

JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
621 SOUTH STATE STREET
JACKSON, MS 39201
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 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

*Participated by telephone

Board Member(s) Absent

Ms. Kimberly Campbell, Resigned 5/31/17
This is a six (6) member board.

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. Saundra 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 high school student who would lead the pledge; and the speaker who would give a moment of inspiration.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Jardon Sargent, a junior at Murrah High School, was chosen to recite the pledge of allegiance. Jardon, a high performing student, in academics and athletics is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and the football team. He plays several musical instruments including the violin, guitar and the sousaphone. He is eager to spend time with his family and friends. Jardon is a member of the North Jackson Baptist Church where he serves as the youth choir director. Most recently, Jardon accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and prayerfully hopes that his faith will encourage other youth to put their trust in the Lord.

Moment of Inspiration: An inspirational message was given by Elder Eddie Hooks, Sr., who offered a cure for the ills of society. He admonished all to follow the golden rule and do not let corrupt communication come out of our mouths. Elder Hooks is founder and pastor of the Judah Christian Fellowship Church; and his favorite scripture is Proverb 16:3: "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established."

- II. Establishment of a Quorum: A quorum was established; as there were four members present and one member, Ms. Camille Simms, who participated by telephone. Participating members were: Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Mr. Rickey Jones, Ms. Camille Simms, Dr. Richard Lind and Mr. Jed Oppenheim. Mr. Kodi Hobbs was tardy. This is a six (6) member board as Ms. Kimberly Campbell's resignation became effective May 31, 2017.



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On November 17, 2016, Dr. Fredrick Murray was named interim superintendent. All board members remain until May 31, 2017, the day when Ms. Kimberly Campbell's resignation from the board became effective; she having joined the board on August 4, 2016. 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: June 6, 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 | 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. May 16, 2017, Special Meeting and the May 16, 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. Review of Discipline Case(s)

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| a. Review of Discipline Material from Student Services | 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. Information Item – Location changes for school administrators for School Year 2017-2018 | Dr. Michelle King, Chief Academic Officer, Elementary Division |
| b. Review of Section F Policies- Facilities Management | Hon. JoAnne N. Shepherd, District Counsel |
| c. Update on MDE's At-Risk Action Plan | Dr. Jason Sargent, Chief of Staff |

IX. Information / Action Items:

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| a. Approval of Transportation Plan | Dr. Freddrick Murray |
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- b. Resolution Authorizing the Interim Superintendent of Education to execute the Authorizing Resolution and all related documents on behalf of the Board of Trustees with the State of MS to participate in the Master Lease Purchase program for School Buses in an amount not to exceed Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) Dr. Freddrick Murray
- c. Approval to Null and Void Contracts Ms. Sandra Lyons, Executive Director of Human Resources

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund Claims for the Period of May 6, 2017, through May 26, 2017 Mrs. Sharolyn Miller, CFO
- b. Approval of Various Donations Mrs. Miller
- c. Approval of Formal Bids Mrs. Miller
- d. Approval of Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2017-18 Ms. Miller, CFO and Mr. Stephan George, Executive Director of Information Technology

XI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

- a. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Department of Education and the Jackson Public School District Ms. Sandra Lyons, Executive Director of Human Resources
- b. Approval of Final Contract Adjustment Change Order #1 Partial Roof Replacement for Morrison Adult Education Center (Deduct \$2,818.02) Ms. Sandra Robinson, Interim Director of Facilities and Operations
- c. Approval of Final Contract Adjustment Change Order #1 Roof Repairs for Whitten Middle School (Deduct \$1,479.48) Ms. Robinson

XII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel:

- a. Approval for the Change of Job Title and Job Description of MSIS Personnel Specialist's Position to that of Data Management Coordinator Dr. Jason Sargent, Chief of Staff
- b. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters Ms. Sandra Lyons, Executive Director of Human Resources

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 Dr. Richard Lind and second of Mr. Jed Oppenheim. 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. Mr. Kodi Hobbs was tardy and absent from the vote.

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes: The Board approved minutes of the May 16, 2017, Special Meeting and the May 16, 2017, Regular Meeting on motion of Mr. Jed Oppenheim 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. Mr. Kodi Hobbs was tardy and absent from the vote.

V. Public Participation for General Comments:

1. Ms. C. Crough: is a P-16 representative, who made two requests to the board: (1) a request to review and revise Policy JCBAA (that discourages the use of electronic devices in the classroom); and (2) a request for more professional development for teachers on how to incorporate electronic devices into the classroom to enhance teaching and learning.

2. Mr. Joel Dillard, an attorney, who questioned the validity of Policy GAACB that allows only five (5) days for employees to report grievances.

