

Jackson Public School DISTRICT  
621 SOUTH STATE STREET  
JACKSON, MS 39201  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, October 03, 2017  
5:30 P. M.

Board Members Present

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

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  
Dr. Michelle King, Asst. Supt Area IV  
Mr. Sherwin Johnson, Communications  
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  
Mr. Gary Hannah, Asst. Supt Area III  
Ms. Laketia Thomas, Asst. Supt Area II

- 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 5:33 P. M. by Ms. Camille Simms, Board Vice-President on October 03, 2017. She extended greetings to all and called for the elementary student of Area I Division who would lead the pledge; and the speaker who would give a moment of inspiration.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with all four members present.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as presented. 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**
- IV. Approval of the September 19, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. 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**
- V. Public Participation for General Comments: The Board decided to hear comments from public participation during executive session.
- VI. Review of Discipline Case(s): None
- VII. Superintendent's Reports/Announcements:
  - a. Recognition of National Principals Month
  - b. Recognition of Student Board of Trustees
  - c. The Bailey Group ~ CAP Update
  - d. Council of the Great City Schools will perform Academic Review to help guide our instructional programs.
- VIII. Information Items Only:
  - a. Attorney Shepherd reviewed for information only Section K: School-Community Relations which entails having an open relationship with the community and the public.
- IX. Information/Action Items:



Jackson Public Schools

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**Subject: JPS Board of Trustees Meeting  
October 3, 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, October 3, 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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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](mailto:roswilliams@jackson.k12.ms.us) and she can be reached at (601) 973-8625.



Jackson Public Schools

## **FINAL AGENDA**

### **Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DATE: October 3, 2017

TIME: 5:30 PM

PLACE: 621 South State Street Jackson, MS 39201

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#### **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 | Dr. Otha Belcher, Assistant Superintendent Area I |
| c. Moment of Inspiration                |   |

#### **II. Establishment of Quorum**

#### **III. Adoption of Agenda**

#### **IV. Reading and Approving Minutes**

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| a. September 19, 2017 Regular Board Meeting | Ms. Rosalind Williams, 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 Discipline Case(s) | Dr. Bishop E. Knox, Executive Director Student Services |
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#### **VII. Superintendent's Reports / Announcements**

#### **VIII. Information Items Only:**

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| a. Review of Section K: School-Community Relations | Hon. JoAnne N. Shepherd, District Counsel |
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#### **IX. Information / Action Items:**

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| a. Approval of Payments to Teachers from the School Recognition Program | Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |
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#### **X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:**

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| a. Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund | Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial |
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claims for the period of September 9, 2017 through September 22, 2017. Officer

- b. Approval to Declare the Lease Agreement in Default between JPS and Mid South Tire and Truck Service, Inc. Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer
- c. Request to Ratify the 16th Section Rental Adjustment between the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District and Carroll's Nursery Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer
- d. Approval of Various Donations Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer
- e. Approval of Various Budgets for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer

#### **XI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:**

- a. Approval of the 2nd Amendment to the Strategic Alliance Agreement (Trend Setters Reading Mentor Program) between the Barbara Bush Foundation and the Jackson Public School District. Mrs. Thea Faulkner, Partners in Education Director
- b. Approval of the Agreement between Jackson Public Schools and Curriculum Advantage, Inc. Ms. Amanda Thomas, Exceptional Education Services
- c. Approval of Various Policies: GBF Professional Development and Procedures; JCN Interrogations; IGBA Early Release; JBJ/IGD Promotion and Retention of Students Hon. JoAnne N. Shepherd, District Counsel
- d. Approval of Inter-Agency Agreement between the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services (MDRS) and Jackson Public School District. Mrs. Talatha Bingham, Exceptional Education Services
- e. Approval of Mississippi Employer Assisted Housing Teacher Program Loan Agreement Hon. JoAnne N. Shepherd, District Counsel

#### **XII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel:**

- a. 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**

- a. Approval of Payments to Teachers from the School Recognition Program: 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**

X. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund claims for the period of September 9, 2017 through September 22, 2017: The board voted to approve item "a". Mr. Jed 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. Approval to Declare the Lease Agreement in Default between JPS and Mid South Tire and Truck Service, Inc.: The board voted to approve item "b". Mr. Jed 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**
- c. Request to Ratify the 16<sup>th</sup> Section Rental Adjustment between the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District and Carroll's Nursery: The board voted to approve item "c". Mr. Jed 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**
- d. Approval of Various Donations: The board voted to approve item "d". Mr. Jed 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**
- e. Approval of Various Budgets for Fiscal Year 2017-2018: The board voted to approve item "e". Mr. Jed 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**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Strategic Alliance Agreement (Trend Setters Reading Mentor Program) between the Barbara Bush Foundation and the Jackson Public School District: 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 the Agreement between Jackson Public School and Curriculum Advantage, Inc.: The Board voted to approve item b. Mr. Jed Oppenheim motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, Mrs. Letitia Johnson; Votes cast against the motion: none. Mr. Rickey Jones abstained from voting. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Various Policies: GBF Professional Development and Procedures; JCN Interrogations; IGBA Early Release; JBJ/IGD Promotion and Retention of Students. The Board voted to approve item c. Mrs. Letitia Johnson motioned; Mr. Jed Oppenheim second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, Mr. Rickey



Jones and Mrs. Letitia Johnson. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- d. Approval of Inter-Agency Agreement between the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services (MDRS) and Jackson Public School District: 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 Mississippi Employer Assisted Housing Teacher Program Loan Agreement: The Board voted to approve item "e". Mrs. Letitia Johnson motioned; Mr. Jed Oppenheim second; Votes cast for the motion: Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Jed Oppenheim, Mr. Rickey Jones and Mrs. Letitia Johnson. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XII. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: Ms. Saundra Lyons, Executive Director of Human Resources requested to approve item "a" with correction to item D16. The effective date of this item should reflect 08/04/2017 and also the pulling of item N to be considered in executive section. The Board voted to approve remaining items of 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.

- XIII. Other Business: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Art, Poetry and Justice Slam for high school and college age students will be held on October 14, 2017 at Offbeat. In recognition of Youth Justice Awareness Month, this event is to celebrate and discuss issues that our youth are facing in the community.

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

Motion to Enter into Executive Session

Rickey Jones moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to (1) hear from those individuals who signed up to address the Board during public participation regarding Consent Agenda Items - Personnel, Item N, (2) to hear a report from district counsel, JoAnne Shepherd, regarding the MDE litigation, and (3) to hear a report and recommendations from Dr. Murray regarding administrators at under-performing schools. Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Rickey Jones, Mr. Jed Oppenheim and Mrs. Letitia Johnson all voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

The following persons signed up to address the Board during public participation regarding Consent Agenda Items - Personnel, Item N: Bobby Brown, Tracee Thompson, Sharon Turner, Stephanie Clark, Shawnte' Butler, Shaletha Fisher, Otis Miller, Vanessa Patterson, Andrea Burroughs, Angela Wilson, LaShunna McInnesa and Bobby Brown. These persons are current district employees who will be affected in various ways by the changes contemplated by Personnel Item N. With the exception of Bobby Brown, these persons were allowed to address the Board regarding how the changes contemplated by Personnel Item N will affect them individually, including their status as lead teachers, salary, job duties and receipt of NBC stipends. After hearing from these persons, Board members determined to

recess the executive session and enter back into open session to take up and act upon Personnel Item N.

Back in open session, Board members heard from Mr. Bobby Brown regarding Personnel Item N. Board members then discussed Personnel Item N. After discussion, Jed Oppenheim moved, and Rickey Jones seconded the motion, to approve Personnel Item N. Board members Ms. Camille Simms, Mr. Jed Oppenheim and Mr. Rickey Jones voted in favor of the motion. Votes cast against the motion: none. Mrs. Letitia Johnson abstained from voting.

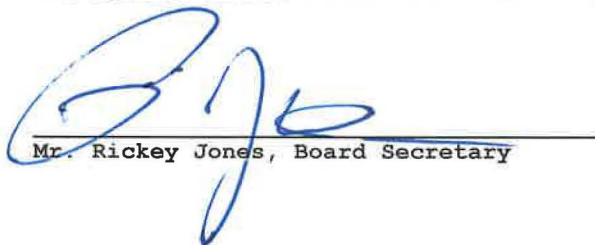
Board members then went back into executive session to continue their discussion of the remaining two items. Next in executive session, Dr. Murray reported to the Board regarding administrators at under-performing schools. Mr. Jones wanted to have noted for the record that Board members were not timely provided information regarding this item. Finally, district counsel, JoAnne Shepherd, reported to the Board regarding the status of the MDE litigation. Board members took no action on either of these items.

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

Upon entering open session, Jed Oppenheim moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.

  
Ms. Camille Simms, Board Vice President

10-17-17  
Date

  
Mr. Rickey Jones, Board Secretary

10/17/17  
Date