

Hybrid Meeting of the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Larriisa Moore, Esq., DGC
Dr. William Merritt, Chief of Staff
Margaret Purnell, Interim CFO
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 May 17, 2022, at 5:30 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as five (5) members, namely, President Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Robert Luckett, Letitia Johnson, and Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, were either present in person or participated via teleconference. **Cynthia Thompson joined the meeting at 5:31 p.m. and Frank Figgers joined the meeting at 5:32 p.m.**
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Luckett moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. Absent: Frank Figgers.
PASSED
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
 - a. May 3, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented; Letitia Johnson moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson 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:
 - a. Baba Lukata addressed the Board regarding the building acquisition issue.
- VII. Information Items Only:
 - a. Board Member Reports
 - b. Student School Board Representative Presentation Final Overview
 - c. Review of Agreement between the Jackson Convention Complex (JROTC Gala) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
 - d. Review of the Agreement between Union University and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
 - e. Review of the Agreement between Jackson State University (JSU) Division of Library and Information Resources and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
- VIII. Information/Action Items:
 - a. Approval of the Revised Job Description for Chief Operating Officer: The Board voted to approve item a; Dr. Luckett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Hairston, and Letitia Johnson; votes

cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- b. Approval of Agreement between Jackson State University (JSU) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item b; Cynthia Thompson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Lockett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Hairston, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the Period ending April 30, 2022: The Board voted to approve item c; Dr. Sivak moved; Dr. Lockett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Lockett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Hairston, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Donations: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Lockett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Lockett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of the Accounts Payable Claims Docket and the Ratification of the Travel and Activity Funds Claims for the Period of April 23, 2022 through May 6, 2022: The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Lockett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Lockett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Recommendation to Dispose of Surplus Property: The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Lockett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Lockett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval for Contract Adjustment Change Order #1 (Add \$20,000) Structural Improvements for Johnson Elementary School: The Board voted to approve item d. Dr. Lockett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Lockett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval for Contract Adjustment Change Order #1 (Credit \$1,938.00) Lanier High School Parking Improvements and JROTC Drainage Repairs: The Board voted to approve item e. Dr. Lockett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Lockett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval for Contract Adjustment Change Order #1 (Add \$10,000.00) Interior and Exterior Improvement for Raines Elementary School: The Board voted to approve item f. Dr. Lockett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Lockett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- g. Approval to Award Re-Bid 3194 (03-09-22) Wells APAC Renovations: The Board voted to approve item g. Dr. Lockett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Lockett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- h. Approval of Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2022-23: The Board voted to approve item h. Dr. Lockett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Lockett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank

Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- i. Approval to Award Final Contract Adjustment Add Change Order \$3,396.06 General Improvements at Marshall Elementary School: The Board voted to approve item i. Dr. Luckett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- j. Approval to Reject Bid 3190 (04-28-22) General Improvements at McLeod Elementary: The Board voted to approve item j. Dr. Luckett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of Agreement between Walden University and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item a. Letitia Johnson motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- b. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Belhaven University (BU) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item b. Letitia Johnson motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- c. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Delta State University and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item c. Letitia Johnson motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- d. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between the Children's Defense Fund and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item d. Letitia Johnson motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- e. Approval of the Renewal Agreements between the Mississippi Food Network (MFN) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item e. Letitia Johnson motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- f. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Junior League of Jackson (JLJ) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item f. Letitia Johnson motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- g. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Microsoft Corporation (Teals) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item g. Letitia Johnson motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; 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 as presented. Letitia Johnson motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Dr. Luckett moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Luckett moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to deliberate upon the superintendent's recommendation of termination of Khristopher Thomas, suspension of Vickie Griffin, suspension of Sheila King and to rescind the recommendation that the Mississippi State Board of Education suspend for one school year the license of Belinda Pinkston for arbitrary or willful breach of contract and abandonment of employment. The motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board deliberated upon the superintendent's recommendation of termination of Kristopher Thomas. The board's findings and decision are set out in the order attached to these minutes as Exhibit A.

Next, the board deliberated upon the superintendent's recommendation of suspension of Vickie Griffin. The board's findings and decision are set out in the order attached to these minutes as Exhibit B.

Next, the board deliberated upon the superintendent's recommendation of suspension of Sheila King. The board's findings and decision are set out in the order attached to these minutes as Exhibit C.

Finally, the board took up the matter to rescind the recommendation that the Mississippi State Board of Education suspend for one school year the license of Belinda Pinkston for arbitrary or willful breach of contract and abandonment of employment. The board's findings and decision are set out in the order attached to these minutes as Exhibit D.

There being no further business to address 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, Letitia Johnson then moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. That motion was unanimously approved.


Ed Sivak, Board President

6/9/22
Date


Robert Luckett, Board Secretary

6/21/22
Date