

Regular Board Meeting of
the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
January 18, 2024
5:30 p.m.

Board Members in Person

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Cynthia Thompson, Secretary
Mitch McGuffey, Member
Frank Figgers, 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
Elem., Middle & High School Asst. Supt.
Dr. William M. Merritt, Chief of Staff

Board Members via Teleconference

Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member

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 January 18, 2024, at 5:36 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 participated in person or via teleconference. Mr. Figgers joined the meeting at 5:37
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Sivak motioned to approve the agenda, excluding Item I-4; Mitch McGuffey 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 19, 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, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. Frank Figgers was absent from this vote. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report:
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
 - a. Herb Sanders requested to address the Board regarding high school baseball.
- VII. Information Only Item(s):
 - a. ESSER III Monthly Update October 16, 2023 - November 15, 2023
 - b. Student Board Presentation (Murrah High School)
- VIII. Information/Action Item(s):
 - a. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between the National Education Equity Lab and Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for a Dual Enrollment Program: The Board voted to approve item a. Frank Figgers 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 of the Renewal Agreement between Medcor and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item b. 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**
- c. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended December 31, 2023 (FY2023-2024): The Board voted to approve item c. 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**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval to Designate Specified Property as Surplus Property and Approve Disposal: 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 Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item b. 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**
- c. Approval of Bid 3249 Capital City Alternative ESSER Renovations: 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. Rejection of Bid 3248 John Hopkins ESSER Canopy: The Board voted to approve item d. 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**
- e. Approval of Contract Adjustment #1 for Bid 3221 Pecan Park Elementary School ESSER Renovations: The Board voted to approve item e. 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**
- f. Approval of Final Contract Adjustment for Bid 3216 Renovations to Ida B. Wells APAC School: The Board voted to approve item f. 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**

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of the 2023/2024 Jackson Public School District Test Security Plan: 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 the Corrective Action Plan (CAP): 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**

c. Approval of District to District Transfer (Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item c. 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. Mitch McGuffey moved; Cynthia Thompson 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: Frank Figgers moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved by all 6 members present.

Frank Figgers moved, and Jeanne Hairston seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to consider and act on an employee termination recommendation. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board took up the superintendent's recommendation of termination of C. Beasley. The board's findings and decision are set out in the order attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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.

Back in open session, there being no further business, Frank Figgers moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.



Ed Sivak, Board President

2/6/24

Date



Cynthia Thompson, Board Member

2/6/24

Date