

Jackson Public School DISTRICT
621 SOUTH STATE STREET
JACKSON, MS 39201
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, January 15, 2019
5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present

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

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Hon. JoAnne Shepherd, General Counsel
Dr. Fredrick Murray, Deputy Supt
Sherwin Johnson, Communications
Sharolyn Miller, CFO
Saundra Lyons, Ex. Director HR
Dr. Calvin Lockett, Deputy Supt
Dr. William Merritt, State & Federal
Dr. Otha Belcher, Asst. Supt Area I
Laketa Thomas, Asst. Supt Area II
Dr. Jason Sargent, Accountability Dept

Secretary to the Board
Rosalind Williams

Others Present

Members of the Public

- I. Call to Order, Pledge to the Flag and Words of Encouragement: 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 15, 2019. She extended greetings to all and called for the Area II Division, who would lead the pledge and the speaker who would give a word of encouragement.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as seven (7) members were present namely: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Luckett moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; 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**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes:
 - a. December 18, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. Andrea Jones motioned; Barbara Hilliard second; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Robert Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Public Participation for General Comments:
 - a. A. Morningstar signed up to address the board, but his comments were moved to executive session because he wanted to address a personnel matter.
- VI. Review of Discipline Case (s):
 - a. January 15, 2019 Board Meeting Discipline Cases Review: none
- VII. Superintendent's Reports/Announcements:
 - a. Data presentations: Dr. Murray updated the Board on the mid-term data.
- VIII. Information Items Only:



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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: January 15, 2019

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 to the Flag

**LaKetia Marshall-Thomas, Assistant
Superintendent Area II**

c. Moment of Inspiration

II. Establishment of Quorum

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes

- a. December 18, 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

VI. Review of Discipline Case(s)

- a. January 15, 2019 Board Meeting-Discipline Cases** **Dr. Bishop E. Knox, Executive
Director Student Services**

VII. Superintendent's Reports / Announcements

- a. Data Presentation** **Dr. Jason Sargent, Executive Director
Research, Evaluation and Assessment**

VIII. Information Items Only:

- a. Student School Board Representatives
Presentation** **Victoria Baker, Murrah High School**

IX. Information / Action Items:

- a. Approval of Monthly Financial Report** **Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer**

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

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| a. | Ratification of Disbursements and Accounts Payable and Activity Fund claims for the period of November 17, 2018 through December 14, 2018. | Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |
| b. | Recommendation to dispose of surplus property | Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |
| c. | Approval of formal bids | Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |

XI. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

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| a. | Recommendation to terminate Agreement between the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) and the National Collections Systems, LLC (NCS) | Don McCrackin, Executive Director
Facilities and Operations |
| b. | Approval of Agreement between Jackson Public Schools (JPS) and Briton Education LLC | Talatha Bingham, Executive Director
Exceptional Education Services |
| c. | Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Right Now Plan | Errick L. Greene, Ed.D.,
Superintendent |

XII. 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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XIII. Other Business

XIV. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session

XV. Adjourn

- a. Student School Board Representatives Presentation: Victoria Baker, Murrah High School Representative, briefed the Board on highlights and accomplishments driven by the students within the school.

IX. Information/Action Items:

- a. Approval of Monthly Financial Report: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Sivak 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

X. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Ratification of disbursements and accounts payable and activity fund claims for the period of November 17, 2018 through December 14, 2018: 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. Recommendation to dispose of surplus property: The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Sivak motioned, Letitia Johnson second; 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 formal bids.: The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Sivak motioned, Letitia Johnson second; Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Recommendation to terminate Agreement between the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) and the National Collections Systems, LLC (NCS): The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard motioned, Andrea Jones 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 Jackson Public Schools (JPS) and Briton Education LLC: The Board voted to approve item b. with a data update to be presented in mid-June. Dr. Luckett motioned, 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**
- c. Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement regarding Right Now Plan: The Board voted to approve item c. Frank Figgers 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**

XII. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: The Board voted to approve Staff Personnel Matters as presented except for item E18 to be discussed in executive session. 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**

XIII. Other Business:

XIV. 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.

After discussion, Dr. Luckett moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to discuss (1) a proposed settlement of the Jessica Parker bus accident claim; (2) to hear from A. Morningstar, a former district employee, regarding his former employment and litigation he subsequently filed against the district; (Mr. Morningstar had signed up to address the board during public participation, but was moved to executive session because of the nature of the issues he wanted to report to the board.) and (3) to discuss Personnel Item, E.18, the superintendent's recommendation of employment of Dr. Michael Cormack as transition officer/chief of staff. All 7 board members voted in favor of the motion.

The board attorney announced to the public the reasons for entering into executive session.

In executive session, the board first heard from Mr. Morningstar regarding his employment claims and damages sought in his lawsuit against the district. The board heard from Mr. Morningstar, but took no action. The matter was referred to Dr. Greene for further investigation and recommended action.

Next, District Counsel, JoAnne Shepherd, updated board members on the status of the claim of Jessica Parker arising from an accident in which a district bus rear-ended her vehicle. Attorney Shepherd recommended that the board settle the claim for \$19,642.89. Upon discussion, Dr. Luckett moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, that Attorney's Shepherd's recommended settlement be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

Finally, Dr. Greene provided the board information regarding the recruitment process, the various candidates interviewed and the qualifications and competence of each, all leading to his recommendation of Dr. Cormack for the position. After questions and discussion, Dr. Luckett moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to approve the recommendation. All 7 board members voted in favor of the motion.

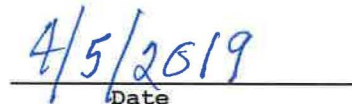
There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Dr. Luckett moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to exit executive session. All 7 board members voted in favor of the motion.

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


Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Board President


Date


Barbara Hilliard, Board Secretary


Date