

Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Jackson Public School District

February 18, 2025, at 05:30 PM

Board Members Present

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

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 February 18, 2025, at 5:33 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with all six (6) members present: Ed Sivak, Jeanne M. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard were in person. Cynthia Thompson joined the meeting in person at 5:50 p.m.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as presented; motion by Mitch McGuffey, seconded by Frank Figgers, votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion were none. Cynthia Thompson had not arrived yet. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes:
- A. February 4, 2025, Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item a. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. Cynthia Thompson had not arrived yet. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Remarks: Dr. Greene presented his report.
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Issues: None

The Board voted to amend the agenda to remove items VII-B from it. Frank Figgers motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded. Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston cast votes for the motion; none cast votes against it. Cynthia Thompson had not arrived yet. **PASSED**

Cynthia Thompson arrived at the meeting.

VII. Information Items Only:

A. Student Board Presentation (Callaway High School):

B. School Improvement Board Updates (Removed from agenda)

C. Review of Various Policies for Amendment | JBL: Minimum School Day, Attendance, Tardiness and Excuses

D. Review of the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar for the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)

VIII. Information / Action Items:

A. Approval of the Amended Service Agreement between Reconstruction US INC. and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item a. Frank Figgers moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none.

PASSED

B. Approval of the Renewal of William Carey University as Lead University Partner and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for the TEACH JPS Residency Program (RFP 2024-03): The Board voted to approve item b. Cynthia Thompson moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

C. Approval of Recruitment Incentive Addendum for School Year 2025-2026: The Board voted to approve item c. Barbara Hilliard moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

D. Approval of the 16th Section Lease Agreement between Jackson Public School District (Lessor) and S&S Apache Camping Center, Inc. (Lessee) The Board voted to approve item d. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

E. Approval of the 16th Section Lease Agreement between Jackson Public School District (Lessor) and Eric Baggett (Lessee): The Board voted to approve item e. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

F. Approve a Consent and Estoppel Agreement between Jackson Public School District (Lessor) and Cannon Property Development, LLC (Lessee): The Board voted to approve item f. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

G. Approval of Preliminary Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended January 31, 2025 (FY2024-2025): The Board voted to approve item g. Mitch McGuffey moved; Barbara Hilliard second; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

H. Request to Rescind the Approval of RFP Proposals for Surplus School Properties for Chastain: The Board voted to approve item h. Cynthia Thompson moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; 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. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; 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. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- C. Approval of Bid 3268 (Line items 1-2 and 4-23) for Computer and Technology Devices for Various Vendors and to Reject all bids on Lenovo Think Pad USB C Dock line item 3: The Board voted to approve item c. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - General

- A. Approval of District-to-District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item a. Frank Figgers moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- B. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between Old Capitol Inn and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Murrah High School's 2025 Prom: The Board voted to approve item b. Frank Figgers moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- C. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between VenU by Roseburgh and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Callaway High School's 2025 Prom: The Board voted to approve item c. Frank Figgers moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- D. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between E-Center and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Lanier High School's 2025 Prom: The Board voted to approve item d. Frank Figgers moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- E. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between RSVP ICE House and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Forest Hill High School's 2025 Prom: The Board voted to approve item e. Frank Figgers moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- F. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between RSVP ICE House and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Jim Hill High School's 2025 Prom: The Board voted to approve item f. Frank Figgers moved; Mitch McGuffey

seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

G. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between RSVP ICE House and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Provine High School's 2025 Prom: The Board voted to approve item g. Frank Figgers moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

H. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between RSVP ICE House and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item h. Frank Figgers moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

I. Approval of the Use of Facility Agreement between RSVP ICE House and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for the Highlights Awards Ceremony: The Board voted to approve item i. Frank Figgers moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**


J. Approval of the Amendment of the Strategic Goal for Kindergarten Readiness: The Board voted to approve item j. Frank Figgers moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XI. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel:

A. Approval of Personnel Matters: The Board voted to approve item a. Mitch McGuffey moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: None.

XIII. Adjourn: Frank Figgers moved, and Jeanne M. Hairston seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Signature of Board President

3/6/25

Date



Attested by Board Secretary

3/6/25

Date