

Regular Board Meetings of
the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
February 20, 2024
5:30 p.m.

Board Members in Person

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

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

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

Board Members Absent

Cynthia Thompson, Secretary

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 February 20, 2024, at 5:34 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as five (5) members, namely, Dr. Ed Sivak, Jr., Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, and Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, participated in person. Mr. Figgers joined the meeting at 5:39 p.m. Cynthia Thompson was absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Barbara Hilliard motioned to approve the agenda as presented; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, 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. February 6, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Hairston moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, 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:
None
- VII. Information Only Item(s):
 - a. ESSER III Monthly Update December 16, 2023 - January 15, 2024
 - b. Student Board Presentation (JTECHS High School)
 - c. Review of Various Policies for Amendment and Creation: GACN - Sexual Harassment (Procedures); GBEJ - Leaving Contract Prior to Final Date of Contract IDB - Accreditation (Procedures); JCG - Membership in Fraternities, Sororities, & Secret Societies KA - School-Community Relations Goals; and Creation of Banning Individuals from District Property & Activities
 - d. Review of School Improvement Benchmark Results for Identified Schools
 - e. Discipline Data/Joyful Learning Updates
- VIII. Information/Action Item(s):
 - a. Approval of Consulting Service Agreement with Resultz Biz for Project Management Services: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard

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

- b. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended January 31, 2024 (FY 2023-2024): The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, 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. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, 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, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval to Reject Bid 3251 ESSER Jim Hill Window Replacements and Restroom: 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, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of Bid 3252 Renovations for Provine High School: 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, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of Bid 3253 ESSER Renovations for Murrah High School: The Board voted to approve item e. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Old Capitol Inn and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Callaway High School Prom: 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, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Old Capitol Inn and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Murrah High School Prom: 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, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Old Capitol Inn and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Wingfield High School Prom: 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, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none.

PASSED

- d. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Jackson Convention Complex and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Provine High School Prom: 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, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- e. Approval of the Agreement between Icehouse and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Forest Hill High School Prom: 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, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- f. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between MS e-Center at JSU and the Jackson Public School District (Lanier High School Prom Contract): 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, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- g. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between MS e-Center at JSU and the Jackson Public School District (Jim Hill High School Prom Contract): 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, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

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

- i. Approval of District-to-District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item i. Dr. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, 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 item a. Frank Figgers moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; 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.

Enter Executive Session: Mitch McGuffey moved, and Dr. Hairston seconded the motion to enter executive session to consider a student discipline appeal.

In executive session, the Board took up the recommendation of suspension for forty-five (45) days, with placement at Capital City Alternative School, of Student No. 001295043 for physically attacking a student. After hearing from the student, parent and district administration and discussing the matter, Dr. Sivak moved, and Dr. Hairston seconded the motion, to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation to suspend Student No. 001295043 for 45 days

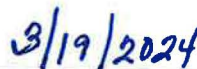
with placement at the alternative school for physically attacking a student. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Frank Figgers moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion to exit executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

XIII. Adjourn: Back in open session, there being no further business, Frank Figgers moved, and Dr. Hairston seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned.



Ed Sivak, Board President



Date



Cynthia Thompson, Board Member



Date