine High School (Add \$6,000.00) - Approved
f. Approval of Final Contract Adjustment Change Order Number 1 Roof Replacement for Hardy Middle School (Deduct \$7,296.00) - Approved
g. Approval of Policy BHAA Student Representatives to the Jackson Public School District Board of Trustees - Approved

XI. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: The personnel report was approved on motion of Mr. Jed Oppenheim and second of Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs. And for good cause shown, all six (6) members present voted "aye", unanimously, in favor of the motion. Ms. Kimberly Campbell was absent from the meeting.

XII. Other Business:

- Student Representative to School Board: Dr. Murray congratulated students who spoke on this topic in the public participation segment. "This maybe something that we can do this next school year," Dr. Murray said.
- Dr. Murray stated that, "The District has preliminary Mapp data. We want a scoreboard from every school and every department." For those unaware of what a scoreboard is, Dr. Murray stated that it is a summary at intervals. We can give monthly or bi-monthly updates. This is something we'd like to see monthly. We definitely want to see our goals charted out as our community would like to see the same. From a general observation; the community will see that we are making strides.
- Board Meetings in July: We have a firm board meeting date of July 11th; the second meeting is tentatively set for July 25th; that meeting is optional.
- Ms. Burt announced that Ms. Kimberly Campbell has resigned effective May 31st. We want to thank her for her service on the board.

XIII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session:

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Jed Oppenheim moved, and Mr. Kodi Hobbs seconded the motion to close the meeting to consider what item(s) will be discussed in Executive Session. And for good cause shown, all six (6) participating members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Ms. Kimberly Campbell was absent from the meeting. The meeting was closed for discussion.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Ms. Camille Simms moved, and Mr. Kodi Hobbs seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to discuss one personnel item: namely, to hear from Ms. Anna Taylor, who signed up to address the board as a public participant regarding the exiting of Dr. Mario Miller; and to hear a litigation report from district counsel, Hon. JoAnne N. Shepherd, regarding the roof replacement lawsuits. All six (6) board members present voted "aye" in favor of the motion.

In executive session, Ms. Taylor, with MS Disability Rights advocate, addressed the board to express her disappointment that Dr. Mario Miller would be leaving the district. The board took no action regarding this matter.

Next, Hon. JoAnne Shepherd updated the board on the status of a roof replacement cases and recommended the employment of Greg Durrell and Richard McNeel, the district's architects, on the respective projects, as expert witnesses. After discussion, Mr. Rickey Jones moved, and Mr. Jed Oppenheim seconded the motion to approve the employment and designation of Greg Durrell and Richard McNeel as the

district's expert witnesses in these proceedings. All six (6) board members present voted in favor of the motion.


There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Mr. Rickey Jones moved, and Ms. Camille Simms seconded the motion, to exit executive session. The motion was approved unanimously by the six (6) board members present. Upon entering open session, the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

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


XIV
May 16, 2017, Regular Meeting

I, the undersigned, President, Ms. Beneta D. Burt and I, Ms. Camille S. Simms, Secretary of the Board of Trustees attest 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 actions of the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, as the same that appears on record in Minute Book of said Board.

GIVEN under my hand, this the 17th day of May, 2017.


Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President


Date


Ms. Camille Simms, Board Secretary


Date