

Jackson Public School DISTRICT  
621 SOUTH STATE STREET  
JACKSON, MS 39201  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Tuesday, January 9, 2018  
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. Freddrick Murray, Interim Supt  
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney  
Hon. JoAnne Shepherd, Dist. Counsel  
Mr. Sherwin Johnson, Communications  
Ms. Sharolyn Miller, CFO  
Ms. Saundra 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 5:33 P. M. by Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Board President on January 9, 2018. She extended greetings to all and called for the Area II 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 December 19, 2017 Regular Board Meeting: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Ed Sivak 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**
- V. Public Participation for General Comments:
  - a. Ms. Michelle Henry ~ make up days
- VI. Review of Discipline Case(s): None
- VII. Superintendent's Reports/Announcements:
  - a. CAP Update ~ Dr. William Merritt, IV
  - b. Water shortage crisis update ~ Mr. Don McCrackin
  - c. Food Service Update ~ Mrs. Mary Hill

Board Announcements:

  - a. Work Session with MDE regarding State Accreditation requirement
  - b. Search for Superintendent ~ Board will post a request for proposals for an External Consultant for the new superintendent search.
- VIII. Information Items Only: None



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**Subject: JPS Board of Trustees Meeting  
January 9, 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, January 9, 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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## **FINAL AGENDA**

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

DATE: January 9, 2018

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

**Ms. Laketia Marshall Thomas,  
Assistant Superintendent Area II**

- b. Moment of Inspiration

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

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

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

- a. December 19, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes **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)**

- a. January 9, 2018 Discipline Cases for Review

**Dr. Bishop E. Knox, Executive  
Director of Student Services**

#### **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. Corrective Action Plan

**Dr. Freddrick Murray, Interim  
Superintendent**

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

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund  
claims for the period of December 9, 2017 through  
December 22, 2017.

**Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial  
Officer**

- b. Approval of the District Procurement Plan for the Child Nutrition Program

Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer

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

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

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters

Ms. Sandra Lyons, Executive Director, Human Resources

**XIII. Other Business**

**XIV. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session**

**XV. Adjourn**

IX. Information/Action Items:

- a. Corrective Action Plan: 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**

X. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund claims for the period of December 9, 2017 through December 22, 2017: The Board voted to approve item a. Mrs. Letitia Johnson motioned; Dr. Ed Sivak 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 District Procurement Plan for the Child Nutrition Program: The Board voted to approve item b. Mrs. Letitia Johnson motioned; Dr. Ed Sivak 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: None

XII. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: Dr. Robert Luckett motioned to approve Staff Personnel matters as presented with corrections indicated: As applicable, the year should reflect 2108 instead of 2017; 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**

XIII. Other Business: none

- XIV. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Dr. Ed Sivak, Jr. moved, and Dr. Robert Luckett 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 Luckett moved, and Mrs. Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, namely, the Dunning v. JPS and Mason v. JPS lawsuits, and to continue discussion of the superintendent's performance and leadership of the district. All six board members voted in favor of the motion.

In executive session, district counsel, JoAnne Shepherd, updated the board and responded to inquiries regarding the Dunning v. JPS litigation. The board took no action regarding this item. Attorney Shepherd next updated the board regarding the status of the Mason v. JPS litigation and recommended that the board authorize the filing of a notice of appeal to the MS Supreme Court. After questions and discussion, Letitia Johnson moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to authorize the filing of an appeal to the MS Supreme Court in the Mason v. JPS lawsuit. All six board members voted in favor of the motion.

Next, board members discussed with Dr. Murray his performance and leadership of the district. The board took no action on this matter.

There being no further business, Dr. Ed Sivak moved, and Mrs. Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to exit executive session. All six board members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon returning to open session, Dr. Ed Sivak moved, and Mrs. Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. All six board members voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

XV. Adjourn



Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Board President

11/17/2018

Date



Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Board Secretary

11/17/18

Date