

Regular Board Meeting of
the Jackson Public School District

November 7, 2024, at 05:30 PM

Board Present

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

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dorian Turner, ESQ., Board Attorney
Larissa Harris, ESQ., General Counsel
Network Assistant Superintendent(s)
Dr. William Merritt, IV, Chief of Staff
Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.
Earl Burke, CFOO

MINUTES

I. Call to Order: Dr. Sivak, Board President, called the Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on November 7, 2024, at 5:32 P.M.

II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established when all six (6) members, namely Ed Sivak, Jeanne M. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, and Barbara Hilliard, attended the meeting in person. Frank Figgers arrived at 5:38 p.m., and Cynthia Thompson arrived at 5:40 p.m.

III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as presented; motion by Jeanne M. Hairston, seconded by Barbara Hilliard, votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes

- A. November 7, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

V. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Greene presented his report.

VI. Public Participation for General Comments and / or Proposed Issues:

- A. Maxine Gibson requested to address the Board regarding excessive child school suspension, 2) harassment, 3) abuse from students and staff, and 4) complaint on staff member Mr. Jordan. This comment was taken up in the executive session.

VII. Information Items Only:

A. Board Member Report | Ed Sivak, Jr. Ph.D. | Board President

B. Introduction of Student Board Representatives | Laketia Marshall-Thomas Assistant Superintendent, High School Division

C. Review of Policy GACI – Workday and Attendance | Larrissa C. Harris, Esq., General Counsel

D. Review of the Renewal of the Student Blanket Liability Insurance for Students at Lanier | Larrissa C. Harris, Esq., General Counsel

VIII. Information / Action Items:

A. Approval to Waive the Conflict of Interest Disclosed by Butler Snow Law Firm Relating to their Representation of JP Morgan Chase Bank in Connection with JPS's Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note | Larrissa C. Harris, Esq., General Counsel: The Board voted to approve item a. Cynthia Thompson moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

B. Approval of the Amendment between PowerSchool and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) | Faith R. Strong, Ph.D. Director of Data Management & Enrollment Services | Office of Data & Accountability: The Board voted to approve item b. Cynthia Thompson moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

C. Approval of the Agreement between The University of Southern Mississippi Educational Research & Administration (ERA) program and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) | Tommy Nalls, Jr. Ed.D., SHRM-SCP Director of Recruitment: The Board voted to approve item c. Cynthia Thompson moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

D. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between the National Education Equity Lab and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for a Dual Enrollment Program - Laketia Marshall-Thomas Assistant Superintendent, High School Division: The Board voted to approve item d. Cynthia Thompson moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

E. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Tougaloo College (TC) for Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) | Laketia Marshall-Thomas Assistant Superintendent, High School Division: The Board voted to approve item e. Cynthia Thompson moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

F. Approval of Amendment to 2024-2025 Instructional Management System | Kimberly M. Smith, Ed.D. Executive Director | Office of Teaching Learning: The Board voted to approve item f. Cynthia Thompson moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

G. Approval of the Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TAN) in the Amount of \$20,000,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 | Earl Burke, Chief Operations Officer: The Board voted to approve item g. Cynthia Thompson moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

H. Request to Award RFQ 2023-03 - Energy Savings Performance Contracting Services | Earl Burke, Chief Operations Officer: The Board voted to approve item h. Cynthia Thompson moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

I. Approval of the Agreement between Hinds County Sheriff's Office and Jackson Public School District | Chief Charles McInnis, Executive Director of Campus Enforcement: The Board voted to approve item i. Cynthia Thompson moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

A. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds | Mrs. Margaret Purnell, Executive Director of Business Services: The Board voted to approve item a. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

B. Approval of Bid 3264 Hardy Mechanical Electrical and Plumbing Renovations: New Central Plant | Sandra Robinson, Executive Director of Facilities Operations: The Board voted to approve item b. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

C. Approval to Accept Donations from Various Donors | Margaret Purnell, Executive Director of Business Services: The Board voted to approve item c. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

D. Approval to Extend RPM Pizza Central MS, LLC Agreement (Bid 3247) | Marc Rowe, Executive Director of Child Nutrition: The Board voted to approve item d. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

A. Approval of Various Policies for Amendment | IGC/JBR: Graduation Requirements; and for Deletion | IGC/JBR: Certificate of Completion for Prescribed Program (Policy & Procedures) | Larissa C. Harris, Esq., General Counsel: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

XI. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel

A. Approval of Personnel | Sandra Lyons | Executive Director of Human Resources: The Board voted to approve item A as presented. Mitch McGuffey moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Frank Figgers moved, and Jeanne M. Hairston seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

In Closed Session: Barbara Hilliard then moved, and Jeanne M. Hairston seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to take up one (1) public comment, (2) student discipline hearing, and (3) to receive an update regarding an update of Lake Hico. The motion was unanimously approved.

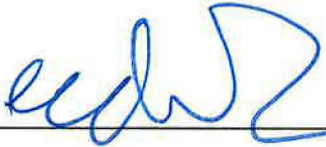
In Executive Session: The Board first heard from Maxine Gibson. The board took no action on the matter.

Next, the board received a report regarding student discipline hearing. Mitch McGuffey motioned, and Cynthia Thompson seconded to uphold the committee's recommendation.

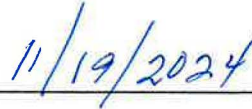
Finally, the board received a report from Dr. Greene and General Counsel, Larissa Harris, regarding Lake Hico. The board took no action on the matter.

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.


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



Signature of Board President Ed Sivak



Date



Attested by Board Secretary Cynthia Thompson



Date