

Jackson Public School District
621 South State Street
JACKSON, MS 39201
Regular Meeting of the Jackson Public School Board of Trustees
Tuesday, December 18, 2018
5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, President
Dr. Ed Sivak, Vice-President
Barbara Hilliard, Member
Letitia Johnson, Member
Dr. Robert Luckett, Member
Frank Figgers, Member

Teleconference

Andrea Jones

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Hon. JoAnne Shepherd, Dist. Counsel
Dr. Fredrick Murray, Deputy Academics
Dr. Calvin Lockett, Deputy Operation
Dr. Otha Belcher, Asst. Supt. Area 1
Laketia Thomas, Asst. Supt. Area 2
Gary Hannah, Asst. Supt. Area 3
Sherwin Johnson, Communications
Sharolyn Miller, CFO

Secretary to the Board

Rosalind Williams

Others Present

Members of the Public

- I. Call to Order, Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Inspiration: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Board President, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District to order at 5:32 p.m. on December 18, 2018. She extended greetings to all and called for the 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 six (6) members were present, namely: Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Robert Luckett and Frank Figgers. Andrea Jones participated via teleconference.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Luckett moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Frank Figgers second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes:
 - a. November 28, 2018 Special Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Dr. Sivak second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
 - b. December 4, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Dr. Sivak second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Public Participation for General Comments/or Proposed Policy Issues:
 - a. P-16 Council: Michelle Henry updated the board on the importance of the P-16 council and offered suggestions based on the policies within the district.



Jackson Public Schools

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

The Jackson Public Schools' Board of Trustees will host its regular meeting on **Tuesday, December 18, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.** 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 the JPS ITV You Tube Channel and Facebook page.

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Jackson Public Schools

FINAL AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE: December 18, 2018

TIME: 5:30 PM

PLACE: 621 South State Street Jackson, MS 39201

I. Call to Order

a. Call to Order

**Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Board
President**

b. The Pledge of Allegiance

**Gary Hannah, Assistant
Superintendent Area III**

c. Moment of Inspiration

II. Establishment of Quorum

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes

a. November 28, 2018 Special Board Meeting Minutes

**Rosalind Williams, Administrative
Assistant to the Board of Trustees**

b. December 4, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**Rosalind Williams, Administrative
Assistant to the Board of Trustees**

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

a. P-16 Council

Michelle Henry, P-16 Council President

VI. Superintendent's Reports / Announcements

a. Superintendent's Reports/Announcements

**Errick L. Greene, Ed.D.,
Superintendent**

VII. Information Items Only:

a. Establishment of Bond Oversight Committee
Members

**Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Board
President**

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

a. Request to Ratify the Assignment and Assumption
of Lease between Layton Smith and S&S Apache
Camping Center, Inc.

b. Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund

Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer

claims for the period of November 10, 2018 through November 16, 2018.

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| c. | Approval of the rental agreement between Jackson Public Schools (JPS) and the Mississippi Fair Commission for the annual convocation to be held on Monday, January 7, 2019 | Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |
| d. | Recommendation to dispose of surplus property | Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |
| e. | Approval of Various Donations | Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |
| f. | Approval of Revised District Maintenance Budget for 2018-2019 | Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |

IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

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| a. | Approval of the Transition Manager/Chief of Staff Job Description for the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) | Errick L. Greene, Ed.D., Superintendent |
| b. | Approval of Agreement between Public Consulting Group, Inc. and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) | Talatha Bingham, Executive Director of Exceptional Education Services |
| c. | Approval of Agreement between Families First for Mississippi and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) | Laketia Marshall-Thomas, Assistant Superintendent Area II |
| d. | Approval of Standard Jackson Public Schools (JPS) Professional Service Agreement with Major Design Studio, PLLC for Roof Replacements at Boyd, Lee and Sykes Elementary Schools | Don McCrackin, Executive Director of Facilities and Operations |
| e. | Approval of Parent/Community Engagement Event | William Merritt IV, Executive Director of State and Federal |

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel:

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| a. | Approval of Staff Personnel Matters | Saundra Lyons, Executive Director of Human Resources |
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XI. Other Business

XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session

XIII. Adjourn

VI. Superintendent's Reports/Announcement:

- a. Superintendent's Reports/Announcements: Talatha Bingham briefed the Board on an update from Fast Forward (data) and Dr. Murray briefed the Board on student attendance to data.

VII. Information Items Only:

- a. Establishment of Bond Oversight Committee Members: Dr. Hairston named the seven (7) members chosen to serve on the JPS Bond Oversight Committee. They are as follows: Akilah Irvin (Ward 1), H. Ann Jones (Ward 2), Sandra McCall (Ward 3), Erica E. Fell (Ward 4), Kass Welchlin (Ward 5), Ercilla D. Hendrix (Ward 6) and Mitch McGuffey (Ward 7). First monthly meeting to begin on January 15, 2019, with location and time to be determined.

VIII. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Request to Ratify the Assignment and Assumption of Lease between Layton Smith and S&S Apache Camping Center, Inc.: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Sivak motioned, Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable and Activity Fund claims for the period of November 10, 2018, through November 16, 2018: The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Sivak motioned, Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of the Rental Agreement between Jackson Public Schools (JPS) and the Mississippi Fair Commission for the Annual Convocation to be held on Monday, January 7, 2019: The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Sivak motioned, Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Recommendation to Dispose of Surplus Property: The Board voted to approve item d. Dr. Sivak motioned, Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of Various Donations: The Board voted to approve item e. Dr. Sivak motioned, Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of Revised District Maintenance Budget for 2018-2019: The Board voted to approve item e. Dr. Luckett motioned, Barbara Hilliard second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items-General:

- a. Approval of the Transition Manager/Chief of Staff Job Description for the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Sivak motioned, Dr. Luckett second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- b. Approval of Agreement between Public Consulting Group, Inc. and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Sivak motioned, Dr. Luckett second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none.

PASSED

- c. Approval of Agreement between Families First for Mississippi and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Luckett motioned, Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none.

PASSED

- d. Approval of Standard Jackson Public Schools (JPS) Professional Services Agreement with Major Design Studio, PLLC for Roof Replacements at Boyd, Lee and Sykes Elementary Schools: The Board voted to approve item d. Dr. Sivak motioned, Dr. Luckett second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none.

PASSED

- e. Approval of Parent/Community Engagement Event: The Board voted to approve item e. Dr. Sivak motioned, Dr. Luckett second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none.

PASSED

X. Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: The Board voted to approve staff personnel matters as presented: Letitia Johnson motioned; Barbara Hilliard second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none.

PASSED

XI. Other Business: none.

- XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session:** Dr. Luckett moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. All 7 board members voted in favor of the motion.

Dr. Sivak moved, and Dr. Luckett seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to discuss a proposed settlement of the Tonya Spann and Ashley Sanders bus accidents claims. All 7 board members voted in favor of the motion.

In executive session, District Counsel, JoAnne Shepherd, updated board members on the status of these claims arising from an accident in which a district bus rear-ended the claimants while they were in a stopped vehicle. Attorney Shepherd recommended that the board settle the claim of Tanya Spann for \$20,000 and settle the claim of Ashley Sanders for \$6,000. Upon discussion, Dr. Luckett moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, that Attorney's Shepherd's recommended settlements be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Dr. Sivak moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to exit executive session. All 7 board members voted in favor of the motion.

Upon returning to open session, Dr. Sivak moved, and Dr. Luckett seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. That motion was unanimously approved.



Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Board President



Date



Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Board Secretary



Date