

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, Member  
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, Cynthia Thompson, Cynthia Thompson, and Mitch McGuffey, votes were unanimous and motion carried. Board members who abstain from voting were:
- IV. Reading and Approving of the Minutes  
December 7, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.  
item a. Mitch McGuffey motion: Dr. Sivak, Cynthia Thompson, Dr. Hilliard, McGuffey and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none.
- V. Superintendent's Report
- VI. Public Participation for Agenda Items  
a. Timothy D'Arcy addressed the board regarding the school closure.  
b. Willie Robinson addressed the board regarding the school closure.  
c. Constance Washinton addressed the board regarding the school closure.  
d. Hillman Walker addressed the board in support of the plan.  
e. Andrew Watson addressed the board regarding the school closure.  
f. Chris Hill addressed the board in support of the plan.  
g. Terry Hill addressed the board in support of the plan.
- VII. Information Only Items  
a. Review of the 2023/2024 Budget  
b. Review of the 2023/2024 Capital Plan  
c. ESSER III Meeting
- VIII. Information Only  
a. Approval of the 2023/2024 Budget  
i. Dr. Hilliard moved Cynthia Thompson seconded votes were unanimous.  
ii. Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Barbara Hilliard, and Frank Flynn, votes were unanimous.  
iii. Board members who abstain from voting were:

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 C-Store Realignment Amendment 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 30th September 2023 (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 Decision: 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

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**

Approval of Final Contract Amendment For BID#208 Bar

at Hughes Field. The Board voted to ~~approve~~ to approve item d. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, 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 approve. Frank Figgers moved; Barbara Hilliard seconded; votes cast for the motion: 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

The Board voted to approve. 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**

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XII. Consideration to Hold Executive Session

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

Ed Sivak