

Regular Board Meeting of
the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
July 18, 2023
5:30 p.m.

Board Members in Person

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Cynthia Thompson, Member
Mitch McGuffey, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

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

Board Members Absent

Frank Figgers, Member
Letitia S. Johnson, Member

Board Members via Teleconference

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member

Secretary to the Board

Rosalind Williams

- I. Call to Order: Ed Sivak, Jr., Ph.D., Board President, called the Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on July 18, 2023, at 5:34 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as five (5) members, namely, Dr. Ed Sivak, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey and Cynthia Thompson were present or participated via video/teleconference. Frank Figgers and Letitia Johnson were absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Cynthia Thompson moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Jeanne M. Kairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none.
- IV. Reading and Approving of the Minutes:
June 20, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Cynthia Thompson moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
June 30, 2023, Special Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item b. Cynthia Thompson moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, 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:
None
- VII. Information/Action Item(s):
 - a. Approval of Legacy Scholars Grant Agreement with Equal Justice Initiative and Jackson Public Schools on behalf of its Career Development Center ("CDC"): The Board voted to approve item a. Cynthia Thompson moved;

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

- b. Recommendation to Approve and Ratify the Agreement between the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) and Fulton County School District and the Agreement between the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) and Cleveland Heights - University Heights City School District in connection with the Teacher and School Leader Incentive Program (TSL) Grant Application: The Board voted to approve item b. Mitch McGuffey moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- c. Approval of Agreement between University of Texas at Arlington the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item c. Mitch McGuffey moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- d. Approval of the Revised Principal & Assistant Principal Salary Schedule: The Board voted to approve item d. Mitch McGuffey moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- e. Approval of the Grant Agreement between Save the Music Foundation, Inc. and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item e. Mitch McGuffey moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- f. Approval of Agreement between Jobs for Mississippi Graduates and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item f. Mitch McGuffey moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- g. Approval of Agreement between College Board and Jackson Public School District (JPSD) : The Board voted to approve item g. Cynthia Thompson moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none PASSED
- h. Approval of RFP 2023-10 and 2023-09, Professional Development and Coaching Support for Teachers, Schools and/or District Leaders: The Board voted to approve item h. Barbara Hilliard moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none PASSED
- i. Approval of RFP #2023-06 District Benchmark and Formative Assessment Services: The Board voted to approve item i. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none PASSED
- j. Approval of Canceling and Releasing the 16th Section Lease Agreement between Jackson Public School District (Lessor) and Coachlight Inn (Lessee): The Board voted to approve item j. Dr. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston,

Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none **PASSED**

- k. Approval of Canceling and Releasing the 16th Section Lease Agreement between Jackson Public School District (Lessor) and Deep South Spring and Blade (Lessee): The Board voted to approve item k. Dr. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none **PASSED**

- l. Approval of Canceling and Releasing the 16th Section Lease Agreement between Jackson Public School District (Lessor) and Metro Tower Services (Lessee): The Board voted to approve item l. Dr. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none **PASSED**

- m. Approval of Canceling and Releasing the 16th Section Lease Agreement between Jackson Public Schools (Lessor) and Moran Canvas Products, Inc., (Lessee): The Board voted to approve item m. Dr. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none **PASSED**

VIII. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval to Accept Donations from Various Donors: The Board voted to approve item a. Cynthia Thompson moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, 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. Cynthia Thompson moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; 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. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, and Barbara Hilliard; 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. Barbara Hilliard moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Barbara Hilliard, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XI. Consideration to Hold Executive Session: None.

- XII. Adjourn: Cynthia Thompson moved, and Mitch McGuffey seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



Ed Sivak, Board President

8/1/2023

Date



Cynthia Thompson, Board Member

8/1/2023

Date