

Jackson Public School DISTRICT
621 SOUTH STATE STREET
JACKSON, MS 39201
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, September 19, 2017
5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present

Ms. Camille Simms, Vice President
Mr. Rickey D. Jones, Secretary
Mrs. Letitia S. Johnson, Member

Board Member Participant

By Teleconference

Mr. Jed Oppenheim, Member

Secretary to the Board

Rosalind Williams

Others Present

Members of the Public

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Freddrick Murray, Interim Supt
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Hon. JoAnne Shepherd, Dist. Counsel
Ms. Sharolyn Miller, CFO
Ms. Saundra Lyons, Ex. Director HR
Dr. Calvin Lockett, Deputy Supt
Dr. Jason Sargent, Chief of Staff
Dr. Otha Belcher, Asst. Supt Area I
Ms. Laketia Thomas, Asst. Supt Area II
Mr. Gary Hannah, Asst. Supt Area III
Dr. Michelle King, Asst. Supt Area IV
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 5:34 P. M. by Ms. Camille Simms, Board Vice-President on September 19, 2017. She extended greetings to all and called for the elementary student of Area II Division who would lead the pledge; and the speaker who would give a moment of inspiration.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: Three members were present namely: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones and Mrs. Letitia Johnson. Mr. Jed Oppenheim participated via teleconference.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as presented; Mr. Rickey Jones motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, Mrs. Letitia Johnson; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Approval of the September 05, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Letitia Johnson motioned; Mr. Jed Oppenheim second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, Mrs. Letitia Johnson; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

Approval of the September 08, 2017 Special Work Session Minutes: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Rickey Jones motioned and Mrs. Letitia Johnson seconded. Motion cast for the vote: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Mr. Jed Oppenheim. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Public Participation for General Comments:
 - a. Mrs. Ercilla Hendrix has concerns about JPS takeover and the school name change.
 - b. Ms. Akemi Stout, Jackson Federation of Teachers, has concerns about the media, teachers, employees and students.
- VI. Review of Discipline Case(s): None
- VII. Superintendent's Reports/Announcements:

Mr. Jed Oppenheim motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones, Mr. Jed Oppenheim and Mrs. Letitia Johnson. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy 2017-2018: The Board voted to approve item "a": Mr. Jed Oppenheim motioned; Mr. Rickey Jones second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones, Mr. Jed Oppenheim and Mrs. Letitia Johnson. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Boys and Girls Club of Central Mississippi, Inc. and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item "b": Mr. Rickey Jones motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones and Mrs. Letitia Johnson; Votes cast against the motion: none. Mr. Jed Oppenheim abstained from voting. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Agreement between CARES School and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item "c". Mrs. Letitia Johnson motioned; Mr. Rickey Jones second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones, Mr. Jed Oppenheim and Mrs. Letitia Johnson. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Agreement between Jackson Public School and SEAS: The Board voted to approve item "d". Mr. Rickey Jones motioned; Mr. Jed Oppenheim second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones, Mr. Jed Oppenheim and Mrs. Letitia Johnson; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of the Agreement between Local Education Agency Participation and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item "e". Mr. Rickey Jones motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones and Mrs. Letitia Johnson; Votes cast against the motion: none. Mr. Jed Oppenheim abstained from voting. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Jackson Public School District and the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry: The Board voted to approve item "f". Mr. Rickey Jones motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones and Mrs. Letitia Johnson; Votes cast against the motion: none. Mr. Jed Oppenheim abstained from voting. **PASSED**
- g. Approval of the Consulting Services Agreement between Bailey Education Group and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item "g". Mr. Rickey Jones motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones and Mrs. Letitia Johnson; Votes cast against the motion: none. Mr. Jed Oppenheim abstained from voting. **PASSED**
- h. Recommendation to Approve the 2017-2018 District Professional Development Plan: The Board voted to approve item "h". Mr. Rickey Jones motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones and Mrs. Letitia Johnson; Votes cast against the motion: none. Mr. Jed Oppenheim abstained from voting. **PASSED**

- i. Approval of Agreement between Mastery Prep and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item "i". Mr. Rickey Jones motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, Mrs. Letitia Johnson; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XII. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: The Board voted to approve item "a" as presented. Mr. Jed Oppenheim motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones, Mr. Jed Oppenheim and Mrs. Letitia Johnson; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XIII. Other Business:

- a. Davis Magnet, Lee and George Elementary Schools name change update. The board unanimously voted to authorize PTAs of Davis, Lee and George Elementary Schools respectively along with their local communities the power to rename the schools effective the 2018/2019 school year, through a process to be determined by each respective PTA and community. Mr. Oppenheim motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson seconded; Votes Cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones, Mr. Jed Oppenheim and Mrs. Letitia Johnson; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- b. Policy change regarding out of school suspension of Pre-K to 3rd grade students. Mr. Jed Oppenheim motioned that the policy be revised to prohibit out of school suspensions for pre-k to 3rd grade students effective January 01, 2018. No one seconded the motion; therefore, the motion failed.

