

Jackson Public School District  
Board of Trustees Board Meeting  
621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201  
Tuesday, May 3, 2022  
5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President  
Dr. Robert Lockett, Secretary  
Cynthia Thompson, Member  
Frank Figgers, Member

Board Members Absent

Dr. Ed Sivak, President  
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  
Larrissa Moore, Esq., DGC  
William Merritt, Chief of Staff  
Margaret Purnell, Interim CFO  
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: Barbara Hilliard, Board Vice-President, called the Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on May 3, 2022, at 5:37 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as four (4) members, namely, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Robert Lockett, Frank Figgers and Cynthia Thompson were present. President Ed Sivak, Letitia Johnson and Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston were absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Lockett moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Lockett, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
  - a. April 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve the minutes as presented; Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Lockett, Barbara Hilliard, 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:
  - a. Dr. Ivory Phillips requested to address the Board to discuss JPS vacant buildings.
  - b. Baba Lukata requested to address the Board to discuss the building acquisition issue.
  - c. Leon Bracey requested to address the Board to discuss public and charter/private school funding and building use.
  - d. Thomas Jenkins requested to address the Board to discuss Charter schools vs JPS.
- VII. Information Items Only:
  - a. Student School Board Representative Presentation
  - b. Bond Update:
  - c. Review of Agreement between Walden University and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):
  - d. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Belhaven University (BU) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):
  - e. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Delta State University and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):
  - f. Review of the Renewal Agreement between the Children's Defense Fund and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):
  - g. Review of the Renewal Agreements between the Mississippi Food Network (MFN) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):

- h. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Junior League of Jackson (JLJ) and the Jackson Public School District:
- i. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Microsoft Corporation (Teals) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):

VIII. Information/Action Items:

- a. Approval of Agreement between DiCello Levitt Gutzler LLC (DLG) and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item a; Dr. Luckett moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval to Suspend Policy GAAJ: Required Vaccines Testing for Employees: The Board voted to approve item b; Dr. Luckett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Agreement between 806 Technologies - TitleICrate and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item c; Dr. Luckett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Agreement between Hinds County Human Resource Agency (HCHRA) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item d; Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of the JPS-Hinds Early Learning Collaborative Grant Agreement with the Mississippi Department of Education: The Board voted to approve item e; Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Donations: The Board voted to approve item a; Dr. Luckett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, 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 9, 2022 through April 22, 2022: The Board voted to approve item b; Dr. Luckett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Mississippi Department of Health 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: Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Various Policies for Amendment/Creation/Deletion: GACO/KN - Possession of Weapons on School Grounds or at School Activities, GBEA - Contracts and Agreements for Employees, JA - Student Policy Goals, JAAB - Student Eligibility to Participate in JPS Extra-Curricular Programs, JBEG - Concussion Management and Return to Play, JBM - Permission to Leave School Before Closing Hour, JBP - Student Withdrawal from School, JBR - Certificate for Completion of Prescribed Program, JCB - Student Conduct,

JCBAAA - Student Use of Electronic Devices JCD - School Searches, JCG - Membership in Fraternities, Sororities, and Secret Societies, JCM - Student Smoking, JCR - Homeless Children and Youth, JDI - Transportation to and from School (Student Transportation), JDJ - Student Conduct on School Buses, JDK - Transportation to Special Events, JFE - Student Awards, JK - Dropout Prevention, JKB - Academic Achievement: The Board voted to approve item b; Dr. Lockett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Lockett, 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. Dr. Lockett motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Lockett, Frank Figgers, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

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

After discussion Dr. Lockett then moved, and Mr. Figgers seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to discuss the recommendations from legal counsel to authorize the filing of quantum merit actions in connection the claims for payment by 806 Technologies and K12 Insight. The motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, board attorney, Dorian Turner, and general counsel, Larissa Moore, reported to the board regarding the claim for payment by 806 Technologies for services provided the district since August 1, 2021, but no contract authorizing the services and payment was approved by the board. After discussion and questions, Cynthia Thompson moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to authorize the filing of a quantum merit action seeking court approval to pay for services provided by 806 Technologies from August 1, 2021, until the present. The motion was unanimously approved by all 4 members present.

Next, board attorney, Dorian Turner, and general counsel, Larissa Moore, reported to the board, regarding the claim for payment by K12 Insight for services provided the district since January 1, 2022, but no contract authorizing the services and payment was approved by the board. After discussion and questions, Dr. Lockett moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to authorize the filing of a quantum merit action seeking court approval to pay for services provided by K12 Insight from January 1, 2022, to April 19, 2022. That motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Dr. Lockett moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to exit executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Ed Sivak

Ed Sivak, Board President

May 20, 2022

Date

Robert Lockett

Robert Lockett, Board Secretary

May 17, 2022

Date