

Jackson Public School DISTRICT
621 SOUTH STATE STREET
JACKSON, MS 39201
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, March 6, 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. 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 5:40 P. M. by Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Board President, on March 6, 2018. She extended greetings to all and called for the Area IV 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. Public Participation for General Comments:
 - a. Carol Redfield Mims addressed the board regarding inclement weather.
 - b. Anik Kurkjian addressed the board regarding the Virtual Reality Spring Break Camp and the need of 14 JPS students.
 - c. Sharon Willis addressed the board regarding the shortage of bus drivers.
- V. Review of Discipline Case(s): None
- VI. Superintendent's Reports/Announcements:
 - a. Star Data Presentation ~ Amanda D. Thomas, Ed.S., MTSS Director. The Board requested the STAR comparison for Winter 2017, Winter 2018 with MAAP 2017.
 - b. CAP Update ~ Dr. Merritt
- VII. Information/Action Items:
 - a. Schools-at-Risk Action Plans: The Board voted to approve item a. 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 Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**



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The Board of Trustees will host its regular meeting on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018**, at **5:30 p.m.** in the School Board Meeting Room located at 621 South State Street.

The Board also will take into consideration any other matter properly coming before the Board.

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FINAL AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE: March 6, 2018

TIME: 5:30 PM

PLACE: 621 South State Street Jackson, MS 39201

I. Call to Order

a. The Pledge of Allegiance

**Dr. Michelle King, Assistant
Superintendent Area IV**

b. Moment of Inspiration

II. Establishment of Quorum

III. Adoption of Agenda

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

V. Review of Discipline Case(s)

a. March 6, 2018 Discipline Board Meeting

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

VI. Superintendent's Reports / Announcements

a. Star Data Presentation

**Amanda D. Thomas, Ed. S., MTSS
Director**

VII. Information / Action Items:

a. Schools-at-Risk Action Plans

**Dr. Freddrick Murray, Interim
Superintendent**

b. Approval of Recommendation to Close Schools:
Brown, French, George and Woodville Heights

**Dr. Freddrick Murray, Interim
Superintendent**

c. Approval of the FY 17 Title III English Language
Acquisition Program (EL) Application

**Dr. William M. Merritt, Executive
Director of School Improvement**

d. Approval of Contract with McPherson and
Jacobson to Conduct Superintendent Search

Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

a. Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund
claims for the period of February 10, 2018 through
February 23, 2018.

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

b. Approval of Various Donations

Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer

IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

a. Approval of the 1003a School Improvement between the Mississippi Department of Education and Jackson Public School District

Dr. William M. Merritt, Executive Director of School Improvement

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel:

a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters

Ms. Sandra Lyons, Executive Director of Human Resources

XI. Other Business

XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session

XIII. Adjourn

b. Approval of Recommendation to Close Schools: Brown, French, George and Woodville Heights: The Board voted to approve item b. 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**

c. Approval of the FY17 Title III English Language Acquisition Program (EL) Application: The Board voted to approve item c. 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**

d. Approval of Contract with McPherson and Jacobson to Conduct Superintendent Search: The Board voted to approve item d with an amendment that McPherson and Jacobson will establish and assign a group of consultants to be approved by the district's Board of Trustees to work with the district through its search process. Dr. Ed Sivak 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**

VIII. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund claims for the period of February 10, 2018 through February 23, 2018: The Board voted to approve item a. 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**
- b. Approval of Various Donations: The Board voted to approve item b. 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**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of the 1003a School Improvement between the Mississippi Department of Education and Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item a and include monthly updates and feedback from the principals in the reports. 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**

X. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: The Board voted to approve Staff Personnel Matters as presented. 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. Other Business:

- a. Schools-at-Risk Plan Presentations
b. Better Together Commission Meeting

XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: None


XIII. Adjourn: Dr. Robert Lockett motion, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard 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 at 6:50 p.m.



Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Board President

3/21/18

Date



Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Board Secretary

3/21/18

Date