

Hybrid Meeting of the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201
Tuesday, February 1, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Dr. Robert Luckett, Secretary
Cynthia Thompson, Member
Frank Figgers, Member
Letitia S. Johnson, Member

Board Members Absent

Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President

Participated via Video/Tele-conference

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Larrisa Moore, Esq., DGC
William Merritt, Chief of Staff
Margaret Purnell, Interim CFO
Joe Albright, COO
Dr. Kathleen Grigsby, Elem. Asst. Supt.
Laketia Thomas, High School Asst. Supt.
Sherwin Johnson, Communications
Dr. Marvin Grayer, MS Asst. Supt.

Secretary to the Board

Rosalind Williams

- I. Call to Order: Dr. Ed Sivak, Board President, called the Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on February 1, 2022, at 5:34 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as five (5) members; namely, President Ed Sivak, Dr. Robert Luckett, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, and Frank Figgers, were either present in person or participated via video/teleconference. Cynthia Thompson joined the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Barbara Hilliard was absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Luckett moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
January 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented; Letitia Johnson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
- Leroy Walker - Site Council; remarks about Powell Middle School.
 - Roderick Red - Midtown Charter School
 - Phillip Brown - Midtown Charter School
 - Dorothy Jones - Vacant Schools
 - Monica Cannon - Vacant Schools
 - Alexandria Drake - JPS-Tougaloo Early College High School (JTECHS)- seven students spoke on student feedback on January 28, 2022 during MDE's Public hearing concerning change in the social studies standards.
- VII. Information Items Only:
- Student School Board Representative Presentation
 - Bond Update

VIII. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of the Accounts Payable Claims Docket and the Ratification of the Travel and Activity Funds Claims for the Period of January 8, 2022 through January 21, 2022: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Luckett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Letitia Johnson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of District Test Security Plan: The Board voted to approve item a. Letitia Johnson motioned; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- b. Approval of District to District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item b. Letitia Johnson motioned; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- c. Approval of Various Policies for Amendment/Creation: Amendment FA - Goals and Objectives, FCC - Architects, FEA - Site Acquisition, GBEA - Contracts and Agreements for Employees, GAAJ - Required Vaccines/Testing for Employees, GACN - Sexual Harassment Consolidation, FB/FBA - Long Range Planning, FCB/FCA/FDB/FEB/FGB - Educational Facility Considerations and Specifications, FED/FEE/FEF - Bids, Awards, and Penalty Clauses for Construction Contracts: The Board voted to approve item c. Letitia Johnson motioned; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; 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 as presented. Letitia Johnson motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

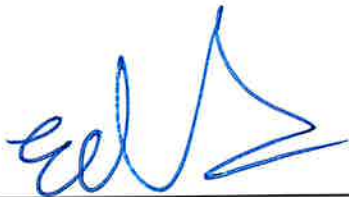
- XI. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Dr. Luckett moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Letitia Johnson then moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation, namely, the proposed petition by the City of Jackson to dissolve the Viola Lake trust. That motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board received a report and additional information from General Counsel, Larissa Moore, regarding the City of Jackson's proposed petition to dissolve the Viola Lake trust and the City's request for JPS to join in the petition. The board directed the Superintendent and General Counsel to obtain additional information for its consideration and action.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Dr. Luckett moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to exit executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Back in open session, there being no further business, Letitia Johnson moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. That motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.



Ed Sivak, Board President

2/15/22

Date



Robert Lockett, Board Secretary

2/15/22

Date