

Regular Board Meeting of
the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
December 19, 2022
5:30 p.m.

Board Members in Person in Person
Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Cynthia Thompson, Secretary
Mitch McGuffey, Treasurer
Frank Flynn, Member
Jeanne McHarris, Member

Matthew Evans, Attorney and Board Representative
Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Larissa Moore, Board Representative
Earl Burke, Chief Operations Officer
Dr. William M. Merritt, IV, Chief of Staff

Rosalind Williams

- I. Call to Order: Ed Sivak, Jr. Board President of the Jackson Public School District, to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Dr. Ed Sivak, Jr.
M. Harris
- III. Adoption of Agenda: Frank Flynn, Secretary, Cynthia Thompson, Treasurer, and Jeanne McHarris, Member, seconded the motion; none of the Board members voted against the motion; none of the Board members voted abstain.
- IV. Reading and Approving of the Minutes
December 7, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion: Dr. Sivak, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Hilliard, McGuffey and Barbara Hilliard; voted cast, against the motion: none.
- V. Superintendent's Report
- VI. Public Participation
a. Timothy D'Arcy addressed the Board regarding the proposed closure of Wingfield High School.
b. Willie Robinson addressed the Board regarding the proposed closure of Wingfield High School.
c. Constance Washinton addressed the Board regarding the proposed closure of Wingfield High School.
d. Hillman Walker addressed the Board in support of the proposed closure of Wingfield High School.
e. Andrew Watson addressed the Board regarding the proposed closure of Wingfield High School.
f. Chris Herr addressed the Board regarding the proposed closure of Wingfield High School.
g. Terry Hill addressed the Board in support of the proposed closure of Wingfield High School.
- VII. Information Only
a. Review of the 2023/2024 Budget
b. Review of the 2023/2024 Capital Budget
c. ESSER III Meeting
- VIII. Information Only
a. Approval of the 2023/2024 Budget
i. Dr. Hilliard moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Flynn, Jeanne McHarris, and Rosalind Williams; voted cast, against the motion: none.

b. ~~Approval to Amend Policy JPSD 400 - Procedure in the Event of an Emergency. The Board voted to approve item b. Frank Figgers moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

c. ~~Approval of the Rental Agreement between Jackson and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item c. Barbara Hilliard moved, Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

d. ~~Approval of Grant Agreement between the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item d. Barbara Hilliard moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

e. ~~Approval of Agreement between the Jackson County Health Care Department (JCHD) and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve item e. Mitch McGuffey moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

f. ~~Approval of the 16th Section Realignment Amendment. The Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District and Jackson Health Care LLC: The Board voted to approve item f. Frank Figgers moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

g. ~~Approval of Amended Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The Board voted to approve item g. Dr. Hairston moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

h. ~~Approval of Monthly Financial Report for the year ending 3/31/2024 (FY2023-2024): The Board voted to approve item h. Frank Figgers moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

i. ~~Approval of Final Optimization Plan Review and Approval. Cynthia Thompson moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey and Barbara Hilliard. **FAILED**~~

Dr. Sivak moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: Cynthia Thompson. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items - Finance:

a. ~~Approval to Designate Specified Property as Special Use District: The Board voted to approve item a. Frank Figgers moved; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

b. ~~Approval of Various Disbursements from Accounts Payable: The Board voted to approve item b. Mitch McGuffey moved; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

seconded; votes:
Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard, votes cast

c. Approval of Re-Bid 4234 Package A PSSF
Cardozo, Forest Hill and Peoples schools. The Board voted to approve item c.
Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr.
Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara
Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

d. Approval of Final Contract Amendment For BID#208 Bar
at Hughes Field. The Board voted to not approve item d. Mitch McGuffey
Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast
Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast
against the motion: none. **PASSED**

X. Consent Agenda Items - General

a. Approval of the Revised Job Description for Director of
Management. The Board voted to not approve item a.
Figgers moved, Barbara Hilliard seconded, votes cast for the motion: Dr.
Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara
Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

b. Approval of Amendment Agreement between the University of Phoenix (UPX) and the
Jackson Public School District. The Board voted to approve item b.
Frank Figgers moved, Barbara Hilliard seconded, votes cast for the motion: Dr.
Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara
Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XI. Consent Agenda Items - Special

a. Approval of the Proposed Amendment to the Board Policy on
Dr. Hairston moved; Frank Figgers seconded, votes cast for the motion: Dr.
Sivak, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara
Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

XII. Consideration to Hold Executive Session

XIII. Adjourn
the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned.



Ed Sivak



Cynthia Thompson