

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 23, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.  
PATRIOT ACADEMY**

**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 in attendance were Chairman Vines, Vice Chairman Bill Jarnigan, Randall Bradley, Denise Fair, Anne Marie Potts, Maurice Solomon and Dusty Cox. Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools and Secretary to the Board, was also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dr. Edmonds requested that the Resolution regarding Mountain View Youth Development Center be added under new business.

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Denise Fair, the board unanimously voted 7-0 to approve the agenda with the addition requested above. (attached)

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Jarnigan and second by Maurice Solomon, the board unanimously voted 7-0 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.
2. Richard Hill with Mitchell, Emert & Hill, P.C. went over the 2015-2016 schools audit report. Mr. Hill pointed out there were no major findings. He stated that segregation of duties was a finding that every school had and was very difficult to overcome due to lack of personnel. He commended the bookkeepers for their work and willingness to ask questions during the training that was conducted in order to improve.

**Items for Information – continued**

3. Each board member received a copy of the 2015-2016 Director of Schools Evaluation results. Chairman Vines pointed out that Dr. Edmonds had received an average score of 4.04. Dr. Edmonds thanked the board for their evaluation and feedback in assisting him to improve.

4. Dr. Edmonds updated the board on preliminary work of the 2017-2018 school budget. He stated that he and his staff were ready to turn over what they had completed on the budget to the county finance office tomorrow as scheduled. Dr. Edmonds passed out the budget schedule to board members. The board will review the budget at the April 27, 2017 regular meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval Budget Amendments

(a) General Purpose Fund 141 Budget Amendment #14

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Randall Bradley, the board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve General Purpose Fund 141 Budget Amendment #14 as submitted. (attached)

(b) Federal Purpose Fund 142 Budget Amendment #8

Upon motion by Randall Bradley and second by Dusty Cox, the board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve Federal Purpose Fund 142 Budget Amendment #8 as submitted. (attached)

(c) Food Service Fund 143 Budget Amendment #3

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Dusty Cox, the board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve Food Service Fund 143 Budget Amendment #3 as submitted. (attached)

(d) Education Capital Projects Fund 177 Budget Amendment #2

Langdon Potts, County Finance Director, pointed out the funds were set aside for paving in a reserve account which was the school board's portion of left over funds from the Patriot Academy, renovation of the high school and renovation to Building 8. He stated the amendment had been approved by the County Commission and Budget Committee pending

**New Business – Education Capital Projects Fund 177 Budget Amendment #2**

two things which included the Board of Education's approval of the amendment and the Board of Education rescinding motions to reallocate school capital funds (\$646,000 on November 22, 2016 and \$407,100 on December 15, 2016) and restores capital projects to the originally approved projects that were agreed to by the Board of Education on September 26, 2016 and County Commission on October 11, 2016 as a condition to release remaining construction amounts with the Patriot Academy, JCHS renovation, Building 8 and Tennessee Risk Management Trust.

Board member Bradley made the motion to rescind the motions to reallocate school capital funds (\$646,000 on November 22, 2016 and \$407,100 on December 15, 2016) and restores capital projects to the originally approved projects that were agreed to on September 26, 2016 by the Board of Education and the County Commission on October 11, 2016 as a condition to release remaining construction amounts with the Patriot Academy, JCHS renovation, Building 8 and Tennessee Risk Management Trust. Board member Solomon seconded the motion.

Board member Cox made an amendment to the motion to replace window replacement at White Pine School on the capital projects list (line item #17 in the amount of \$21,300) to the installation of a gym floor at White Pine School due to safety concerns. Board member Solomon seconded the motion.

There was some discussion regarding the change. Board member Potts expressed her feelings about changing things that had already been voted on. Dr. Edmonds responded the board did not have the authority to switch one project for another but this was an item where one item was being switched for another item at the same school based on safety.

Mr. Potts, County Finance Director, commented that in his opinion he did not feel the county commission would have a problem with changing that item. Mr. Potts suggested approving the motion to rescind motions to reallocate school capital funds and restore capital projects to the originally approved projects in order to start the paving at the high school and make a separate motion to replace window replacement at White Pine to the installation of a gym floor.

Board member Cox withdrew his motion to amend the motion. Board member Solomon withdrew his second.

The motion to rescind motions to reallocate school capital funds passed unanimously 7-0.

**New Business – continued**

Board member Bradley made the motion to approve Education Capital Projects Fund 177 Budget Amendment #2. Board member Solomon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Board member Cox made the motion to change line item #17 on the capital projects list from window replacement at White Pine School in the amount of \$21,300 to fixing the gym floor due to safety concerns. Board member Solomon seconded the motion.

Chairman Vines requested that pictures be brought back to the board of the gym floor at White Pine School. Board member Fair also requested cost information to fix the floor. Board member Cox said he would bring back that information for the next meeting. Mr. Cox stated that fund raisers were being planned to help pay for the gym floor. Dr. Edmonds commented that cost to replace the floor at the high school and Rush Strong School was approximately \$80,000.

The motion to change line item #17 passed 4-2-1. Board members Vines, Bradley, Cox and Solomon voted for the motion, board members Jarnigan and Fair voted against the motion and board member Potts abstained.

2. Approval – Resolution No. 2017-42 – Technology Surplus

Upon motion by Randall Bradley and second by Vice Chairman Jarnigan, the board voted unanimously 7-0 to approve Resolution No. 2017-42 declaring a list of technology equipment as surplus. (attached)

3. Resolution requesting that the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services (DCS) provide all Educational Services for Inmates of the Mountain View Youth Development Center In-House

Dr. Edmonds read a Resolution in opposition to contemplated changes by the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services and the State of Tennessee in the operation of the Mountain View Youth Development Center that would result in actions to place inmates in the public schools of Jefferson County whether it be a public or private operation.

Board member Potts made the motion to adopt the Resolution as submitted. Board member Solomon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously 7-0.

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**New Business – Resolution - continued**

The Resolution will be sent to DCS Commissioner Bonnie Hommrich, Deputy Commissioner of Juvenile Justice, Debbie Miller, Jefferson County’s State Representatives and State Senators, and the U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators that represent Jefferson County.

Board member Potts thanked Dr. Edmonds for the Resolution.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Jim Vines, Chairman

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

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