

Jackson Public School DISTRICT
621 SOUTH STATE STREET, JACKSON, MS 39201
REGULAR MEETING OF THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, January 7, 2020
5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present

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

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Cormack, Chief of Staff
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Dr. Kathleen Grigsby, Elem. Asst. Supt.
Dr. Fredrick Murray, MS Asst. Supt.
Saundra Lyons, Ex. Director HR
Sharolyn Miller, CFO
Laketia Thomas, High School Asst. Supt
Sherwin Johnson, Communications
Dionne Woody, Elem. Asst. Supt.
Pam Franklin, Elem. Asst. Supt.

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 5:32 P. M. by Letitia S. Johnson, Board President, on January 7, 2020. She extended greetings to all and called for the scholars, who would lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Words of Encouragement.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as all six (6) members were present, namely: Letitia Johnson, Dr. Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Robert Luckett and Frank Figgers.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Hairston moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Frank Figgers second; votes cast for the motion: Letitia Johnson, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Luckett and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes:
 - a. December 17, 2019 board Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Luckett motioned; Dr. Hairston second; votes cast for the motion: Letitia Johnson, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Power APAC Art Students
 - b. Support for Homeless and Foster Care Students
 - c. Bond Update
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
 - a. De'Keither Stamps addressed the Board regarding Optimizing for Equity
- VII. Review of Discipline Case(s):
 - a. January 7, 2020 Board Meeting: Dr. Hairston moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion to move consideration of this item to the end of the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.
- VIII. Information Items Only:
 - a. The Partnership for a Healthier Mississippi

- b. Review of Agreement between Scientific Learning and Jackson Public Schools (JPS):
- c. Review of Consulting Services Agreement with IMS Engineers for 2018 Bond Program Staff Augmentation/Project Management:
- d. Review of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Fertile Ground, Community Foundation for Mississippi (CFM) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):

IX. Information/Action Items:

- a. Approval of the Request to Ratify the Lease Agreement with S&S Apache Camping Center, Inc. and Jackson Public Schools: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Dr. Hairston second; votes cast for the motion: Letitia Johnson, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none.

PASSED

- b. Approval of the Request to Ratify the Lease Agreement between Zenoh Holdings LLC and Jackson Public Schools: The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Dr. Hairston second; votes cast for the motion: Letitia Johnson, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Accounts Payable Claims Docket and Ratification of Travel and Activity Fund Claims for the period of December 7, 2019 through December 20, 2019: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Luckett motioned; Frank Figgers second; votes cast for the motion: Letitia Johnson, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of the Proposed Revised 2019-2020 Academic Calendar): The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Sivak motioned; Barbara Hilliard second; votes cast for the motion: Letitia Johnson, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Optimizing for Equity: The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Sivak motioned; Barbara Hilliard second; votes cast for the motion: Letitia Johnson, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston and Frank Figgers; 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 as presented. Dr. Luckett motioned; Dr. Hairston second; votes cast for the motion: Letitia Johnson, Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Luckett and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- XIII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Dr. Luckett moved, and Dr. Hairston seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. All 6 board members voted in favor of the motion.

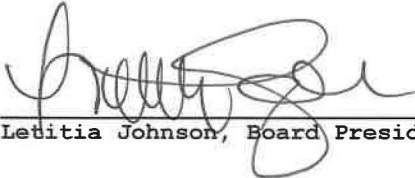
Dr. Luckett moved, and Mr. Figgers seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to take up one student discipline matter. All 6 board members voted in favor of the motion.

In executive session, the board took up the superintendent's recommendation to place Student No. 000836058 at CCAS for ninety (90) days for involvement in a group fight. The board heard from Student No. 000836058 and parent and members of district administration. Student No. 000836058 denied fighting, but the board determined that the evidence supporting Student No. 000836058's

involvement in the fight, particularly the eyewitness statement of a district security employee, was more compelling. After discussing the matter, Dr. Luckett moved, and Mrs. Hilliard seconded the motion, to uphold the superintendent's recommendation to place Student No. 000836058 at CCAS for 90 days. All 6 board members voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Dr. Luckett moved, and Dr. Hairston seconded the motion, to exit executive session. All 6 board members voted in favor of the motion.

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



Letitia Johnson, Board President

1/21/2020

Date



Barbara Hilliard, Board Secretary

Jan. 21, 2020

Date