

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016
TIME: 4:00 P.M.
KIND OF MEETING: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
WHERE HELD: 621 SOUTH STATE STREET JACKSON, MS 39201

PRESIDING OFFICER DR. CEDRICK GRAY, SUPERINTENDENT

MEMBERS PRESENT
MS. BENETA D. BURT, BOARD PRESIDENT
DR. RICHARD LIND, VICE PRESIDENT
MR. JED OPPENHEIM, SECRETARY
MRS. CAMILLE S. SIMMS, MEMBER
MR. RICKEY D. JONES, MEMBER

UPDATE ON THE EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
by
Dr Joseph Fisher and Mr. Larry Greer

Introduced

Dr. Mario Miller, Exceptional Education Director 2016-2017 SY

ATTORNEYS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Dr. Cedrick Gray	Ms. Dorian Turner, Esq.
Dr. Jason Sargent	Dr Margarit Wallace
Mrs. JoAnne N. Shepherd	Ms Sharolyn Miller
Dr. Michelle King	Dr Fredrick Murray
Mr. Sherwin Johnson	Dr Bishop Knox

Mrs. Vikki D. Mumford, Board Secretary, was keeper of record for this board meeting

The June 21, 2016, Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District was called to order by Dr. Cedrick Gray, Superintendent, at 4:00 P.M. JPS Consultants, Dr. Joseph Fisher and Mr. Larry Greer presented a thorough timeline report of the exceptional education department from their entry into the district and



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The Board of Trustees of Jackson Public Schools will hold a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 21, 2016**, in the School Board meeting room at 621 South State Street. The

Special Education Report to Jackson Public Schools Board of Trustees

INTRODUCTION

Our association with Jackson Public Schools (JPS) began in the summer of 2012 when Dr. Cedrick Gray
[REDACTED] The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) had

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After the satisfactory completion of the Corrective Action Plan in March of 2014, MDE extended its

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oversee its implementation. When funds from MDE were no longer available to provide this level of support, IBC employed us to continue to provide oversight and consultation. Following the completion

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interventions that cannot be provided in the home school, necessitating placement in other schools in

the district. The district has entered into contracts with other agencies for placement outside the

[REDACTED]

District.

During the past two years, JPS has taken steps to place students with significant needs (those who spend a majority of the school day in a special education setting) in their home schools or in schools near their

home schools whenever possible. In a large district, such as JPS, with a high mobility rate among

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to special education. Relations with MDE have moved from a tone of hostility to a spirit of collaboration. The work continues in a positive environment that strives for improvement rather than in a climate of frustration and defeat.

The huge amount of financial and human capital provided by MDE and continued by IPS brought

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amount a major change in how special education is provided and how it is perceived within both the District and the community. To summarize, the following are the most notable achievements of the past four years:

- Attainment of an acceptable degree of complianc
- Establishment of a collaborative relationship with MDE

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RECOMMENDATIONS for SPECIAL EDUCATION
JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. Implement the plan for a day treatment program
2. Strengthen child find procedures at Henley-Young
3. Provide greater opportunity for community involvement of students with significant cognitive disabilities

5. Review services and classes in the district, due to student mobility and changing enrollments on continuous basis

6. Conduct teacher recruiting activities earlier in the school year to increase the number of

Adjournment
June 21, 2016, Special Meeting
Board File

There being no further business to discuss, consensus, the meeting
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