

Regular Board Meeting of

Board of Trustees

August 15, 2023

5:30 p.m.

Board Members in Person

Dr. Ed Sivak, President
Barbara Hilliard, Vice-President
Cynthia Thompson, Member
Frank Figgers, Member

Attorneys and Administrative Staff

Dorian Turner, Board Attorney
Counsel
Earl Burke, Chief of Administrative Officer
William M. Merritt, IV., Chief of Staff
Elem., Middle & High School Asst. Supt.

Board Members Absent

Letitia S. Johnson, Member
Dr. Jeanne H. Hester, Non-Member

Secretary of the Board

Rosalind Williams

- I. Call to Order: Barbara Hilliard, Board Vice President
Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees
2023, at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Establishment of Quorum: A quorum of five (5) members
namely, Dr. Ed Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Mitch McGuire, Frank Figgers,
Cynthia Thompson were present.
Letitia Johnson was absent.
- III. Adoption of Agenda: As presented, Cynthia Thompson seconded, votes:
Sivak, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuire,
votes cast against the motion: none.
- IV. Reading and Adoption of Minutes: August 1, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
minutes as presented, Cynthia Thompson seconded, votes cast for the
motion: Dr. Sivak, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, Mitch McGuire and
Barbara Hilliard, votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**
- V. Superintendent's Report:
- VI. Information Only Item:
 - a. Joshua Strong and Family
- VII. Information Only Item:
 - a. Emergency Declaration Due to the Impact of Heavy Rain
Schools throughout the District.
- VIII. Information Action:
 - a. Approval of a Request for a Letter of Understanding (LOU) with
Agreement: The Board voted to approve item a. Frank Figgers moved,
Thompson seconded, votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak,
Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard, votes cast against
the motion: none. **PASSED**
 - b. Approval of an Amended Job Description for Project Director for School-
Based mental health Grant (SBMG): The Board voted to approve
Barbara Hilliard moved; Mitch McGuire seconded, votes cast for the motion:
Dr. Sivak, Barbara Hilliard, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson, votes cast
against the motion: none. **PASSED**

Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast for the motion: none. **PASSED**

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

d. Approval of the Instructional Management System for 2023-2024 School Year: The Board voted to approve the motion. Cynthia Thompson 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**

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

f. Approval of the Annual Dropout Report for Jackson Public Schools (JPSD): The Board voted to approve the motion. Dr. Sivak moved; Mitch McGuffey 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 Agreement between the Board of Supervisors for the Henley-Young-Park Station Juvenile Justice Center and the Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve the motion. Cynthia Thompson moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Frank Figgers, Mitch McGuffey, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

h. Approval of Agreement between Triage Facility Consulting, LLC, Project Management Services (RFQ 2023-02) and Jackson Public School District (JPSD): The Board voted to approve the motion. Mitch McGuffey moved; Frank Figgers seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

i. Approval of Preliminary Money Order for 2023: The Board voted to approve item i. Mitch McGuffey moved; Cynthia Thompson seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

IX. Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of various budget items for 2023-2024: The Board voted to approve the motion. Dr. Sivak moved; Mitch McGuffey seconded; votes cast for the motion: Dr. Sivak, Mitch McGuffey, Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard; votes cast against the motion: none. **PASSED**

b. Approval to accept the resignation of Mitch McGuffey: The Board voted to accept the resignation of Mitch McGuffey. Cynthia Thompson 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**

c. Approval to Award Bid 3236 Awarded to

to approve item 8. Motion by Cynthia Thompson seconded.
cast for the motion. Frank Figgers, Cynthia Thompson,
Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard

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cast for the motion. Dr. Sivak, Dr. Harrison,
Figgers, Cynthia Thompson and Barbara Hilliard
motion. none. PASSED

X. Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of the Motion to Approve Item 1
Motion to approve item 1. Frank Figgers moved. Mitch McGuffey
votes cast for the motion.
Dr. Harrison, Mitch McGuffey, Barbara Hilliard and Cynthia Thompson
motion. none. PASSED

XI. Consent

a. Approval of the Motion to Approve Item 2
Personnel as a whole
votes cast for the motion.
Barbara Hilliard,
none. PASSED

XII. Consideration. Executive Session: Frank Figgers moved
Hilliard seconded the motion, to consider entering into
executive session. Motion was unanimous.

Cynthia Thompson moved that the board discuss and receive an update on
executive session. The board discussed and received an update on
miscellaneous items, (1) discuss and receive an update on
potential violations, and (2) discuss and receive an update on
and potential litigation regarding Entergy's closeout plan for Lake Hico.
The motion was unanimous.

In executive session, the board discussed, legal issues and potential litigation regarding Entergy's
closeout plan for Lake Hico. The board took no action regarding this matter.

Next, the board discussed and discussed potential
violations or law and/or misconduct regarding expenditures under the
Joint Use of Lake Hico. The board took no action regarding this matter.

Next, the board received an update on
violations or law and/or misconduct in certain districts. The board took no action.

There being no further business, Cynthia Thompson moved and Frank Figgers seconded
the motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

XIII. Adjourn: Back in open session. The board adjourned.
Thompson moved and Figgers seconded the motion to adjourn the
meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.



Ed Sivak, Board Pr



Cynthia Thompson, Board Member