

Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201
Tuesday, December 20, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Frank Figgers, Member
Cynthia Thompson, Member
Letitia S. Johnson, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.
Earl Burke, Chief Operations Officer
William M. Merritt, IV., Chief of Staff
Elem., Middle & High School Asst. Supt.
Larrissa Moore, ESQ., General Counsel

Board Members via Teleconference

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member
Dr. Robert Lockett, Board 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 December 20, 2022, at 5:32 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as seven (7) members, namely, Dr. Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Dr. Robert Lockett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson participated via video/teleconference or in person.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Letitia Johnson moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED** Frank Figgers had not yet arrived.
- IV. Reading and Approving of the Minutes:
 - a. December 6, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Cynthia Thompson moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED** Frank Figgers had not yet arrived.
- V. Superintendent's Report:

Frank Figgers joined the meeting.
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:

none.
- VII. Information Only Items:
 - a. Board Member Reports
 - b. Feedback from the Principal Coaches Regarding the Clear Bag Policy
- VIII. Information/Action Item(s):
 - a. Approval of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item a. Letitia Johnson moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak,

- Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Agreement between the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Job Description for Athletics Facilities Manager: The Board voted to approve item c. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Agreement between the Boys and Girls Club of Mississippi (BGCMM) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) The Board voted to approve item d. Cynthia Thompson moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of RFP 2022-24, between the Pool of Partners (Green Ninja, and RubyK12 Consulting) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item e. Letitia Johnson moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Curriculum Associates (Ellevation) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) Program for English Learner (EL) Students: The Board voted to approve item f. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- g. Approval of Agreement between IXL and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) The Board voted to approve item g. Barbara Hilliard moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- h. Approval Agreement between Tougaloo College (TC) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) Field Experience Opportunities: The Board voted to approve item h. Letitia Johnson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- i. Approval of Agreement between the Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center (JHCHC) and Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item i. Letitia Johnson moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- j. Approval of Agreement between the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and the Jackson Public School District (Bailey APAC): The Board voted to approve item j. Barbara Hilliard moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- k. Approval of the Monthly Financial Report: The Board voted to approve item h. Letitia Johnson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Luckett, Letitia Johnson 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. Barbara Hilliard moved; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Lockett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval to Declare Specified Property as Surplus Property: The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard moved; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Lockett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item c. Barbara Hilliard moved; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Lockett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval to Reject RFP 2022-26, Standards Aligned Assessments for Student Practice and Enrichment: The Board voted to approve item d. Barbara Hilliard moved; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Lockett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of the District Test Security Plan: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Lockett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Agreement between Mississippi Families for Kids and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Lockett, Letitia Johnson and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matter: The Board voted to approve Staff Personnel as presented. Barbara Hilliard moved; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Lockett, Letitia Johnson and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

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

After discussion, Frank Figgers moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to take up for consideration and action two student discipline appeals. The motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board first took up for consideration and action the appeal of Student No. 001239435, who is recommended for suspension for 45 days at CCAS for participating in a group fight. After hearing from Student No. 001239435 and parent, Letitia Johnson moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to uphold the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

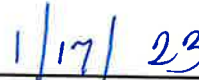
The board next took up for consideration and action the appeal of Student No. 001187283, who is recommended for suspension for 45 days at CCAS for participating in a group fight. After hearing from Student No. 001187283 and parent, Letitia Johnson moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to uphold the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

- XIII. Adjourn: Back on open session, there being no further business, Letitia Johnson moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.



Ed Sivak, Board President



Date



Robert Lockett, Board Secretary



Date