

Hybrid Meeting of the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Dr. Robert Luckett, Secretary
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Frank Figgers, Member
Letitia S. Johnson, Member
Cynthia Thompson, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt.
Hon. Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Larrisa Moore, Esq., DGC
Dionne Woody, Elem. Asst. Supt.
Margaret Purnell, Interim CFO
Joe Albright, COO
Dr. Kathleen Grigsby, Elem. Asst. Supt.
Sherwin Johnson, Communications
Dr. Marvin Grayer, MS Asst. Supt.
Laketa Thomas, High School Asst. Supt.
Saundra Lyons, Ex. Director HR
William Merritt, Chief of Staff

Participated via Video/Tele-conference

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member

Secretary to the Board

Rosalind Williams

- I. Call to Order: Dr. Ed Sivak, Board President, called the Regular Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on October 19, 2021, at 5:34 P. M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as seven (7) members, namely, President Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Robert Luckett, Cynthia Thompson, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Frank Figgers, were either present in person or participated via video/teleconference.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Luckett moved that the Board adopt the agenda; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett, Jeanne Middleton, Cynthia Thompson and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
October 5, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a; Barbara Hilliard moved; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Letitia Johnson, Dr. Luckett, Jeanne Middleton, Cynthia Thompson and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Enrollment Updates
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Policy Issues:
None
- VII. Information Items Only:
 - a. Board Member Reports ~ Legislative Survey
 - b. Introduction of Student Board Representatives
 - c. Review of Coordinator Out-of-School Experiences Job Description
 - d. Review of Board Policy Amendment Recommendations: Policies JDL and JBL
- VIII. Information/Action Items:
 - a. Approval of Agreement between Willowood Developmental Center and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Luckett motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia

Thompson, Dr. Lockett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- b. Approval of the Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended September 30, 2021: The Board voted to approve item b. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Dr. Lockett seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Lockett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval of Agreement between VFA, Inc. and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Lockett motioned; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, and Dr. Lockett; votes cast against the motion: Frank Figgers. **PASSED**
- d. Approval of the Agreement Fortune Fund -TiE Young Entrepreneurs (TYE) Program and Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item d. Letitia Johnson motioned; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Lockett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

- a. Approval of Recommendation to Dispose of Surplus Property: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Lockett motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Lockett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- b. Approval of Recommendation to Approve Various Donations: The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Lockett motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Lockett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- c. Approval to Reject Bid #3194 for Wells APAC Renovations.: The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Lockett motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Lockett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- d. Recommendation to Award Bid #3190 for McLeod School Elementary: The Board voted to approve item d. Dr. Lockett motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Lockett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- e. Approval to reject RFP 2021-15 for Biometric Scanner and Software Program: The Board voted to approve item e. Dr. Lockett motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Lockett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- f. Approval for Final Change Order #3 (Credit \$20,086.00) Callaway High School Roof, HVAC and Gymnasium: The Board voted to approve item f. Dr. Lockett motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Lockett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- g. Approval of the Accounts Payable Claims Docket and the Ratification of the Travel and Activity Funds Claims for the Period of September 25, 2021 through October 8, 2021: The Board voted to approve item g. Dr. Luckett motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none.

PASSED

X. Consent Agenda Items - General:

- a. Approval of Agreement between Seidlitz Education and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item a. Frank Figgers motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none.

PASSED

- b. Approval of District-to-District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item b. Frank Figgers motioned; Letitia Johnson seconded; votes cast for the motion: President Sivak, Letitia Johnson, Barbara Hilliard, Dr. Hairston, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Luckett, and Frank Figgers; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel:

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

- XII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Dr. Luckett moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Hilliard moved, and Mr. Figgers seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to consider and act upon an employee termination recommendation and a request from district administration to institute a quantum meruit proceeding regarding IMS Engineers.

In executive session, the board first heard from Aaron Thompson and his attorney, Joel Dillard. Pursuant to law, Mr. Thompson is making a statement to the board prior to the board deliberating upon the superintendent's recommendation of termination of Mr. Thompson. The board's findings and decision are set out in the order attached to these minutes as Exhibit A.

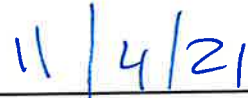
Next, the board heard from district administration and deputy general counsel, Larissa Moore, seeking authority to institute a quantum meruit proceeding to authorize payment to IMS Engineers for program management services provided from December, 2020, through November, 2021, in connection with Phase II and III projects of the district's 2018 Bond Program. After discussion, Letitia Johnson moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to grant authority to institute the quantum meruit proceeding. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Back in open session, there being no further business, Cynthia Thompson moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. That motion was unanimously approved.



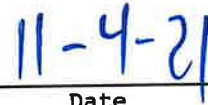
Ed Sivak, Board President



Date



Robert Lockett, Board Secretary



Date