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

* Dr. Murray acknowledged the presence of principals and assistant principals who are placed at the at-risk schools. Next, he asked Dr. Jason Sargent, Chief of Staff, to make a presentation relative to the district's progress on the Corrective Action Plan, CAP.

* End of Interim Superintendent's Report

VII. Information Items Only:

a. Location changes for school administrators for School Year 2017-2018. This item was presented by Dr. Michelle King; her report was accepted.

b. Review of Section F Policies - Facilities Management: This presentation was made by Ms. JoAnne Shepherd, legal counsel; her report was accepted.

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

1. Dr. King and Dr. Merritt reported for the elementary school division. Their reports were accepted

2. Ms. Chinelo Evans presented updates for the middle school division. Her report was accepted.

3. Dr. Morris Stanton presented updates for the high school division. His report was accepted.

VIII. Information/Action Items

- a. Approval of Transportation Plan: After due discussion and consideration, this item was approved on motion of Mr. Jed Oppenheim and second of Mr. Kodi Hobbs. And for good cause shown all six (6) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- b. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Interim Superintendent of Education to execute the Authorizing Resolution and all related documents on behalf of the Board of Trustees with the State of MS to participate in the Master Lease Purchase Program for School Buses in an amount not to exceed Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00). After due discussion and consideration, this item was approved on motion of Dr. Richard Lind and second of Mr. Kodi Hobbs. And for good cause shown, all six (6) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- c. Approval to Declare Null and Void Contracts: This item was approved on motion of Mr. Rickey Jones and second of Mr. Jed Oppenheim to null and void teacher contracts that were issued but not returned by prospective teachers. And for good cause shown, all six (6) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund Claims for the Period of May 6, 2017, through May 26, 2017: This item, along with agenda items c and d in this category were approved on motion of Dr. Richard Lind and second of Mr. Kodi Hobbs. 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.
- b. Approval of Various Donations: Following the reading of the list of donations from friends and partners, this item was approved on motion of Mr. Jed Oppenheim and second of Dr. Richard Lind. And for good cause shown, all six (6) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- c. Approval of Formal Bids: This item was approved on motion offered in item a.
- d. Approval of Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2017-2018): This item was approved on motion offered in item a.

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Department of Education and the Jackson Public School District: This item along with b and c in this category, was approved unanimously on motion of Dr. Richard Lind and second of Mr. Kodi Hobbs. And for good cause shown, all six (6) members voted "aye"

in favor of the motion. Agenda items: b and c in this category were unanimously approved on the same motion as a.

- b. Approval of Final Contract Adjustment Change Order #1 Partial Roof Replacement for Morrison Adult Education Center (Deduct \$2,818.02) - Approved.
- c. Approval of Final Contract Adjustment Change Order #1 Roof Repairs for Whitten Middle School (Deduct \$1,479.48) - Approved.

XI. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval for the Change of Job Title and Job Description of MSIS Personnel Specialist's Position to that of Data Management Coordinator: This agenda item was approved on motion of Dr. Richard Lind and second of Mr. Kodi Hobbs. And for good cause shown, all six (6) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- b. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: All items contained in the personnel report were approved, on motion of Dr. Richard Lind and second of Mr. Kodi D. Hobbs, (except items B4, B5, B6 and B18, B36 and B38), these items were pulled for discussion in executive session), And for good cause shown, all six (6) members voted "aye", unanimously, in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

XII. Other Business:

Election for Board Officers for the 2017-2018 School Year: Ms. Beneta Burt moved that the board suspend policy BBA and elected procedural rules and elect officers tonight. After discussion, five (5) board members, (Burt, Hobbs, Lind, Simms, and Jones) voted "aye". Mr. Jed Oppenheim voted "nay". The board proceeded with the election of officers. Mr. Kodi Hobbs moved seconded by Dr. Richard Lind to elect officers by nomination. Mr. Jed Oppenheim moved to suspend the election of officers until there is a new/full board, even if means delaying the election until the second meeting in July 2017; and after the mayor has appointed a full board. The motion failed for lack of a second for the nomination process. So, Ms. Beneta Burt, Board President, stated that the Board will go forward with the election of officers for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Election of President: First, the floor was open for the nomination of president. Ms. Camille Simms nominated Dr. Richard Lind and Mr. Rickey Jones nominated himself. Five of the six members voted for Dr. Richard Lind; one member, Mr. Rickey Jones voted for himself. Dr. Richard Lind was elected board President for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Election of Vice President: Next, the floor was open for the nomination of vice-president. Mr. Kodi Hobbs nominated Mr. Jed Oppenheim and Ms. Beneta Burt nominated Ms. Camille Simms. Ms. Burt called for a vote: Mr. Oppenheim received two votes: Mr. Kodi Hobbs and Mr. Jed Oppenheim. Then, Ms. Burt called for a

vote on behalf of Ms. Camille Simms. Four members, Ms. Beneta Burt, Mr. Rickey Jones, Dr. Richard Lind and Ms. Camille Simms voted for Ms. Camille Simms for vice-president. Ms. Camille S. Simms was elected Vice President of the Board.

