

Regular Board Meeting of
the Jackson Public School District
Board of Trustees
May 7, 2024
5:20 p.m.

Board Members in Person

Barbara Williams
Mitch McCallister
Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, Member
Frank Figgers, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Laketa Marshall, The
Assistant Superintendent

Board Member Absent

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Cynthia Thompson, Secretary

Secretary to the Board

Rosalind Williams

- I. Call to Order: Barbara Williams, Board Vice President, called the Board Meeting of the Jackson Public School District Board of Trustees to order at 5:42 P.M.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established by the presence of Board Members Barbara Williams, Mitch McCallister, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, and Frank Figgers. Board Members Dr. Ed Sivak, Cynthia Thompson, and Rosalind Williams were absent from the meeting.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Mitch McCallister moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Barbara Williams, Frank Figgers, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, and Rosalind Williams. The motion was approved by a vote of 4-0. **PASSED.**
- IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes:
 - a. April 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes: The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Hairston moved; Frank Figgers seconded, and Barbara Williams, Mitch McCallister, and Rosalind Williams voted cast against the motion. **PASSED.**
- V. Public Participation for General Comments: None.
- VI. Information Only Item(s):
 - a. JPS Athletics Update
 - b. Information Only Item(s)
- VII. Information Action Item(s):
 - a. Approval of the Southern Initiative Budget Project:
Rescission of the Southern Initiative Budget Project
item a. Dr. Hairston moved; Mitch McCallister seconded, and Barbara Williams, Frank Figgers, and Rosalind Williams voted cast against the motion. **PASSED.**
 - b. Approval of Information Book:
II: The Board voted to approve item B. Frank Figgers moved; Mitch McCallister seconded, and Barbara Williams, Dr. Jeanne M. Hairston, and Rosalind Williams voted cast for the motion. **PASSED.**

Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard, votes cast against the motion: none
PASSED

c. ~~Approval of Agreement between the City of Jackson and the Mississippi River Association a/o/a Jackson Hills Community Association, re: the right of way and easement to the Jackson Public School District (JPSD). The Board voted to approve the motion. Dr. Hairston seconded; Mitch McGuffey moved; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

d. ~~Approval of Right-of-Way and Easement to the City of Jackson, Public Works Dept. The Board voted to approve item d. Mitch McGuffey moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

e. ~~Approval of Citizen Math's Data Sharing. Mitch McGuffey moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Dr. Hairston, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

f. ~~Approval to Award RFP 2023-24 for the City of Jackson, Public Works Dept. The Board voted to approve item f. Frank Figgers moved; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

g. ~~Approval of Agreement with West Consulting Company and the Jackson Public School District. Mitch McGuffey moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

h. ~~Approval of MOA Modification Document to Correct Grant Award Agreement between the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and Jackson Public School District. Mitch McGuffey moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

i. ~~Approval and Acceptance of funding from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Sea Grant Program to the City of Jackson. The Board voted to approve item i. Mitch McGuffey moved; Dr. Hairston seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

VIII. ~~Consent Agenda Items~~

a. ~~Approval of Award of RFP 2024-05 for the City of Jackson, Public Works Dept. The Board voted to approve item a. Mitch McGuffey moved; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

b. ~~Approval to Accept Donations from the City of Jackson, Public Works Dept. The Board voted to approve item b. Dr. Hairston moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

- c. ~~Approval to Award RFP 2022-01 - Estate of Bob and Barbara Hilliard. The Board voted to approve item c. Dr. Hairston moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~
- d. ~~Approval to Award RFP 2022-02 - Park and Recreation. The Board voted to approve item d. Dr. Hairston moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~
- e. ~~Approval of Various Disbursements from Account. The Board voted to approve item e. Dr. Hairston moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~
- f. ~~Approval to Reject Bid 3213, Clear Backpack. The Board voted to approve item f. Dr. Hairston moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

IX. Consent Agenda Items - General

- a. ~~Approval of District-to-District Transfer (Incoming/Outgoing). The Board voted to approve item a. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

X. Consent Agenda Items - Personnel

- a. ~~Approval of Staff Personnel Matters. The Board voted to approve item a. Dr. Hairston moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Mitch McGuffey, Dr. Hairston, Frank Figgers, and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**~~

XI. Consideration in Public Executive Session - Dr. Hairston, Mitch McGuffey, and Barbara Hilliard attended the meeting and voted to enter executive session. The motion was unanimously approved.

~~In Closed Session: Frank Figgers moved and Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to enter executive session to consider approval of filing a quantum merit proceeding seeking court authorization to pay employees for the 2022 summer academies/programs, and 2) consider and act on a termination recommendation for one employee. The motion was unanimously approved.~~

~~In executive session, the board received a report from district administration asking for approval to file a quantum merit legal proceeding seeking court authorization to pay for services rendered by district employees for the 2022 summer program/academics. After discussion, Mitch McGuffey moved, and Dr. Hairston seconded the motion to approve filing of a quantum merit proceeding seeking court authorization to pay certain employees for services rendered during the 2022 summer program. The motion was unanimously approved.~~

~~Next, the board took up the superintendent's recommendation to terminate one employee, Dr. Lore. Mr. Lore's attorney appeared and presented a statement on a motion filed by Cheeks' counsel for additional time to make their statement before the board. Dr. Lore's attorney requested a continuance. Dr. Hairston, seconded by Mr. Figgers, the board voted to grant Cheeks' attorney and her attorney seven (7) minutes to make a statement, recessed.~~

~~Cheeks' attorney then made a statement, and Dr. Lore's attorney made a statement, and her attorney presented a statement to the board by board members. After discussion,~~

Checks of 1987
terminating
order at

The
Figgerson and Dr. Weinstock, records
session. The motion was unanimously

XII. Adjourned
Figgerson moved and
adjourned.

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Ed Sivar, Sec

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