

Regular Board Meeting of
the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
May 2, 2023
5:30 p.m.

Board Members in person

Dr. Robert Luckett, Board Member
Letitia S. Johnson, Member
Cynthia Thompson, Member
Frank Figgers, Member
Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Larrissa Moore, ESQ., General Counsel
Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.
Earl Burke, Chief Operations Officer
William M. Merritt, IV., Chief of Staff
Elem., Middle & High School Asst. Supt.

Board Members via Teleconference

Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Dr. Ed Sivak, President

Secretary to the Board

Rosalind Williams

- I. Call to Order: Dr. Robert Luckett, Board Secretary, called the Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on May 2, 2023, at 5:32 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as all seven (7) members, namely, Dr. Ed Sivak, Dr. Robert Luckett, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia S. Johnson, and Cynthia Thompson were present or participated via video/teleconference. Mr. Figgers joined the meeting at 5:46 p.m.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Cynthia Thompson moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none.
- IV. Reading and Approving of the Minutes:
April 18, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Cynthia Thompson moved; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report:
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
 - a. Bobby Brown requested to address the Board to discuss schools.
 - b. Dr. Valarie Bradley requested to address the Board to discuss schools.
 - c. Erica Scott requested to address the Board to discuss Pecan Park.
 - d. Dr. Lillie Stewart-Robinson requested to speak with the Board to discuss the proposed consolidation and school repairs.
 - e. Dr. Ruby Funchess requested to address the Board regarding the renaming of Powell Middle School back to Brinkley Middle School.
 - f. Cornelius Thompson requested to speak to the Board restoring the name of Brinkley Middle School back to the original building at 3655 Livingston Road.
 - g. Lee Bernard requested to address the Board in support of the Lanier merger
 - h. Keyatta Moses requested to speak with the Board on her behalf regarding her teaching license - breach of contract (board item L-2 under personnel). This item was transferred to executive session.

VII. Information Only Item (s):

- a. Student Board Presentation (Lanier High School)
- b. Bond/ESSER Update
- c. Review of Resolution Naming Lanier Basketball Court - Thomas Billups Court
- d. Review of the Rental Agreement between Jackson State University (JSU) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for our Annual JPS Convocation
- e. Review of Renewal Agreements (Reconstruction, Greater Jackson Arts Council, Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, Genesis and Light, Toot, Teach & Roll, Amiable Arts, Sports Paradise Fitness & Fundamentals, Parents for Public Schools Jackson (Ask for More), Global Gateways, Corporation for Global Community Development, JSU Kids Kollege, Bean Path, Test Taking Solution and Sylvan Learning Center for Summer Programs for the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
- f. Update on the Plan for Temporary School Relocations

VIII. Information/Action Item(s):

- a. Approval of the Proposal to Consolidate Baker and Shirley Elementary Schools and to Close Baker Elementary School: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Hairston moved; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Proposal to Reconfigure Lanier High School and to Close Brinkley Middle School: Mr. Figgers motioned to accept the recommendation to reconfigure Lanier High School inclusive of the Brinkley Middle School students; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of the Supplemental Grant Agreement with Equal Justice Initiative and Jackson Public Schools for Provine High School: The Board voted to approve item c. Cynthia Thompson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of the Agreement between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item d. Dr. Hairston moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Dr. Luckett, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval of Agreement between US Department of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education and Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Mental Health Service Professional (MHSP): The Board voted to approve item e. Dr. Hairston moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval of Agreement between Consulting Plus, LLC., and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item f. Dr. Hairston moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- g. Approval of the Engagement Letter with Watts & Watts (Renewal): The Board voted to approve item g. Letitia Johnson moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- h. Approval of Engagement between The Law Offices of Anne T. Nguyen, Attorneys at Law and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item h. Letitia Johnson moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; 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. Letitia Johnson moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval to Award Bid 3225 (04-11-23) Renovations to Bailey APAC Middle School: The Board voted to approve item b. Letitia Johnson moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of Policy AEAA/GADR - Legal Holidays: The Board voted to approve item a. Frank Figgers moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Agreement between Mississippi Smiles Dentistry and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item b. Frank Figgers moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Tougaloo College (TC) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for the continuation of the JPS-Tougaloo Early College High School Program: The Board voted to approve item c. Frank Figgers moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Luckett, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

- a. Approval of Staff Personnel Matter: The Board voted to approve Staff Personnel as presented. Dr. Sivak moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Cynthia Thompson and Dr. Luckett; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- XII. Consideration to Hold Executive Session: Frank Figgers moved, and Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to (1) hear a statement from Ms. Keyatta Moses, whose statement to the board was moved from public participation to executive session because it was about her

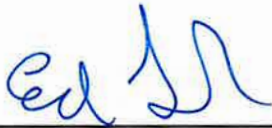
performance as a district employee, and (2) to take up for action the superintendent's recommendation of termination of S. Thomas. The motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board first called for Ms. Moses to make her statement. However, Ms. Moses became ill during the meeting and had to leave, so she provided a copy of her statement to board attorney, Dorian Turner, who read it to the board. The board took no action on this matter.

Next, the board took up the recommendation of termination of S. Thomas. The board's findings and decision are set out in the order attached to these executive session minutes as Exhibit A.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Letitia Johnson moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion to exit executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

XIII. Adjourn: Back on open session, there being no further business, Barbara Hilliard moved, and Dr. Hairston seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.



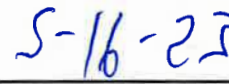
Ed Sivak, Board President



Date



Robert Lockett, Board Secretary



Date