Finally, the floor was open to receive nominations for Secretary. Dr. Richard Lind nominated Mr. Rickey Jones; and there were no more nominations. All six (6) members voted for Mr. Rickey Jones as Secretary to the Board.

Board Officers for the 2017-2018 School Year:

Dr. Richard Lind, President
Ms. Camille S. Simms, Vice President
Mr. Rickey D. Jones, Secretary

XIII. MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Kodi Hobbs moved, seconded by Dr. Richard Lind, to close the meeting to consider what matters will be discussed in Executive Session. And for good cause shown, all five (5) members voted "aye" in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0. Ms. Camille Simms was disconnected from the meeting.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Rickey Jones moved, and Mr. Kodi Hobbs seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to discuss the qualifications and competence of the administrators and other employee candidates among the six personnel items, namely, items B.4, B.5, B.18, B.6, B.36 and B.38, which were pulled for discussion during open session, in addition to the foregoing items to be discussed in executive session was a proposed settlement in the Mario Miller employment matter. All five (5) board members present voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Camille Simms was disconnected from the meeting.

Board members first took up item B.4, regarding Dr. Michelle King. After discussion, Mr. Oppenheim moved, and Mr. Hobbs seconded the motion to approve this item. All five (5) board members present voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Mr. Jones, who voted nay. The motion passed.

Next, board members took up item B.6, regarding Dr. Jason Sargent. After discussion, Dr. Richard Lind moved, and Mr. Kodi Hobbs seconded the motion to approve this item. Ms. Beneta Burt voted in favor of the motion and all 4 other board members voted nay. The motion failed.

Next, board members took up item F.12, regarding Otha Belcher. After discussion, Dr. Richard Lind moved, and Mr. Kodi Hobbs seconded the motion to approve this item. All five board members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Next, board members took up item B.5 regarding Harrison Michael. After discussion, Mr. Jed Oppenheim moved, and Dr. Richard Lind seconded the

motion to approve this item. All board members voted in favor of the motion, with the exception of Mr. Jones, who voted nay. The motion passed.

Next, board members took up item B.18, regarding Sheila Carter. After discussion, Mr. Jed Oppenheim moved, and Mr. Rickey Jones seconded the motion to approve this item. All five board members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Next, board members took up item B. 36, regarding Rita White. After discussion, Mr. Jed Oppenheim moved, and Dr. Richard Lind seconded the motion to approve this item. All five board members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Next, board members took up item B.38, regarding Rosalind Williams. After discussion, Dr. Richard Lind moved, and Mr. Jed Oppenheim seconded the motion to approve this item. All five board members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Next, board members heard a report from district counsel, JoAnne Shepherd, regarding a proposed settlement of the Mario Miller nonrenewal matter. After discussion, Mr. Kodi Hobbs moved, and Dr. Richard Lind seconded the motion, to approve the employment of Dr. Mario Miller as the assistant principal of Capital City Alternative School, at a salary of \$80,000.00. Dr. Mario Miller will, among other duties, develop IEPs and oversee implementation, maintenance and supervision of IEPs for exceptional education students at CCAS. All five board members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

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, JoAnne Shepherd reported to the board regarding the status of the Eddie Jean Smith v. JPS litigation. Mrs. Shepherd recommended that the board approve the employment of Thandi Wade, Esq. as a mediator in this proceeding, the cost for which will be equally split by the parties. Dr. Richard Lind moved, and Mr. Kodi Hobbs seconded the motion to approve the recommendation. All five board members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

- XIV. Adjournment: Finally, Mr. Rickey Jones moved, and Mr. Jed Oppenheim seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. All five board members present voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

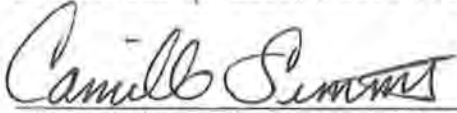
June 6, 2017, Regular Meeting

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, June 6, 2017, as the same that appears on record in Minute Book of said Board.

GIVEN under my hand, this the 7th day of June, 2017.


Ms. Beneta D. Burt, Board President

6-20-17
Date


Ms. Camille Simms, Board Secretary

6-20-17
Date