

Regular Board Meeting
Jackson Public Schools

October 06, 2026
05:30 PM

Board Members Present

Barbara Hilliard, President
Mitch McGuffey, Vice-President
Frank Figgers, Secretary
Akilah Irvin, Member

Administrators Present

Errick L. Greene, Ed.D., Superintendent
Dorian Turner, ESQ., Board Attorney
Larrissa Harris, ESQ., General Counsel
Earl Burke, CFOO
Dr. William Merritt, IV, Deputy Superintendent
Assistant Superintendents ESN, MSN, HSN & AS

Board Members via Teleconference

Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member
Lee Scott, Member

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Barbara T. Hilliard, Board President, called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 5:33 p.m.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established with all six (6) board members present in person or participating via teleconference, namely: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Board Member Mitch McGuffey moved, seconded by Board Member Akilah Irvin, to approve the agenda as presented: votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Lee Scott and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- IV. Reading and Approving Minutes:
 - A. September 15, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: Board Member Akilah Irvin moved, seconded by Board Member Lee Scott, to approve the September 15, 2026, meeting minutes as presented: votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Lee Scott and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- V. Superintendent's Remarks
- VI. Public Participation for General Comments and / or Proposed Issues: Jackson Federation of Teachers signed up to address the Board regarding disbursements of National Board supplements to teachers.
- VII. Information Items Only:
 - A. Board Member Updates: 2027 MSBA Legislative Survey
 - B. Review of the Agreement with Amergis Staffing and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
 - C. Review of the Renewal Agreement between Liberty University and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD)
 - D. Review of the Mackin Book Co. Agreement for District-Wide Digital Reading Platform Services
 - E. Review of Change Order #2 with Schneider Electric Buildings Americas, Inc. for Bailey APAC Exterior Security Camera Modifications under the Phase 2 Energy Services Agreement Districtwide Camera Project
- VIII. Information / Action Items:
 - A. Approval of Agreement with American Fidelity for the Cafeteria Plan and Employee Benefits Administration Services: The Board voted to approve item
 - A. Mitch McGuffey moved, Lee Scott seconded; votes cast for the motion:

Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

- B. Approval of Agreement between the Community Foundation for Mississippi and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) NEA Grant: The Board voted to approve item B. Akilah Irvin moved, Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- C. Approval of the Project Grant Agreement with the Junior League of Jackson (JLJ) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for Brainiac Bootcamp: Literacy & Numeracy Learning Labs (Van Winkle Elementary School): The Board voted to approve item C. Lee Scott moved, Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- D. Approval of the Project Grant Agreement with the Junior League of Jackson (JLJ) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for STEAM Studio (McLeod Elementary School): The Board voted to approve item D. Mitch McGuffey moved, Akilah Irvin seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- E. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between ACT Education Corp. (ACT) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item E. Frank Figgers moved, Akilah Irvin seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- F. Approval of the Subscription Agreement between PowerSchool (Naviance) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) to provide a College and Career Readiness Platform: The Board voted to approve item F. Akilah Irvin moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- G. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a \$20 Million Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TAN) for Fiscal Year 2026-2027: The Board voted to approve item G. Lee Scott moved, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- H. Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the Month Ended August 31, 2026 (FY2026-2027): The Board voted to approve item H. Mitch McGuffey moved, Akilah Irvin seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- I. Approval of Midsouth Elevator Service Agreement: The Board voted to approve item I. Lee Scott moved, Akilah Irvin seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED
- J. Approval of Agreement with Hilton Jackson (Venue Contract for the 2026 Homeless Education Conference): The Board voted to approve item J. Mitch McGuffey moved, Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

K. Approval of the Inter-Agency Agreement between the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services (MDCPS) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) to support the Parent Resource Centers: The Board voted to approve item K. Lee Scott moved, Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

L. Approval of Agreement between the Community Foundation for Mississippi and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) to Support the Parent Resource Centers: The Board voted to approve item L. Frank Figgers moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

IX. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - Finance:

A. Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable and Activity Funds: The Board voted to approve item A. Lee Scott moved, Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - General:

A. Approval of the Renewal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between WBF Global & Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item A. Akilah Irvin moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

B. Approval of the Renewal Agreement between the Mississippi Food Network (MFN) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD) for the Backpack and Food Pantry: The Board voted to approve item B. Akilah Irvin moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

C. Approval of Various Policies for Amendment | GADM - Drug & Alcohol Policy and Procedures: GADEAA - Workers' Compensation: The Board voted to approve item C. Akilah Irvin moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

D. Approval of District-to-District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing): The Board voted to approve item D. Akilah Irvin moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Akilah Irvin, Frank Figgers, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Lee Scott. Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

XI. CONCENT AGENDA ITEMS - Personnel

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

I. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Frank Figgers moved, and Jeanne M. Hairston seconded the motion, to close the meeting to consider the need to go into executive session. The motion was approved by all six members present.

In closed session, Frank Figgers moved, and Mitch McGuffey seconded the motion, to enter executive session to take up two student discipline appeals. The motion was unanimously approved by all six members present.

In Executive Session, the Board took up the Superintendent's recommendation of 180 days placement at CCAS of Student No. 001569561. The Board heard from the parents of Student No. 001569561 and district administration. After discussion, Mitch McGuffey moved, and Jeanne M. Hairston seconded the motion, to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuffey, Lee Scott, Jeanne M. Hairston, and Akilah Irvin. Votes cast against the motion: Frank Figgers. The motion carried 5 to 1.

Mitch McGuffey recused himself from consideration of the following matter and left the room.

Next, the Board took up the Superintendent's recommendation of 90 days placement at CCAS of Student No. 001476044. The Board heard from the parents of Student No. 001476044 and district administration. After discussion, Frank Figgers moved, and Lee Scott seconded the motion, to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation. Votes cast for the motion: Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Lee Scott, and Jeanne M. Hairston; votes cast against the motion: Akilah Irvin. Mitch McGuffey was not present. The motion carried 4 to 1.

Mitch McGuffey returned to the room.

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 by all six members present.

- II. Adjournment: There being no further business, Frank Figgers moved, and Lee Scott seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by all six members present and the meeting was adjourned.



Signature of Board President



Date



Attested by Board Secretary



Date