

Regular Meeting of the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201
Tuesday, August 2, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Larissa Moore, Esq., DGC
William M. Merritt, IV., Chief of Staff
Laketa Thomas, High School Asst. Supt.
Kimberly Smith, ED Teaching/Learning
Michael L. Cormack, Deputy Supt.
Earl Burke, Chief Operations Officer

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 August 2, 2022, at 5:33 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as all members, namely, President Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Jeanne M. Hairston, Dr. Robert Luckett, Frank Figgers and Cynthia Thompson participated via video/teleconference or in person.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Hairston moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Hairston, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Robert Luckett, Frank Figgers and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none.
PASSED
- IV. Superintendent's Report:
- V. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues
a. Courtney Whitfield requested to address the board; however, it was moved from public participation to consideration for executive session because it dealt with a student.
- VI. Information Only Item(s):
a. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between RethinkEd and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):
- VII. Information/Action Item(s):
a. Approval of the English Learners District Plan for the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item a. Letitia Johnson moved, Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
b. Approval of the 2022-2023 Instructional Management System for the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Hairston moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- c. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Abii - Van Robotics and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item c. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between School Status and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item d. Barbara Hilliard moved; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Hinds Community College (HCC) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for a Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment Program: The Board voted to approve item e. Dr. Hairston moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of Agreement between Taft Advisors LLC and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item f. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- g. Approval of Agreement between Core Learning, LLC and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item g. Letitia Johnson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

VIII. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of the Accounts Payable Claims and Ratification of the Travel Claims for the Period of July 9, 2022 through July 22, 2022: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - General:

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

X. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

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

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

After discussion, Dr. Hairston moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to hear from the parents of a student regarding an enrollment issue. This matter was moved from public participation to executive session because it dealt with an individual student. Board members heard from the parents for the allotted three (3) minutes and received a report from the superintendent, but took no action.

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

Adjourn: Back in 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 Luckett, Board Secretary



Date