

# Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District Jackson Public Schools

November 19, 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 19, 2024, at 5:38 P.M.

II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with five (5) members present, namely Ed Sivak, Jeanne M. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard. Frank Figgers arrived later at 5:48 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, Cynthia Thompson and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. Frank Figgers had not arrived yet. **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, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. Frank Figgers had not arrived yet. **PASSED**

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

VI Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Issues: None.

## VII Information Items Only:

A. ESSER III Monthly Update for September 16, 2024 - October 15, 2024 | Warren Bowen, Triage Facility Consultants

B. Student Board Presentation (Murrah High School) | Laketia Marshall-Thomas Assistant Superintendent, High School Division

VIII Information / Action Items:

A. Approval of the Advanced Education Research & Development Fund Assessment for Good (AFG) Program with the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) | Amanda D. Thomas, Ed. S., Executive Director of Climate and Wellness: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard 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 Agreement between the Honest Game Corporation and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) | Kennieth Green | Executive Director of Athletics: The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard 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 of Agreement between East Mississippi Center for Educational Development (EMCED) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) | David Schommer, M.Ed. Grant Manager: The Board voted to approve item c. Barbara Hilliard 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 of Memorandum of Understanding between the Community Foundation for Mississippi (NEA Foundation) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) | David Schommer, M.Ed. Grant Manager: The Board voted to approve item d. Barbara Hilliard 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**

E. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Stepping Stones and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) | Talatha Bingham-Gibbs, Ed.D., CCC-SLP Executive Director | Exceptional Education Services: The Board voted to approve item e. Barbara Hilliard 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**

F. Approval of Preliminary Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended October 31, 2024 (FY2024-2025) | Margaret Purnell, Executive Director of Business Services: The Board voted to approve item f. Barbara Hilliard 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**

IX CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

A. Approval of Contract Adjustment 001 | Increase \$53,984.46 Bid 3256 Restroom Upgrades for the Career Development Center | Sandra Robinson Executive Director | Facilities Operations: The Board voted to approve item a. Mitch McGuffey 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 Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds | Margaret Purnell, Executive Director of Business Services: The Board voted to approve item b. Mitch McGuffey 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 to Designate Specified Property as Surplus Property and Approve Disposal | Wilton "Chuck" Jackson, Executive Director of Assets and Property: The Board voted to approve item c. Mitch McGuffey 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 to Award RFP Bid #3265 Bimbo Bakeries USA | Marc Rowe, Executive Director of Child Nutrition: The Board voted to approve item d. Mitch McGuffey 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 to Award RFP Bid #3266 to Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. | Marc Rowe, Executive Director of Child Nutrition: The Board voted to approve item e. Mitch McGuffey 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 to Reject RFP 2024-08, Tutoring Support to Students | Rajeeni Scott, Ph.D. Executive Director of School Support: The Board voted to approve item f. Mitch McGuffey 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**

**X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:**

A. Approval of Policy GACI - Workday and Attendance | Larrissa C. Harris, Esq., General Counsel: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey 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 Renewal of the Student Blanket Liability Insurance for Students at Lanier | Larrissa C. Harris, Esq., General Counsel: The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey 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 | Saundra Lyons | Executive Director of Human Resources: The Board voted to approve item a. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard 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 Mitch McGuffey seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

In Closed Session: Frank Figgers then moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to take up (1) a request for litigation settlement authority, (2) a request to file a quantum meruit action, and (3) pending legal issues and potential litigation regarding Lake Hico. The motion was unanimously approved.

In Executive Session: The Board first received a report and request from Dr. Greene and General Counsel, Larrissa Harris, to file a quantum meruit action seeking authority to pay Curriculum Associates for the district's use of the Ellevation

subscription service. After discussion, Barbara Hilliard moved, and Mitch McGuffey seconded to motion, to approve the request. The motion was unanimously approved.

Next, the board received a report and request from the General Counsel, Larissa Harris, for authority to settle the Nicquavious Glover litigation for \$28,750. After discussion, Jeanne Hairston moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to approve the request. The motion was unanimously approved.

Finally, the board received a report from and discussed with counsel from Morrison Foerster pending legal issues and potential litigation regarding Lake Hico. The board took no action on the matter.

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

  
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Signature of Board President, Ed Sivak

3 DEC 2024  
Date

  
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Attested by Board Secretary, Cynthia Thompson

3 DEC 2024  
Date