# Regular Board Meeting
# of the Jackson Public School District

## June 17, 2025, at 05:30 PM

| Board Members Present | Attorneys and Administrative Staff |
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| Ed Sivak, Jr., Board President | Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent |
| Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President | Dorian Turner, ESQ., Board Attorney |
| Cynthia Thompson, Secretary | Dr. William M. Merritt, Chief of Staff |
| Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member | Larissa Harris, ESQ., General Counsel |
| Mitch McGuffey, Member | Network Assistant Superintendent(s) |
| Frank Figgers, Member | Earl Burke, CFOO |
| Jeanne M. Hairston, Member | Dr. Michael Cormack, Deputy Supt. |

## MINUTES

I. Call to Order: Ed Sivak, Board President, called the Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on June 17, 2025, at 5:36 P.M.

II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with all seven (7) board members participating in person: Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Jeanne M. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, and Burbette Taylor.

III. Adoption of Agenda; The Board voted to adopt the agenda as presented. Mitch McGuffey made the motion, seconded by Jeanne M. Hairston, and the votes cast in favor of the motion were Ed Sivak, Jeanne M. Hairston, Burbette Taylor, and Mitch McGuffey; there were no votes cast against the motion. Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, and Frank Figgers had not arrived yet for the meeting. PASSED

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes

A. June 05, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item A. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Burbette Taylor, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, and Frank Figgers had not arrived yet for the meeting. PASSED

B. June 05, 2025, Budget Public Hearing Minutes: The Board voted to approve item B. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Burbette Taylor, Mitch McGuffey, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, and Frank Figgers had not arrived yet for the meeting. PASSED

V. Superintendent's Remarks: Dr. Greene presented his remarks.

VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Issues:

A. Ms. Floyd addressed the Board regarding the cellphone policy.
B. Ms. Battle addressed the Board regarding the cellphone policy.
C. Dr. Lanyou addressed the Board regarding the cellphone policy.

VII. Information Items Only:

A. Board Member Report I Ed Sivak, Jr., Ph.D. I Board President

B. School Improvement Board Updates ı Delane S. Lesh, Ed.D, Director of Federal Programs ı Office of School Support

C. Review of the Grant Agreement between Save the Music Foundation, Inc. & the Jackson Public School District ı Michael L. Cormack, Jr., Ed.D. Deputy Superintendent

D. Review of the Memorandum of Understanding between Hinds Community College and Jackson Public School District for a Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment Program ı Michael L. Cormack, Jr., Ed.D. Deputy Superintendent

E. Review of the MOU and Data Sharing Agreement between Empirical Education & Jackson Public Schools ı Michael L. Cormack, Jr., Ed.D. Deputy Superintendent

F. Review of the Renewal Agreement for Educational Services with the Hinds County Board of Supervisors for the Henley-Young-Patton Juvenile Justice Center and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) ı Michael L. Cormack, Jr., Ed.D. Deputy Superintendent

G. Review of Various Policies for Amendment ı JCBAAA - Scholar Use of Electronic Devices, and JH - Student Community Relation, and for Creation ı Early Graduation Policy ı Larrissa C. Harris, Esq., General Counsel

H. Review of the Renewal Agreements between Millcreek Schools - (Pearl & Magee) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) ı Talatha Bingham-Gibbs, Ed.D, CCC-SLP, Executive Director

I. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Canopy/CARES School and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) ı Talatha Bingham-Gibbs, Ed.D., CCC-SLP, Executive Director

J. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Hinds County Human Resource Agency (HCHRA) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) ı Talatha Bingham-Gibbs, Ed.D., CCC-SLP, Executive Director

K. Review of a Service Agreement Between Jackson Public School District and Austin Security and Crime Prevention to Provide Security Services | Chief Corliss Harris, Executive Director of Campus Enforcement

