

**JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**February 20, 2024**

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The Board of Education of the Jackson Public Schools held a Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at Jackson High School, 544 Wildwood Ave., pursuant to notice duly given.

Present: Pam Fitzgerald, Derek Dobies, Marilyn Acton-Dowell, Libby Brown, Shalanda Hunt

Absent: Keshia Hamilton, Angela Mitchell

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Dobies moved item 23-24-74 Resolution Certifying Replacement Operating Millage to Action.

*Motion by D. Dobies, supported by M. Acton, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **Superintendent's Report**

Parkside/4SLC Update – Mrs. Jarvey, Mr. Bertke and Ms. Davis highlighted some exciting initiatives at Parkside and 4SLC including DEI department meetings, student voice, PBIS, parent engagement and after school café.

Section 98B Benchmark Assessment Progress Report – the report was shared with the Board by Julie Baker and Jeremy Patterson.

### **Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda consisted of the following items:

- 23-24-69 Minutes
- 23-24-70 Human Resources
- 23-24-71 Monthly Financial Report, January
- 23-24-72 Bond Financial Report, January
- 23-24-73 JHS Stadium Project Financial Report, January

*Motion by M. Acton, supported by D. Dobies, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **Citizen(s) Requesting to Address the Board**

Scott Damich  
William Hastings

### **Discussion Items**

#### **23-24-75 Non-Unit Salary Schedule**

The non-unit salary schedule was shared. It reflects the traditional 2% increases for 2024-25. Administration will recommend approval at the March board meeting.

### **23-24-76 Elementary Special Education Curriculum**

The Elementary Special Education Curriculum committee presented their recommendation for a new curriculum. The cost of implementing the curriculum is \$558,265 which includes professional development for staff. This will be paid for through our ESSER III funds.

*Motion by D. Dobies, supported by M. Acton, to move this item to action and approve the recommendation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **23-24-77 Middle School Math Curriculum**

The Middle School Math Curriculum committee presented their recommendation for a new curriculum. The cost of implementing the curriculum is \$122,826 which includes professional development for staff. This will be paid for through our ESSER III funds.

*Motion by D. Dobies, supported by L. Brown, to move this item to action and approve the recommendation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **23-24-78 Elementary Math Curriculum**

The Elementary Math Committee has been piloting two curriculums. Upon completion of the second pilot, the committee will determine which curriculum they will be recommending for approval at the March meeting.

## **Action Items**

### **23-24-79 MASB Board of Directors Region 7**

*Motion by D. Dobies, supported by L. Brown, to select Sharon Lee as the nominee for Jackson Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **23-24-80 Special Board Policy Update, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adoption**

*Motion by D. Dobies, supported by M. Acton, to approve adoption of the policy revisions as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **23-24-81 Auditor Appointment**

*Motion by M. Acton, supported by L. Brown, to approve Maner Costerisan as the district's independent auditor for three years, ending 2026. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **23-24-82 Technology Purchases**

*Motion by D. Dobies, supported by M. Acton, to approve the technology purchases in the amount of \$572,495 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **23-24-83 E-Rate Technology Purchase**

*Motion by D. Dobies, supported by M. Acton, to approve the E-Rate purchase in the amount of \$236,817 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **23-24-84 Resolution – City of Jackson**

*Motion by D. Dobies, supported by M. Acton, to adopt the resolution, prepared by legal counsel, which authorizes the Superintendent to make minor changes and execute the Quit Claim Deed on behalf of Jackson Public Schools. Motion passes 4-0-1 (Abstain-Hunt).*

### **23-24-85 Attorney Retention Agreement**

At the January meeting, the Board asked for an updated copy of the agreement between JPS and Abbott, Thomson, Mauldin, Parker, Beer & Lindsey, PLC.

*Motion by D. Dobies, supported by S. Hunt, to approve the attorney retention agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **23-24-86 March/April Board Meeting Dates**

At the January meeting, there was a request to change the dates for the March and April Board meetings. President Fitzgerald presented the recommended changes (March 20 and April 17).

Ms. Brown expressed that she didn't feel it was equitable to say one's schedule is more important than the other.

*Motion by D. Dobies, supported by M. Acton, to approve the recommended change to the March and April Board meeting dates as presented. Motion carried 4-1 (No-Brown).*

### **23-24-74 Resolution Certifying Replacement Operating Millage**

*Motion by D. Dobies, supported by L. Brown, to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1 (No-Hunt).*

### **Board Comments**

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| L. Brown      | new curriculum is exciting   |
| D. Dobies     | echoed Libby's comments regarding curriculum and thanked Kaleb for helping with the technology                         |
| M. Acton      | excited to hear that the new special education curriculum should help make the IEP process more efficient              |
| S. Hunt       | curriculum adoptions very exciting   |
| P. Fitzgerald | invited Kriss to share about the mLive teacher features and our parent liaisons; also highlighted recent JCASB meeting |

### **Calendar**

- March 8, 2024 – JHS Ambassador Auction, JHS Fieldhouse, 5:00 – 7:30 pm
- March 20, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting, 6:00 pm, Jackson High School

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

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Elizabeth Brown, Secretary