

Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Jackson Public School District

April 3, 2025, at 05:30 PM

Board Members Present

Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Cynthia Thompson, Secretary
Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston
Frank Figgers, Member
Mitch McGuffey, Member
Burbette Taylor

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

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

Board Member Absent

Dr. Ed Sivak, Jr., Board President

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Barbara Hilliard, Board Vice President, called the Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on April 3, 2025, at 5:32 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with six (6) members participating in person: Barbara Hilliard, Jeanne M. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, and Burbette Taylor were present; Frank Figgers joined the meeting in person at 5:32 p.m. and Cynthia Thompson joined at 5:46 p.m. Ed Sivak was absent from the meeting.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as presented; the motion was made by Jeanne M. Hairston, seconded by Mitch McGuffey, and the votes cast for the motion were Barbara Hilliard, Burbette Taylor, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. Cynthia Thompson and Frank Figgers had not arrived yet. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes:
- A. March 18, 2025, Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item a. Mitch McGuffey moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Barbara Hilliard, Burbette Taylor, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. Cynthia Thompson and Frank Figgers had not arrived yet. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Remarks: Dr. Greene presented his remarks.
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Issues: None.
- VII. Information Items Only:
- A. Student Board Presentation (Provine High School)
B. McKinney-Vento Program Update
C. Graduation Rates Updates
- VIII. Information / Action Items:
- A. Approval of RFP 2024-04 - JPS Teacher Certification Program: The Board voted to approve item A. Cynthia Thompson moved, and Frank Figgers seconded. The votes cast for the motion were Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Votes cast

against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- B. Approval of the Grant Agreement between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item B. Cynthia Thompson moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion. The votes cast for the motion were Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- C. Approval of the Job Description for Director, Wells APAC: The Board voted to approve item C. Cynthia Thompson moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion. The votes cast for the motion were Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- D. Approval of Legacy Scholars Grant Agreement with Equal Justice Initiative and Jackson Public Schools (Career Development Center): The Board voted to approve item D. Cynthia Thompson moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion. The votes cast for the motion were Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- E. Approval to Rescind Acceptance of Proposal for Wingfield: The Board voted to approve item E. Cynthia Thompson moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion. The votes cast for the motion were Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

- A. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item A. Jeanne M. Hairston moved, and Mitch McGuffey seconded the motion. The votes cast for the motion were Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - General

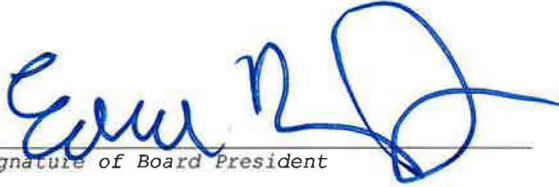
- A. Approval of the Facilities Use Agreement between Jackson State University and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Year End Promotion Program for Blackburn Middle: The Board voted to approve item A. Mitch McGuffey moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded. The votes cast for the motion were Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- B. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Educators in Residence Program and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item B. Mitch McGuffey moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded. The votes cast for the motion were Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, 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. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Cynthia Thompson second; votes cast for the motion were Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: Frank Figgers moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned.



Signature of Board President

15 April 2025

Date



Attested by Board Secretary

15 April 2025

Date