

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

Board Members Present

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Lockett, Member
Frank Figgers, Member
Cynthia Thompson, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.
Dorian Turner, Board Attorney Robert
Larrissa Moore, Esq., DGC
William M. Merritt, IV., Chief of Staff
Elem., Middle & High School Asst. Supt.
Earl Burke, Chief Operations Officer

Board Members via Teleconference

Letitia S. Johnson, 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 September 20, 2022, at 5:33 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as six (6) members, namely, President Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Robert Lockett, Frank Figgers and Cynthia Thompson participated via video/teleconference or in person. Jeanne M. Hairston was 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: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Robert Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED** - Mr. Figgers and Barbara Hilliard had not yet joined the meeting.
- IV. Reading and Approving of the Minutes:
 - a. September 6, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Lockett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Robert Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED** - Mr. Figgers and Barbara Hilliard had not yet joined the meeting.
- V. Superintendent's Report:

Frank Figgers and Barbara Hilliard joined the meeting

- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
None
- VII. Information Only Items:
 - a. Board Member Reports:
 - b. Bond Update:
Review of Sections A and B Policies (ABC - Testing, AEAA/GADR - Paid Legal Holidays, AFA/EBAA - Emergency Closing of Schools Procedures BBBCB - School Board Member Visits to Schools, BBFF - Evaluation of

Consultants, Independent, Contractors, and Service Providers, BBF - Administrative Consultants)

VIII. Information/Action Item(s):

- a. Approval of the Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy for Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Lockett moved, Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Agreement between Liberty University and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Lockett moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Waterford Research Institute and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) - RFP 2022-21: The Board voted to approve item c. Barbara Hilliard moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of the Amended Agreement between Millcreek of Magee and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item d. Dr. Lockett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of the Amended Agreement between Millcreek of Pearl and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item e. Dr. Lockett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of the Amended Agreement between Canopy (CARES) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item f. Dr. Lockett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- g. Approval of the Jackson Public School District's School Emergency Management Plan: The Board voted to approve item g. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- h. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for Month Ended August 31, 2022: The Board voted to approve item h. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- i. Approval to Burroughs Bus Company Transportation Bus Fleet: The Board voted to approve item i. Dr. Lockett moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- j. Approval of the Engagement Letter between Butler Snow, LLP for 16th Section Properties and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted

to approve item j. Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Luckett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

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

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval to Declare Specified Property as Surplus Property: The Board voted to approve item a. Cynthia Thompson moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item b. Cynthia Thompson moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of RFP 2022-22 Data Center Refresh: The Board voted to approve item c. Cynthia Thompson moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of District to District Transfer: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Renewal Agreement between Maverick Health, LLC and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Luckett; 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. Cynthia Thompson moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

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

After discussion, Frank Figgers moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to take up the superintendent's recommendations of termination of (1) Avery Mason, and (2) Cassandra Brown, and to consider a request from General Counsel, Larissa Moore, regarding two (2) releases for the City of Jackson.

The board first took up the superintendent's recommendation of termination of Avery Mason. The board's findings and decision are set out in the order attached hereto as Exhibit ___.

Next, the board took up the superintendent's recommendation of termination of Cassandra Brown. The board's findings and decision are set out in the order attached hereto as Exhibit ___.

Finally, the board heard a report from General Counsel, Larissa Moore, regarding two (2) instances of damage to District property by the City of Jackson. The City has accepted liability for the damage and has or will compensate the district or make repairs. Attorney Moore requested authorization to execute releases to the City upon payment for and/or repair of all damages. Dr. Lockett moved to approve Attorney Moore's request, which was seconded by Barbara Hilliard, and approved unanimously.

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

Back in open session, there being no further business, Barbara Hilliard moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.

XIII. Adjourn: Back in open session, Barbara Hilliard moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.



Ed Sivak, Board President

October 7, 2022

Date



Robert Lockett, Board Secretary

October 4, 2022

Date