FAILED

- XIV. Consideration to Hold an Executive Office: Mr. Rickey Jones moved, and Mrs. Letitia Johnson seconded the motion to close the meeting to consider the need for an executive session. Three members namely Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones and Mrs. Letitia Johnson voted in favor of the motion and Mr. Jed Oppenheim voted against the motion. The motion passed three (3) to one (1). The meeting was closed to consider whether and what items might need to be discussed in executive session.

Motion to Enter into Executive Session: Mr. Rickey Jones moved, and Mrs. Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to continue the discussion of the district's strategy moving forward in connection with the MDE audit. All four board members voted in favor of the motion.

In executive session, board members received a report from Dr. Murray and District Counsel, JoAnne Shepherd, regarding the district's pending litigation in connection with the MDE audit process and continued their discussion of strategy moving forward. The board took no action.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Letitia Johnson moved, and Rickey Jones seconded the motion, to exit executive session. All 4 members voted in favor of the motion.

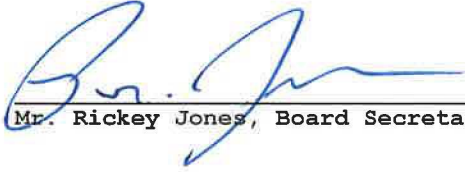
Upon entering open session, the meeting was adjourned by consensus.



Ms. Camille Simms, Board Vice President

9/19/17

Date



Mr. Rickey Jones, Board Secretary

9/19/17

Date

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On August 4, 2017, Mrs. Letitia Simmons Johnson took the oath of office as a board member to replace Ms. Kimberly L. Campbell who resigned on May 30, 2017. Dr. Freddrick Murray is the Interim Superintendent of this District; the Hon. JoAnne Shepherd is the District Counsel and the Hon. Dorian Turner is the Board Attorney. Ms. Rosalind Williams is the Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Contact Information for the Board Secretary is: roswilliams@jackson.k12.ms.us and she can be reached at (601) 973-8625.



Jackson Public Schools

For Release: September 18, 2017

**Subject: JPS Board of Trustees Meeting
September 19, 2017, 5:30 p.m.
Board Room, 621 South State Street**

Contact: Sherwin Johnson, JPS Public and Media Relations, 601-960-8935

The Jackson Public Schools' Board of Trustees will host a regular meeting on **Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Board room located at 621 South State Street. The Board may also take up any other matters properly coming before the Board.

The meeting will be telecast live on JPS Instructional Television on Comcast Channel 19 and available on the JPS ITV You Tube Channel at a later date.

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Jackson Public Schools

FINAL AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE: September 19, 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. Camille Simms, Board Vice President |
| b. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag | Ms. LaKetia Thomas, Assistant Superintendent (Area II) |
| c. Moment of Inspiration | |

II. Establishment of Quorum

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes

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| a. September 05, 2017 Regular Board Meeting | Ms. Rosalind Williams, Executive Secretary Board of Trustees |
| b. September 08, 2017 Special Work Session | Ms. Rosalind Williams, Secretary to the Board of Trustees |

V. Public Participation for General Comments and / or Proposed Policy Issues

VI. Review of Discipline Case(s)

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 Section J- Students Policies | JoAnne N. Shepherd |
| b. Review of Revisions to Various Policies/Creation of New Policies JBJ Promotion and Retention of Students; JCN Interrogations; and IGBA Early Release | JoAnne N. Shepherd |

IX. Information / Action Items:

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| a. | Approval Agreement between the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and the Jackson Public School District | Dr. Vicki Davidson |
| b. | Approval of Agreement between Parents for Public Schools-Jackson and the Jackson Public School District | Dr. Vicki Davidson |
| c. | Monthly Financial Report | Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

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| a. | Approval of Disbursements, Accounts Payable and Activity Fund claims for the period of August 26, 2017 through September 8, 2017. | Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |
| b. | Recommendation to dispose of surplus property | Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |
| c. | Approval of Various Donations | Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |
| d. | Approval of Project Application for Exceptional Education (IDEA and PreSchool) for FY 2017-2018 | Talatha Bingham, Director of Exceptional Education Services |

XI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

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| a. | Approval of Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy 2017-2018 | Dr. Charlotte Crisler |
| b. | Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Boys and Girls Club of Central Mississippi, Inc. and the Jackson Public School District | Mr. Derick Williams, Executive Director of Transportation |
| c. | Approval of Agreement between CARES School and the Jackson Public School District | Talatha Bingham, Director of Exceptional Education Services |
| d. | Approval of Agreement between Jackson Public School District and SEAS | Talatha Bingham, Director of Exceptional Education Services |
| e. | Approval of the Agreement between Local Education Agency Participation and the Jackson Public School District | Freddrick Murray, Ph.D. |
| f. | Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Jackson Public School District and the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry | Dr. Bishop E. Knox |
| g. | Approval of the Consulting Services Agreement between Bailey Education Group and the Jackson Public School District | Dr. William Merritt |
| h. | Recommendation to Approve the 2017-2018 District Professional Development Plan | Dr. Cynthia Armstrong |
| i. | Approval of Agreement between Mastery Prep and the Jackson Public School District | Laketia Marshall-Thommas |

XII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel:

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

XIV. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session

XV. Adjourn