

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

Board Members in Person

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member
Mitch McGuffey, Member

Board Member via Teleconference

Cynthia Thompson, Member
Frank Figgers, Member

Board Members Absent

Letitia S. Johnson, Member

Secretary to the Board

Rosalind Williams

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
William M. Merritt, IV., Chief of Staff
Elem., Middle & High School Asst. Supt.

- I. Call to Order: Ed Sivak, Jr., Board President, called the Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on September 5, 2023, at 5:34 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as six (6) members, namely, Dr. Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston and Cynthia Thompson were present or participated via video/teleconference. Cynthia Thompson joined the meeting at 5:58 p.m. Letitia Johnson was absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Mitch McGuffey moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Jeanne M. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. Cynthia Thompson had not arrived.
- IV. Reading and Approving of the Minutes:
August 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
Cynthia Thompson had not arrived.
- V. Superintendent's Report:
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
None.
- VII. Information Only Item(s):
 - a. Bond Update
 - b. Testing Irregularities Investigation Update

Cynthia Thompson joined the meeting.
- VIII. Information/Action Item(s):
 - a. Approval of Recommendation to Consolidate Whitten Middle School with Peoples Middle School: The Board voted to approve item a. 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**

- b. Approval of the Data Sharing Agreement between Teach For America, Inc and Jackson Public Schools: The Board voted to approve item b, Mitch McGuffey moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Mississippi Employer Assisted Housing Teacher Program Loan Agreement: The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Network Partnership and BEI Partnership with The National Center of Teacher Residencies: The Board voted to approve item d. Cynthia Thompson moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval to Award RFP #2023-14 K-12 Core Curriculum Digital Resources, The Board voted to approve item e. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of Job Descriptions for Network Administrator and IT Services Administrator: The Board voted to approve item f. 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**
- g. Approval of Agreement between Defined Learning and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) to Provide Curriculum K-12 International Baccalaureate Programs: The Board voted to approve item g. Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Hairston 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**
- h. Approval of Agreement between Grade Results and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Online and Blended Learning: The Board voted to approve item h. Mitch McGuffey moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none **PASSED**
- i. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Microsoft Corporation (TEALS) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item i. Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none **PASSED**
- j. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Millcreek Schools-Magee, LLC and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item j. Dr. Hairston 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**
- k. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Millcreek Schools-Pearl, LLC and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item k. Dr. Hairston 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**

1. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitative Services (MDRS) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item 1. Dr. Hairston 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**

- m. Approval of Model Whole School (MWS) Grant for the 2023-2024 school year: The Board voted to approve item m. Barbara Hilliard moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- n. Approval of the Photography Vendor List for the 2023-2024 School Year: The Board voted to approve item n. Mitch McGuffey moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- o. Approval to Amend Agreement between Communities in Schools, Inc. and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item 0. Mitch McGuffey moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval to Accept Donations from Various Donors: The Board voted to approve item a. 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**

- b. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item b. 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**

- c. Approval of Bid 3240 Computer and Technology Devices for Various Vendors: The Board voted to approve item c. 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**

- d. Approval of Bid 3241 ESSER Program Classroom Upgrades for Career Development Center: The Board voted to approve item d. 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**

- e. Approval of Agreement between the MS Department of Finance and Administration from HB603 Trade Shop Repairs and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item e. 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**

- f. Approval of Agreement between the MS Department of Finance and Administration from RB603 Renovation and the Jackson Public School District (JESD): The Board voted to approve item f. 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**

- g. Approval of Agreement between the MS Department of Finance and Administration from HB603 To Resurface and Restripe the Parking Lot and the Jackson Public School District JPSD): 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**

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

XI. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

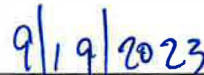
- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matter: The Board voted to approve Staff Personnel as presented. Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none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

XII. Consideration to Hold Executive Session: None.

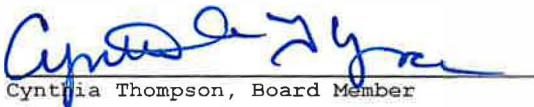
- XIII. Adjourn: Dr. Hairston moved, and Mitch McGuffey seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



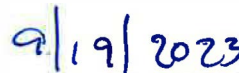
Ed Sivak, Board President



Date



Cynthia Thompson, Board Member



Date