

Regular Board Meeting of
the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
December 19, 2023
5:30 p.m.

Board Members in Person

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Cynthia Thompson, Secretary
Mitch McGuffey, Member
Frank Figgers, Member
Jeanne M. Hairston, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

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

Secretary to the Board

Rosalind Williams

- I. Call to Order: Ed Sivak, Jr., Board President, called the Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on December 19, 2023, at 5:35 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as all six (6) members, namely, Dr. Ed Sivak, Jr., Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston and Cynthia Thompson were present.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Frank Figgers motioned to adopt the agenda as presented; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Mitch McGuffey; votes cast against the motion: none. Frank Figgers was absent from this vote.
- IV. Reading and Approving of the Minutes:
- a. December 5, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Mitch McGuffey moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report:
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
- a. Timothy Bracey addressed the Board regarding school closures.
b. Lillie Robinson addressed the Board regarding the Optimization Plan and the closure of Wingfield High School.
c. Constance Washington addressed the Board regarding proposed closure of Wingfield High School.
d. Hillman Frazier addressed the Board in support of the optimization plan.
e. Andrew Watson addressed the Board regarding Wingfield High School.
f. Chris Bell addressed the Board in support of the optimization plan.
g. Leroy Walker addressed the board in support of the Optimization Plan.
- VII. Information Only Item(s):
- a. Review of the 2023/2024 Jackson Public School District Test Security Plan
b. Review of the Corrective Action Plan (CAP)
c. ESSER III Monthly Update October 16 - November 15, 2023
- VIII. Information/Action Item(s):
- a. Approval of the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Hairston moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- b. Approval to Amended Policy GBED (RIF- Reduction in Force) and Procedures: The Board voted to approve item b. Frank Figgers moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Pearson and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item c. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Grant Agreement between the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item d. Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of Agreement between the Hinds County Sheriff's Department (HCSO) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item e. Mitch McGuffey moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of the 16th Section Rent Adjustment Amendment between the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District and Cannon Property Development, LLC: The Board voted to approve item f. Frank Figgers moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- g. Approval of Amended Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023-2024: The Board voted to approve item g. Dr. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- h. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended November 30, 2023 (FY2023-2024): The Board voted to approve item h. Frank Figgers moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- i. Approval of Final Optimization Plan Recommendation: Cynthia Thompson moved; Frank Figgers seconded the motion to amend item i to keep Wingfield open: votes cast for the motion: Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers and Dr. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey and Barbara Hilliard. **FAILED**
- Dr. Sivak moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion to approve the final optimization plan; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: Cynthia Thompson. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval to Designate Specified Property as Surplus Property and Approve Disposal: The Board voted to approve item a. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; 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. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers

seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

c. Approval of Re-Bid 3234 Package A ESSER Renovations for Bates, Blackburn, Cardozo, Forest Hill and Peeples Schools: The Board voted to approve item c. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

d. Approval of Final Contract Amendment for Bid 3208 Baseball and Softball Facility at Hughes Field: The Board voted to approve item d. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

a. Approval of the Revised Job Descriptions for Director, Library Services and Manager, Teacher Resource Center. The Board voted to approve item a. Frank Figgers moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none **PASSED**

b. Approval of Amended Agreement between the University of Phoenix (UoPX) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item b. Frank Figgers moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none **PASSED**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

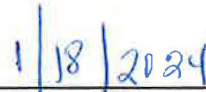
a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matter: The Board voted to approve Staff Personnel. Dr. Hairston moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none **PASSED**

XII. Consideration to Hold Executive Session: None.

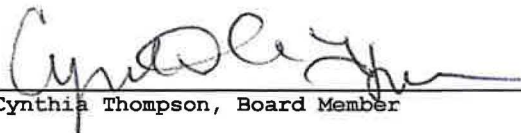
XIII. Adjourn: Frank Figgers moved, and Mitch McGuffey seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Ed Sivak, Board President



Date



Cynthia Thompson, Board Member



Date