

Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Cynthia Thompson, Member
Frank Figgers, 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.
Larriisa Moore, ESQ., General Counsel

Board Members via Teleconference

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member
Dr. Robert Luckett, Board Member
Letitia S. Johnson, Member

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 October 18, 2022, at 5:33 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as all seven (7) members, namely, Dr. Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston and Cynthia Thompson participated via video/teleconference or in person.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Cynthia Thompson moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED** Frank Figgers and Letitia Johnson had not yet joined the meeting.
- IV. Reading and Approving of the Minutes:
 - a. October 4, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED** Frank Figgers and Letitia Johnson had not yet joined the meeting.
- V. Superintendent's Report:

Frank Figgers joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m. and Letitia Johnson joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m. during the superintendent's report.
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
 - a. McKenna Raney-Gray requested to address the Board to discuss LGBTQ issues in schools.
 - b. Erica Mannery Barker requested to address the Board to discuss LGBTQ issues in schools.
- VII. Information Only Items:

- a. Board Member Reports ~ MSBA 2023 Legislative Survey
- b. Review of Agreement between Jackson State University (JSU) as Lead University Partner and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for the Teacher Residency Program (RFP 2022-07)
- c. ESSER Update
- d. Review of the Revised Organization Charts for the Office of Finance and Operations

VIII. Information/Action Item(s):

- a. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended September 30, 2022: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Agreement between Flocabulary (Nearpod) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item b. Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of the Alcorn 4-H Extension Program for the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): 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, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of the Agreement between Amazon Future Engineer, BootUp PD 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, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of Agreement between Wilson Language Training (Core Phonics) RFP 2022-18 and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item e. Barbara Hilliard moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Lockett; 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. Frank Figgers moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Lockett; 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. Frank Figgers moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of the Rental Agreement between Jackson Public Schools and the MS Department of Agriculture and Commerce 2023 High School Graduation Exercises: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard moved;

Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Lockett; 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; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Dr. Lockett; 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, Cynthia Thompson moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to receive a report from General Counsel, Larrissa Moore, regarding the Lake Hico legal proceedings and to hear a report from the superintendent regarding a personnel disciplinary proceeding regarding an employee in the Campus Enforcement department. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board first heard a report from General Counsel, Larrissa Moore, regarding the status of the Lake Hico legal proceedings. The board took no action on this matter.

Next, the board heard a report from the superintendent regarding a personnel disciplinary proceeding regarding an employee in the Campus Enforcement department. The board took no action on this matter.

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

- XIII. Adjourn: Back in open session, there being no further business, 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, Board President

11/1/22

Date



Robert Luckett, Board Secretary

11-2-22

Date