VIII. Information/ Action Items:

A. Approval of the Agreement between Improve Your Tomorrow (IYT) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) I Amanda D. Thomas, Ed. S. Executive Director of Climate and Wellness: The Board voted to approve item A. Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. PASSED

B. Approval of the Agreement with Badge Pass and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) ı Stephen Johnson, Assistant Director, Data Management: The Board voted to approve item B. Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. PASSED

C. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended May 31, 2025 (FY2024-2025) ı Margaret Purnell, Executive Director of Business Services: The Board voted to approve item C. Frank Figgers moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. PASSED

IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

A. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item A. Barbara Hilliard moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Barbara Hilliard, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

B. Approval to Designate Certain Property as Surplus Property and Approve Disposal: The Board voted to approve item B. Barbara Hilliard moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Barbara Hilliard, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

C. Approval to Accept Donations from Various Donors: The Board voted to approve item C. Barbara Hilliard moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Barbara Hilliard, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

A. Approval of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated,® Rho Lambda Omega Chapter and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Beta Delta Omega Chapter and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item A. Burbette Taylor moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

B. Approval of the Renewal Agreements between the Junior League of Jackson (Mini Grants and I Read More with my Buddy) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item B. Burbette Taylor moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

C. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Northtown Pharmacy and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item C. Burbette Taylor moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

D. Approval of the Software Service Agreement with Tyler Technologies: The Board voted to approve item D. Burbette Taylor moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

E. Approval of the Reclassification of the Specialist, Out of School Experiences position to become Manager, Special Programs and Out of School Experiences: The Board voted to approve item E. Burbette Taylor moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

F. Approval to Purchase Insurance Coverages for Jackson Public Schools: The Board voted to approve item F. Burbette Taylor moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

G. Approval of Various Policies for Amendment I GACG - Outside or Dual Employment and KCA - Public Participation in Board Meetings: The Board voted to approve item G. Burbette Taylor moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

H. Approval of the Amended Agreement between Tougaloo College, the Mississippi Department of Education and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for the Continuation of the Early College High School Program: The Board voted to approve item H. Burbette Taylor moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

I. Approval of District-to-District Transfers (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item I. Burbette Taylor moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

XI. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel

A. Approval of Personnel: The Board voted to approve item XI, Personnel, as presented. Mitch McGuffey moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion were Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

XII. Other Business:

Consideration of Election of Board Officers for the 2025-2026 School Year: Ed Sivak moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion, that the board go through a rotation process for the election of board officers for the 2025-2026 school year. Dr. Sivak then named the officers for the 2025-2026 school year: Barbara Hilliard as president and Cynthia Thompson as vice president. Votes cast for the motion: Ed Sivak, Frank Figgers, Barbara Hilliard, Jeanne M. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, Burnette Taylor, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

Ed Sivak moved, and Frank Figgers seconded to nominate Mitch McGuffey as secretary. Votes cast for the motion: Ed Sivak, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Barbara Hilliard, Jeanne M. Hairston, Burbette Taylor, and Cynthia Thompson; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XIII. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Cynthia Thompson moved, and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion to close the meeting to consider entering into executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

In closed session, Mitch McGuffey moved, and Frank Figgers seconded the motion to enter executive session (1) to take up one employee termination recommendation, and (2) to discuss the potential purchase of a piece of real

property where discussion of the purchase in open session would have an adverse effect on negotiations. The motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board took up the superintendent's recommendation of the termination of Jesse Montgomery. The board's findings and decision are set out in the order attached to these minutes.

Next, Superintendent Greene informed the board of his administration's initial discussions and negotiations with a property owner to purchase a parcel of property and building in the City of Jackson, MS. No action was taken.

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

XIV. Adjournment: Back in open session, there being no further business, Barbara Hilliard moved, and Jeanne M. Hairston seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Barbara T. Hilliard

*Signature of Board President*

7/15/2025

*Date*

Mitch McAuley

*Attested by Board Secretary*

7/15/25

*Date*