

**Jackson County Board of Education  
Minutes of Special Called Meeting  
Sylva, North Carolina  
Central Office**

398 Hospital Drive

August 11, 2020

6:00 p.m.

The Jackson County Board of Education met in a Special Called Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, in the board room of the Central Office, 398 Hospital Road, Sylva, NC. The following members were present via telephone and/or online platform:

Ali Laird-Large, Board Chairperson  
Margaret McRae  
Dr. Kevin Bailey, Executive Director of Human Resources

The following members were present:

Elizabeth Cooper, Vice-Chair  
Wes Jamison  
Abigail Clayton

Also present were Dr. Kimberly Elliott, Superintendent; Dr. Tony Tipton, Interim Superintendent; Jacob Buchanan, Assistant Superintendent; Chris Campbell, Board Attorney; Jeremiah Jackson, Chief Technology Officer; and Cora Fields, Board Assistant.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Alison Laird-Large, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Laird-Large led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Abigail Clayton, the board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.*

**INFORMATION AGENDA**

1. **Agenda Item:** Athletics Information  
**Presenter:** Dr. Kevin Bailey, Executive Director of Human Resources

Dr. Bailey updated the board on the current state of the JCPS athletic conditioning program. He stated that Phase 2 is progressing well, and students are enjoying the additional use of athletic equipment. Dr. Bailey informed the board that additional guidance from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association is expected by the end of the week. He said that all North Carolina athletic directors were surveyed to determine which model they would prefer going forward. JCPS

replied that if the programs are considered safe, we will follow any option. The majority of athletic directors surveyed are anticipating going with the model adopted by the State of Virginia, which will resume athletics in November or December. Board Member Elizabeth Cooper asked if this model will include resumption of Middle School athletic programs. Dr. Bailey stated that this guidance only applies to High School athletics and he had no knowledge of what other districts in our region are doing for Middle School.

### **ACTION AGENDA**

A. **Agenda Item:** Purchase of School Pass

**Presenter:** Mr. Jeremiah Jackson, Chief Technology Officer

Mr. Jackson presented list of vendors that were evaluated and the service agreement for the purchase of School Pass and asked for board approval.

**Action:** *Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mr. Wes Jamison, the board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of School Pass subject to final legal review by board attorneys Campbell Shatley PLLC.*

### **CLOSED SESSION**

*The board unanimously approved a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Abigail Clayton, to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11 for the following purposes: under subsection; (a) (1) to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential personnel information pursuant to G.S. 115C-319-32 and (a) (3) to discuss matters protected by attorney-client privilege.*

*Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mr. Wes Jamison, the board voted unanimously to return to open session.*

### **OPEN SESSION**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Upon a motion by Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Abigail Clayton, the board voted unanimously to return to open session.*

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Mrs. Alison Laird-Large, Chairperson

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Dr. Kimberly Elliott, Secretary