

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

Board Members Present

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, President
Dr. Ed Sivak, Vice President
Barbara Hilliard, Secretary
Andrea Jones, 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
Laketia Thomas, Asst. Supt Area II
Dr. Jason Sargent, Accountability Dept
Dr. Michael Cormack, Transition Mgr

Participated via Teleconference

Letitia Johnson, Member

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 February 5, 2019. She extended greetings to all and called for the Area I 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 six (6) members were present namely: Dr. Hairston, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Andrea Jones, Frank Figgers and Dr. Luckett; Letitia Johnson participated via teleconference.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Frank Figgers moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; 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**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes:
 - a. January 15, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. Dr. Luckett motioned; Andrea Jones 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. Mr. McInnis and Ms. Harris (Tougaloo College Heart Study) addressed the board regarding the Jackson Heart Study & Science, Language, Arts and Mathematics program for high school students 9-11 grade)
 - b. Alvin Jackson addressed the Board regarding the re-instatement of Mr. Jones, Forest Hill band director
 - c. Albert Jackson addressed the Board regarding the re-instatement of Mr. Jones, Forest Hill band director
 - d. K. Gaynor addressed the Board regarding the re-instatement of Mr. Jones, Forest Hill band director
- VI. Review of Discipline Case (s):



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The Jackson Public Schools' Board of Trustees will host its regular meeting on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 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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FINAL AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE: February 5, 2019

TIME: 5:30 PM

PLACE: 621 South State Street Jackson, MS 39201

I. Call to Order

a. Call to Order

Jeanne M. Hairston, Ph.D., Board President

b. The Pledge of Allegiance

Otha Belcher Jr., Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent Area I

c. Moment of Inspiration

II. Establishment of Quorum

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes

a. January 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Rosalind Williams, Administrative Assistant Board of Trustees

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

VI. Review of Discipline Case(s)

a. February 5, 2019 Discipline Board Meeting

Bishop E. Knox, Ph.D., Executive Director Student Services

VII. Superintendent's Reports / Announcements

a. Superintendent's Reports/Announcements

Errick L. Greene, Ed.D., Superintendent

VIII. Information Items Only:

a. Proclamation ~ School Board Member Recognition Week

JoAnne N. Shepherd, Esq., General Counsel

b. E-Rate Purchases (RFP) for 2018/2019 school year

Stephan George, Executive Director of Information Technology and Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer

c. CAP Update

William Merritt, IV, Ph.D., Executive Director State and Federal

IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

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| a. | Ratification of accounts payable and activity fund claims for the period of December 15, 2018 through January 8, 2019 | Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |
| b. | Approval of the assignment of 16th section lease between Metro Marketing Properties, LLC and Americap Investments, LLC | Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer |

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

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| a. | Approval of the Signing Bonus Addendum for School Year 2019-2020 | William M. Merritt, IV, Executive Director State and Federal |
| b. | Approval of MOU between Jackson Public School District (JPSD) and Hinds Community College (HCC) for Dual Credit | Vicki Davidson, Ph.D., Executive Director Advanced Learning Programs |

XI. 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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XII. Other Business

XIII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session

XIV. Adjourn

- a. February 5, 2019 Board Meeting Discipline Cases Review: none

VII. Superintendent's Reports/Announcements:

VIII. Information Items Only:

- a. Proclamation ~ School Board Member Recognition: Attorney Shepherd shared with the Board that Governor Phil Bryant proclaims the week of February 10-15, 2019 as School Board Member Recognition Week.
- b. E-Rate Purchases (RFP) for 2018/2019 school year: Ms. Miller presented for information only regarding the next steps in addressing the technology of the district.
- c. CAP Update: Dr. Merritt updated the Board on the Corrective Action Plan.

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Ratification of accounts payable and activity fund claims for the period of December 1, 2018 through January 8, 2019: The Board voted to approve item a. 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**
- b. Recommendation to dispose of surplus property: The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Luckett motioned, Barbara Hilliard second; 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 - General:

- a. Approval of the Signing Bonus Addendum for School Year 2019/2020: The Board voted to approve item a. 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**
- b. Approval of MOU between Jackson Public Schools District (JPSD) and Hinds Community College (HCC) for Dual Credit: The Board voted to approve item b. 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**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matters: The Board voted to approve Staff Personnel Matters as presented. Barbara Hilliard 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**

XII. Other Business:

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


Dr. Luckett moved, and Andrea Jones-Davis seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to hear the statement of Demetri Jones and to take up for consideration and action the superintendent's recommendation of termination of Mr. Jones. All seven board members voted in favor of the motion.

In executive session, Mr. Jones' counsel, Bo Rideout, raised an objection to the board hearing Mr. Jones' statement in executive session. After hearing from Mr. Rideout and the board attorney on the issue, the Board determined to proceed with hearing Mr. Jones' statement in executive session.

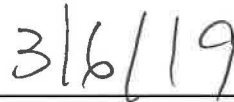
The Board heard from Mr. Jones and Mr. Rideout, on Mr. Jones' behalf, and from Dr. Greene and General Counsel, JoAnne Shepherd, on behalf of district administration. The Board then dismissed Mr. Jones, Mr. Rideout, Dr. Greene and Mrs. Shepherd to deliberate upon the matter. The board's findings and decision are contained in the order attached to these minutes as Exhibit A.

There being no further business, Dr. Sivak moved, and Dr. Luckett seconded the motion, to exit executive session. All seven 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. All seven board members voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned.



Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Board President



Date



Barbara Hilliard, Board Secretary



Date