

Regular Board Meeting
Jackson Public Schools
April 21, 2026
05:30 PM

Board Members Present

Mitch McGuffey, Vice-President
Burbette Taylor, Secretary
Frank Figgers, Member
Akilah Irvin, Member
Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member
Lee Scott, Member

Administrators Present

Dr. Errick L. Greene, Superintendent
Dorian Turner, ESQ., Board Attorney
Larriisa Harris, ESQ., General Counsel
Earl Burke, CFO
Dr. William Merritt, IV, Chief of Staff
Assistant Superintendents ES, MS & HS

Board Member Absent

Barbara Hilliard, President

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Mitch McGuffey, Board Vice-President, called the meeting to order on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 5:30 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with five (5) board members present in person, namely: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston. Frank Figgers later joined the meeting at 5:52 P.M. Barbara Hilliard was absent from the meeting. **PASSED**
- III. Adoption of Agenda: The Board voted to adopt the agenda as printed. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Lee Scott seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. Frank Figgers had not yet arrived at the meeting.
PASSED
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes
 - A. April 7, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item A. Burbette Taylor moved; Akilah Irvin seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. Frank Figgers had not yet arrived at the meeting. **PASSED**

Superintendent's Remarks
- V. Public Participation for General Comments and/or Proposed Issues: None.
- VI. Information Items Only:
 - A. Student Board Presentation (Jim Hill High School) | Laketia Marshall-Thomas, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, High School Division
 - A. Review of Policy for Amendment | IKD - English Language Learners | Ellie Turnage, Deputy General Counsel
 - B. School Improvement Monthly Updates for Identified Schools | Micca A. Knox, Ed.D. Director, Office of School Support
 - C. Review of the Updated Agreement between Walden University (WU) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for the 26/27 School Year | Janet Wallace, Ed.D., Teacher Support & Retention Manager, Office of Human Resources

VII. Information / Action Items:

- A. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) Educators in Residence Program and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item A. Lee Scott moved; Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- B. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Nissan North America and Jackson Public Schools for the creation of the Nissan Center of Excellence at the Evers Career Development Center: The Board voted to approve item B. Frank Figgers moved; Lee Scott seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- C. Approval to Award RFP 2026-09-26 to Faircloth Demolition for Demolition of Baker, French, and Woodville Heights Elementary Schools: The Board voted to approve item C. Jeanne M. Hairston moved; Akilah Irvin seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- D. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended March 31, 2026 (FY2025-2026): The Board voted to approve item D. Burbette Taylor moved; Lee Scott seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

- A. Approval to Designate Specified Property as Surplus Property and Approve Disposal: The Board voted to approve item A. Lee Scott moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- B. Approval to Accept Donations from Various Donors: The Board voted to approve item B. Lee Scott moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item C. Lee Scott moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

- A. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Liberty University and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item A. Lee Scott moved; Burbette Taylor seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

- B. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Universal Production Music and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item B. Lee Scott moved; Burbette Taylor seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- C. Approval of the MOU between Millsaps College and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) to establish a Tuition Remission and Scholarship Program: The Board voted to approve item C. Lee Scott moved; Burbette Taylor seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- D. Approval of Agreement between MarcoPolo Learning and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item D. Lee Scott moved; Burbette Taylor seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- E. Approval of the Clinical Education Placement Agreement between the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item E. Lee Scott moved; Burbette Taylor seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- F. Approval of Sole Source Purchase with Heartland School Solutions: The Board voted to approve item F. Lee Scott moved; Burbette Taylor seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- G. Approval of In-Time Staffing Agreement: The Board voted to approve item G. Lee Scott moved; Burbette Taylor seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- H. Approval of Donation of Filtered Water Bottle Filling Stations by Zurn Elkay Water Solutions (Phase I): The Board voted to approve item H. Lee Scott moved; Burbette Taylor seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- I. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Beth Roach Education Consultant, and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) to provide PreK-5 International Baccalaureate Program/Leadership Support to Obama Elementary School: The Board voted to approve item I. Lee Scott moved; Burbette Taylor seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- J. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between Defined Learning and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item J. Lee Scott moved; Burbette Taylor seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- K. Approval of District-to-District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing) | Faith R. Strong, Ph.D., Director of Data Management & Enrollment Services: The Board voted to approve item K. Lee Scott moved; Burbette Taylor seconded;

votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel

A. Approval of Personnel: The Board voted to approve item A. Akilah Irvin moved; Lee Scott seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Burbette Taylor, Akilah Irvin, Lee Scott, Frank Figgers, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

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

In closed session, Frank Figgers then moved, and Akilah Irvin seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to take up the superintendent's recommendation to terminate an employee, Jerry Pittman. The motion was unanimously approved.

In executive session, the board took up the superintendent's recommendation to terminate Jerry Pittman. The board's findings and decision are set out in the order attached to these minutes.

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

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



Signature of Board President



Attested by Board Secretary

5 MAY 2024

Date

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