

# Virtual Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District

January 21, 2025, at 05:30 PM

## Board Members via teleconference

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 January 21, 2025, at 5:31 P.M.

II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with all (6) members participating via teleconference: Ed Sivak, Jeanne M. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, and Barbara Hilliard. Mitch McGuffey joined later, at 5:33 p.m.

III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as presented; motion by Jeanne M. Hairston, seconded by Cynthia Thompson, votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Frank Figgers, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. Mitch McGuffey had not arrived yet. **PASSED**

## IV. Reading and Approving Minutes

- A. Approval of January 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Barbara Hilliard moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. Mitch McGuffey had not arrived yet. **PASSED**

## V. Superintendent's Remarks

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

## VII. Information Items Only:

- A. School Improvement Update:

## VIII. Information / Action Items:

- A. Approval of the Terms of Services for Reading Horizons (RFP2024-17): The Board voted to approve item a. Cynthia Thompson 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 to Rescind the Agreement (Paper) the Board Adopted at its July 26, 2024, Special Board Meeting and Replace with the Current Agreement because the

State is now Paying for Grades 7-12: The Board voted to approve item b. Cynthia Thompson 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**

- C. Approval of the Service Agreement between the Growing Tree and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item c. Cynthia Thompson 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**
- D. Approval of the Renewal Agreement with Medcor and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item d. Cynthia Thompson 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**
- E. Approval of the Agreement between the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item e. Cynthia Thompson 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**
- F. Approval of the Cancellation of the Sixteenth Section Lease Agreement between Jackson Public School District (Lessor) and William Joseph Banks and Connie Perez Banks (Lessee): The Board voted to approve item f. Cynthia Thompson 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**
- G. Approval of the Sixteenth Section Lease Agreement between Jackson Public School District (Lessor) and Hughes Auto Body & Towing (Lessee): The Board voted to approve item g. Cynthia Thompson 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**
- H. Approval of Preliminary Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended December 31, 2024 (FY2024-2025): The Board voted to approve item h. Cynthia Thompson 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**
- I. Approval of Fuelman Services: The Board voted to approve item i. Cynthia Thompson 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**
- J. Approval of First Consulting Professional Agreement: The Board voted to approve item j. Cynthia Thompson 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**
- K. Approval of Round II of the Repurposing Initiative: The Board voted to approve item K. Jeanne M. Hairston motioned to approve GCHP & CSE as the sole responder with whom the District will enter into exclusive negotiation for the sale and purchase of Poindexter Elementary School; 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**

**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 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 to Accept Donations from Various Donors:** 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**

**C. Approval to Reject Bid RFP 2024-11, JPS Decommissioned Building Security:** The Board voted to approve item c. 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**

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

**E. Approval to Reject Bid RFP 2024-23, District-Wide Camera Security:** The Board voted to approve item e. 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**

**F. Approval of Contract Adjustment 002 for Bid 3256 Restroom Upgrades for the Career Development Center:** The Board voted to approve item f. 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**

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

**A. Approval of Various Policies for Amendment | IGA - Grading System and GAEE - Anti-Bullying Policy for Employees:** 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**

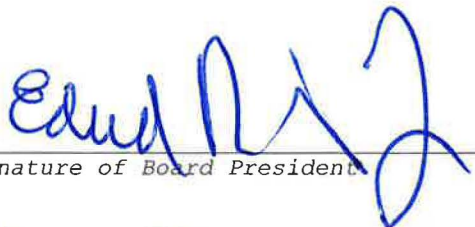
**B. Approval of the Jackson Public School District's 2024-2025 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP):** The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Barbara Hilliard, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. **PASSED**

**XI. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel**

**A. Approval of Personnel Matters:** 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**

XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: None

XIII. Adjournment: There being no further business, Cynthia Thompson moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

  
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Signature of Board President

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