Regular Board Meeting
Jackson Public Schools

August 19, 2025, at 05:30 PM

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

MINUTES

I. Call to Order: Barbara Hilliard, Board President, called the Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District to order on August 19, 2025, at 5:33 P.M.

II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with five (5) members, namely Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson, Burbette Taylor, and Frank Figgers, attending the meeting in person and Jeanne M. Hairston participating via teleconference.

III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was made by Mitch McGuffey and seconded by Frank Figgers. The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Burbette Taylor and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

IV. Reading and Approving Minutes

A. August 5, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item A. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; The votes cast for the motion were: Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Burbette Taylor, and Jeanne M. Hairston. There were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

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

VI. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Issues: None.

VII. Information Only Items:

A. Review of Project 75: From Page to Power (Our Early Literacy Strategic Plan):

B. Review of the Renewal Agreement between The National Center of Teacher Residencies and the Jackson Public School District:

C. Review of the Renewal Agreement between the Boundless Educators Initiative (BEI) with The National Center of Teacher Residencies and the Jackson Public School District:

D. Review of the Renewal Agreement between the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):

E. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Stepping Stones and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):

F. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Smart Therapy and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):

G. Review of Agreement between Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for the Mississippi Whole Schools Program at Casey Elementary:

H. Review of Agreement between Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for the Mississippi Whole Schools Program at Green Elementary:

I. Review of Various Policies for Amendment | JBA - School Age & Entry Requirements and KKA - Parent & Family Engagement and for Creation | JCDBAA - Scholar Identification Badges and JCDACC - 1st Time Drug Offender Policy:

J. Review of the Agreement between the Greater Jackson Chamber Partnership MOU and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD):

VIII. Information Action Items:

A. Approval of the Agreement between Jackson State University (JSU) and Jackson Public School District for a Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment Program: The Board voted to approve item A. Frank Figgers moved; Burbette Taylor seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 to Award RFP #2025-07 (Final) to Accelerate Learning, Curriculum Associates (revised) and Savvas Learning for K-12 Core Curriculum Resources: The Board voted to approve item B. Burbette Taylor moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion were Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended July 31, 2025 (FY2025-2026): The Board voted to approve item C. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 to Accept Donations from Various Donors: The Board voted to approve item A. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item B. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 to Reject RFP 2025-13 Emergency Management Support System for Schools Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item C. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 RFP 2025-15 - Relocatable Classrooms for Kirksey Middle School: The Board voted to approve item D. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 RFP 2025-19 Erate (NAC): The Board voted to approve item E. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 of Bid 3270 Computer and Technology Devices for Various Vendors: The Board voted to approve item F. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, 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 the Agreement between Access Vision and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item A. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 Agreement between Defined Learning and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item C. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 Renewal Agreement between The Institute of Montessori Training formerly known as The Authentic Institute of Montessori Training and the Jackson Public School District: The Board voted to approve item C. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 Renewal Agreement between Grade Results and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item D. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 Renewal Agreement between Heartland School Solutions (POS Software Monitoring) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item E. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 of the Renewal Agreement between Central Access for Educational Data Services and Fund Accounting System Data Security Agreements and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item F. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 the Letter of Engagement between Teller, Hopson & Schrader, LLP for Legal Services for Sixteenth Section Properties and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item G. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 Renewal Agreement between Achieve 3000 and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item H. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item I. Burbette Taylor moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion were 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 A. Mitch McGuffey moved; Burbette Taylor seconded; votes cast for the motion were Barbara Hilliard, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; there were no votes cast against the motion. **PASSED**

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

In Closed Session: Mitch McGuffey then moved, and Cynthia Thompson seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to take up 1) the execution of a nondisclosure agreement in connection with the development of the Lake Hico property, and 2) the progress of an option agreement for acquisition of an office building where disclosure of the building location might affect negotiations. The motion was unanimously approved.

In Executive Session: The Board first heard from General Counsel, Larrissa Harris, regarding the progress of an option agreement for acquisition of an office building where disclosure of the building location might affect negotiations. The board took no action on the matter.

Finally, the board received a report from Dr. Greene and General Counsel, Larissa Harris, regarding an update on the execution of a nondisclosure agreement in connection with the development of the Lake Hico property. The board took no action on the matter.

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

XIII. Adjournment: Back in open session, there was no further business. Frank Figgers moved, and Mitch McGuffey seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned.

Barbara T. Hilliard
Signature of Board President

9/2/2025
Date

Attested by Board Secretary

9/2/2025