

Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District  
Board of Trustees  
621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201  
Tuesday, November 1, 2022  
5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Dr. Ed Sivak, President  
Letitia S. Johnson, Member  
Cynthia Thompson, Member  
Frank Figgers, Member  
Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, 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

Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President

Board Members Absent

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 November 1, 2022, at 5:35 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as six (6) members, namely, Dr. Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Frank Figgers and Cynthia Thompson participated via video/teleconference or in person. Dr. Robert Lockett was absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Cynthia Thompson moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. Frank Figgers had not yet arrived. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving of the Minutes:
  - a. October 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Hairston moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, and Letitia Johnson; votes cast against the motion: none. Frank Figgers had not yet arrived. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Figgers arrived during the superintendent's report.
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:

none.
- VII. Information Only Items:
  - a. Bond Update
  - b. Review of the Annual Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
- VIII. Information/Action Item(s):

- a. Approval of the Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TAN): 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, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none.

**PASSED**

- b. Ratification of Approval to Award RFP #2022-09 District Benchmark and Formative Assessment Services to Include the Order Form: The Board voted to approve item b. Frank Figgers moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none.

**PASSED**

- c. Approval to Award RFQ 2022-04 to Fahrenheit Creative Group, LLC: The Board voted to approve item c. Cynthia Thompson moved; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- d. Approval of Agreement between the Professional Pharmacy Services (PPS) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item d. Cynthia Thompson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none.

**PASSED**

- e. Approval of the Agreement between AccelerateMS (the "Grant Intermediary") and the Jackson Public School District (the "District") in support of the AccelerateMS Career Coach Initiative: The Board voted to approve item e. Cynthia Thompson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- f. Approval of Agreement between American College Testing (ACT) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item f. Cynthia Thompson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- g. Approval of Agreement with Jackson State University (JSU) and Jackson Public School District (JPSD) to Create a Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment Middle College High School Program Office of Advanced Academics: The Board voted to approve item g. Dr. Hairston moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- h. Approval of Agreement between Instruction Partners, Inc. and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) (RFP 2022-15) Pool of Partners to Provide Content-area Support/Job Embedded Professional Development Process (Standard 20) and Administrative and Instructional Coaching: The Board voted to approve item h. Cynthia Thompson moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, 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. Letitia Johnson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- b. Approval of Various Budgets for Fiscal Year 2022-2023: The Board voted to approve item b. Letitia Johnson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none.

**PASSED**

- c. Approval of Bid 3209 Classroom Audio Enhancement: The Board voted to approve item c. Letitia Johnson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. Additional information regarding the amount of purchases will be brought to the Board at a later date. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item d. Letitia Johnson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of the 16th Section Lease Renewal Agreement between Seyed F. Toliat (Lessee) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item e. Letitia Johnson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

**X. Consent Agenda Items - General:**

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

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

After discussion, Letitia Johnson moved, and Dr. Hairston seconded the motion, to take up for consideration and action a student discipline appeal. The motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board took up for consideration and action the appeal of Student No. 001190170, who is recommended for suspension for 90 days at CCAS for participating in a group fight. After hearing from Student No. 001190170 and parent, Dr. Hairston moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to uphold the recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

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.

- 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

11/15/2022

Date



Robert Luckett, Board Secretary

11/15/2022

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