

Regular Meeting of the Jackson Public School District  
Board of Trustees  
621 South State Street  
Jackson, MS 39201  
Tuesday, June 21, 2022  
5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Dr. Ed Sivak, President  
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President  
Dr. Robert Luckett, Secretary  
Cynthia Thompson, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

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

Board Members Present via Teleconference

Letitia S. Johnson, Member  
Frank Figgers, Member

Board Members Absent

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member

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 June 21, 2022, at 5:35 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as six (6) members, namely, President Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Robert Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Frank Figgers were either present in person or participated via teleconference. Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston was absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Cynthia Thompson moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
  - a. June 7, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented; Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues: none
- VII. Information Items Only:
  - a. Board Member Reports - Ed Sivak, Jr., Board President
  - b. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Willowood Developmental Center (WDC) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) - Talatha Bingham-Gibbs, Ed.D, CCC-SLP, Executive Director | Exceptional Education Services
  - c. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Millcreek Schools-Pearl, LLC and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) - Talatha Bingham-Gibbs, Ed.D, CCC-SLP, Executive Director | Exceptional Education Services
  - d. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Canopy/Cares School and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) - Talatha Bingham-Gibbs, Ed.D, CCC-SLP, Executive Director | Exceptional Education Services
  - e. Review of the Rental Agreement between The Ms e-Center @ JSU and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) - Kimberly M. Smith, Ed. D., Executive Director | Office of Teaching and Learning
- VIII. Information/Action Items:
  - a. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Educators in Residence Program and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item a; Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion:

none. **PASSED**

- b. Approval of the CTE Local Application-Fiscal Year 2023: The Board voted to approve item b; Dr. Luckett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Junior League of Jackson (JLJ) for Summer Camp at Pecan Park and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item c; Cynthia Thompson moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of 6 Positions in Revised COO Division: The Board voted to approve item d; Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval to Purchase Insurance Coverage for Jackson Public Schools: The Board voted to approve item e; Dr. Luckett moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of Recommendation to Retain the Evans Agency as Risk Management Consultant for the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item f; Dr. Luckett moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- g. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Allen Hoshall for Various ESSER Project: The Board voted to approve item g; Dr. Luckett moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- h. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Canizaro Cawthon Davis for Various ESSER Projects: The Board voted to approve item h; Dr. Luckett moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- i. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Durrell Design Group for Various ESSER Projects: The Board voted to approve item i; Dr. Luckett moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- j. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Duvall Decker for Various ESSER Projects: The Board voted to approve item j; Dr. Luckett moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- k. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Eley Guild Hardy for Various ESSER Projects: The Board voted to approve item k; Dr. Luckett moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- l. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with M3A Architecture, PLLC for Various ESSER Projects: The Board voted to approve item l; Dr. Luckett moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- m. Approval of Various Budgets for Fiscal Year 2022-2023: The Board voted to approve item m; Dr. Luckett moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- n. Approval of Resolution requesting Ad Valorem Support for FY2022-2023: The Board voted to approve item n; Dr. Luckett moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia

Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- o. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for Month Ended May 31, 2022: The Board voted to approve item o; Dr. Luckett moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, 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. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval to Award a Three-Year Contract to JD CPA PLLC to Perform the District's Single Audit for Fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024: The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of the Accounts Payable Claims and the Ratification of the Travel and Activity Funds Claims for the Period of May 21, 2022 through June 10, 2022: The Board voted to approve item c. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Sixteenth Section Revenue: The Board voted to approve item d. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of Various Budgets for FY2021-2022: The Board voted to approve item e. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of Recommendation to Dispose of Surplus Property: The Board voted to approve item f. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- g. Approval of Child Nutrition to Participate in Statewide Purchasing Program: The Board voted to approve item g. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- h. Approval for Contract Adjustment Change Order #1 (Add \$14,441.19) JPS Drainage/Utility Improvements at Various School: The Board voted to approve item h. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- i. Approval for Contract Adjustment Change Order #1 (Add \$57,371.20): The Board voted to approve item i. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- j. Approval of Bid 3203 - Computer Equipment Devices: The Board voted to approve item j. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Blackboard and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): 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, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Review of Approval to Award RFP 2021-18 to Glimpse K12, for a Software Solution for Program Evaluation: The Board voted to approve item b; Dr. Luckett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr.

Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

- c. Approval of Agreement between Parents for Public Schools-Jackson and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for the Ask for More Arts Program: The Board voted to approve item c; Dr. Luckett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- d. Approval of District to District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing) - BendaLonne Thompson-Griffith, Ed.D., Data Management Director: The Board voted to approve item d; Dr. Luckett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; 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. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, 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 Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved by all six members present.

After discussion Dr. Luckett moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to (1) take action on a student discipline matter, (2) to consider rescinding a resolution requesting MDE to revoke the teaching license of Porsha Gordon, and (3) to hear a report from Dr. Greene regarding a candidate for COO position. The motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board first took up a recommendation regarding Student No. 001118451. Student No. 001118451 was initially recommended for expulsion for possession of a loaded handgun. After further consideration, district administration is recommending that Student No. 001118451 be suspended for the period of January 25, 2022, to May 25, 2022, and that he be allowed to attend summer school and resume earning credits toward graduation. After discussion, Barbara Hilliard moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to uphold the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next, the board took up the superintendent's recommendation to rescind the board resolution recommending that MDE revoke for one year the license of Porsha Gordon for breach of contract. After discussion, Dr. Luckett moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to approve the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

Finally, the superintendent reported to the board regarding a candidate for the COO position. The board took no action on this matter.

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

Back in open session, Cynthia Thompson moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.



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Ed Sivak, Board President

6/24/2022

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Date



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Robert Luckett, Board Secretary

6/24/2022

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