

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

Board Members Present

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, President  
Dr. Ed Sivak, Jr. Vice President  
Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Secretary  
Mrs. Andrea Jones, Member  
Mrs. Letitia S. Johnson, Member  
Dr. Robert Luckett, Member

Secretary to the Board

Rosalind Williams

Others Present

Members of the Public

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Fredrick Murray, Interim Supt  
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney  
Hon. JoAnne Shepherd, Dist. Counsel  
Mr. Sherwin Johnson, Communications  
Ms. Sharolyn Miller, CFO  
Ms. Sandra Lyons, Ex. Director HR  
Dr. Calvin Lockett, Deputy Supt  
Dr. Jason Sargent, Accountability Dept  
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

- 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 5:36 P. M. by Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Board President on December 19, 2017. She extended greetings to all and called for the high school student of Area III Division who would lead the pledge and the speaker who would give a moment of inspiration.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as all six (6) members were present namely: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Robert Luckett moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes:
  - a. Approval of the November 28, 2017 Regular Board Meeting: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Ed Sivak motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
  - b. Approval of the December 5, 2017 Regular Board Meeting: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Robert Luckett motioned; Mrs. Andrea Jones second; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Public Participation for General Comments:
  - a. Dr. Akemi Stout had concerns about JPS policy, inclement weather and employee/personnel support.
  - b. Shanbani Watts had concerns about school break-ins.
  - c. Samuel Clark had concerns about overtime hours worked but not paid due to getting off late.
- VI. Review of Discipline Case(s): None
- VII. Superintendent's Reports/Announcements:



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**For Release: December 19, 2018**

**Subject: JPS Board of Trustees Meeting  
December 19, 2018, 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, December 19, 2018, 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: December 19, 2017

TIME: 5:30 PM

PLACE: 621 South State Street Jackson, MS 39201

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#### **I. Call to Order**

a. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mr. Gary Hannah, Assistant  
Superintendent Area III

b. Moment of Inspiration

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

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

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

a. November 28, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

Ms. Rosalind Williams, Secretary to  
the Board of Trustees

b. December 5, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

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**

a. Superintendent's Remarks and Updates

Dr. Freddrick Murray, Interim  
Superintendent

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

#### **IX. Information / Action Items:**

a. Acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report

Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial  
Officer

b. Recommendation to Approve revised calendar for  
the 2017/2018 School Year

Dr. Jason Sargent, Executive Director  
Accountability and Research

#### **X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:**

a. Approval of Disbursements and Accounts Payable, Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial  
and Activity Fund claims to be paid for the period of Officer

December 2, 2017 through December 8, 2017.

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| b. | Recommendation to dispose of surplus property | Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |
| c. | Approval of Formal Bids                       | Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |
| d. | Approval of Various Donations                 | Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |

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

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| a. | Memorandum of Understanding between Families First and Jackson Public Schools | Ms. Laketia Marshall Thomas, Assistant Superintendent Area II |
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**XII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel:**

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| a. | Approval of Personnel Staff 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**

- a. Carla Kirkland, Beta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., presented backpacks to the students of the JPSD
- b. CAP Update presented by Dr. William Merritt

VIII. Information Items Only: None

IX. Information/Action Items:

- a. Acceptance of the Monthly Financial Report: The Board voted to approve item a. Mrs. Barbara Hilliard motioned, Dr. Robert Luckett second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- b. Recommendation to Approve revised calendar for the 2017/2018 School Year: The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Robert Luckett motioned, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Disbursements and Accounts Payable and Activity Fund claims for the period of December 2, 2017 through December 8, 2017: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Ed Sivak motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- b. Recommendation to dispose of surplus property: The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Ed Sivak motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- c. Approval of Formal Bids: The Board voted to approve item c. Mrs. Letitia Johnson motioned; Mrs. Andrea Jones second; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- d. Approval of Various Donations: The Board voted to approve item d. Dr. Robert Luckett motioned; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Families First and Jackson Public School: The Board voted to approve an amended MOU to reflect an update from Families First after each term. Mrs. Letitia Johnson motioned; Mrs. Andrea Jones second; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XII. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: The Board voted to approve Staff Personnel matters as presented. Mrs. Letitia Johnson motioned; Mrs. Barbara Hilliard second; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston,

Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XIII. Other Business: none

XIV. Consideration to Hold an Executive Office: Dr. Ed Sivak, Jr. moved, and Mrs. Letitia Johnson seconded the motion to close the meeting to consider the need for an executive session. All six (6) members voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was closed to consider whether and what items might need to be discussed in executive session.


Motion to Enter into Executive Session: Dr. Robert Lockett moved, and Mrs. Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to receive a report and recommendation from District Counsel, JoAnne Shepherd, regarding the settlement of the Kersh v. JPS litigation, and to discuss the superintendent's performance. All 6 board members voted in favor of the motion.

In executive session, the board received a report from District Counsel, JoAnne Shepherd, regarding the Kersh v. JPS litigation. District Counsel recommended that the Board authorize a settlement in the amount of \$16,000.00 payable to the plaintiff. Upon discussion, Dr. Sivak moved, and Mrs. Hilliard seconded the motion, to approve the settlement in the amount of \$16,000. All 6 board members voted in favor of the motion. .

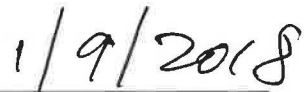
Next, board members began a discussion of Dr. Murray's performance as interim superintendent. Board members took no action on this item.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Dr. Robert Lockett moved, and Mrs. Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to exit executive session. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon entering open session, Dr. Ed Sivak moved, and Dr. Robert Lockett seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.



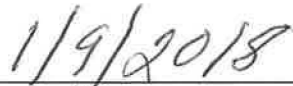
Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Board President



Date



Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Board Secretary



Date