

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 23, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.
JCHS JAMES D. SWANN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Vines who then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence. Board members present were Chairman Vines, Vice Chairman Bill Jarnigan, Randall Bradley, Denise Fair and Maurice Solomon. Board members Dusty Cox and Anne Marie Potts were absent. Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools and secretary to the board, was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board member Fair led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chairman Vines introduced Dr. Scott Walker, JCHS Principal, who then recognized each one of the thirty seniors who scored 30 or higher on the ACT. Each student was presented with a certificate of recognition.

Chairman Vines congratulated the students and their achievements.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Denise Fair, the board voted 5-0 to approve the agenda with the following additions - Fairgrounds Request and Director of Schools' 2015-2016 Evaluation. (attached)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Jarnigan and second by Denise Fair, the board voted 5-0 to approve the consent agenda items as submitted. (attached)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION – DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

1. Each board member received a copy of the current financial reports.

Items for Information - continued

2. Michael Phagan, Facilities Supervisor, passed out a copy of a Lease Agreement between the Board of Education and Dorothy S. Cagle, owner of property adjoining White Pine School permitting the Board of Education to cross her property for the purpose of developing a construction entrance for the renovations at White Pine School. Mr. Phagan asked the board to ratify the Lease Agreement in order for the Executive Committee to execute. Dr. Edmonds made the recommendation that it be approved.

Board member Solomon made the motion to approve the Construction Easement between the Jefferson County Board of Education and Dorothy S. Cagle as submitted. Vice Chairman Jarnigan seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Phagan also passed out a progress report regarding the renovations at White Pine School.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval – General Purpose Fund 141 Budget Amendment #13

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Vice Chairman Jarnigan, the board voted 5-0 to approve General Purpose Fund 141 Budget Amendment #13. (attached)

2. PECCA Representatives

Sherry Finchum passed out a handout regarding PECCA subjects that can be discussed at the collaborative conferencing table and excluded subjects. She requested that the board appoint the Board team that will be sitting at the table to enter in to the collaborative conferencing. She pointed out there needed to be at least seven (7) members of the Boards' Team. Ms. Finchum stated the members would have to go through a three (3) hour training. The training is scheduled for March 16, 2017 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Patriot Academy.

Board member Solomon made the motion to approve Dominique Davis, Sherry Finchum, Mandy Schneitman, Tammy Bowlin, Scott Walker, Randall Bradley and Denise Fair to serve on the management team for the Board. Vice Chairman Jarnigan seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

New Business - continued

3. Approval – Fairgrounds Request

- (a) Jefferson County High School FFA and FFA Alumni Annual Truck and Tractor Pull – April 22, 2017
- (b) Jefferson County High School FFA – Third Grade Safety Day – March 16, 2017

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Randall Bradley, the board voted 5-0 to approve the above requests to use the fairgrounds. (attached)

4. Resolution No. 2017-41 – Technology Surplus Property

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Jarnigan and second by Maurice Solomon, the board voted 5-0 to accept Resolution No. 2017-41 declaring the list of equipment as surplus property. (attached)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Policy Changes for Review and Adoption (Second Reading) – **1.203 New Member Orientation, 1.400 School Board Meetings, 2.601 Fundraising (new policy Recommended by TSBA), 3.206 Community Use of School Facilities, 4.207 English Learners (new policy recommended by TSBA), 4.302 Field Trips and Excursions, 4.600 Grading Systems, 4.700 Testing Programs (new policy recommended by TSBA), 5.1101 Differentiated Pay (new policy recommended by TSBA), 6.3071 Student Alcohol and Drug Testing, 6.313 Discipline Procedures, 6.414 Prevention and Treatment of Sudden Cardiac Arrest**

Sherry Finchum went over a minor change to Board Policy 4.700 Testing Programs which was a new updated policy recommended by TSBA. She stated the change was made in order to clarify the percentages under the high school end of course exam scores which are to be included in the students' final grades. She pointed out the change came from the State Board of Education and was updated by TSBA after the board initially approved the policy on first reading. (attached)

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Jarnigan and second by Maurice Solomon, the board voted 5-0 to approve on second reading the above policies with the attached slight change to Policy 4.700 Testing Programs.

Unfinished Business - continued

2. Second Draft Copies of 2017-2018 School Calendar

Sherry Finchum presented two (2) versions of the 2017-2018 school calendar for the Board's review. She pointed out the difference in the calendars included the date for Professional Development Day #3. She stated that Version #1 had been recommended by the Calendar Committee and Kevin Cline, Assistant Principal at JCHS. Dr. Cline recommended Version 1 because students would not be present on that day of the PSAT test. Ms. Finchum pointed out everyone would be present in the Version 2 calendar.

Board member Fair commented that she preferred Version 2 because everyone would be off for Veterans Day.

Board member Bradley commented that he had a problem with Christmas Break being too long and school starting so early in August. He recommended starting school on Monday, August 7 and shorten the Christmas Break.

Vice Chairman Jarnigan made the motion to accept Version #2 of the 2017-2018 school calendar as submitted. Board member Solomon seconded the motion. (attached)

Board member Bradley requested that Year Long School/Balanced Calendar be added to one of the work sessions. Mr. Bradley stated that he had concerns regarding the school calendar and teachers not getting 180 days of teaching days.

The motion to accept Version #2 of the 2017-2018 school calendar passed 4-1. Board member Bradley voted against.

3. Chairman Vines requested that Dr. Edmonds evaluation results be added to the next board agenda.

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ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Jim Vines, Chairman

Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools &
Secretary to the Board

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