

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 27, 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 present were Chairman Vines, Vice Chairman Bill Jarnigan, Randall Bradley, Dusty Cox, Denise Fair and Maurice Solomon. Board member Anne Marie Potts was absent. Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools and Secretary to the Board, was also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chairman Jarnigan led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Dusty Cox, the board approved 6-0 the agenda with the additions which included an update on Maury Middle School, Approval Federal Purpose Fund 142 Budget Amendment #12, Student Nutrition Price Increases, and Resolution No. 2017-43 6-0. (attached)

**SPECIAL FOCUS**

1. Teachers of the Year

Teachers of the Year were recognized and introduced by their principals. Representing Pre-K-Grade 4 was Jessica Willings from Talbott Elementary School, Mary John Wilson from Rush Strong School for Grades 5-8 and Mark Labig from Jefferson County High School for Grades 9-12. Ms. Carol Baker, Human Resources Director, pointed out that Jessica Willings and Mary John Wilson were both finalists for Teachers of the Year regionally.

2. JCHS Patriot Cafe'

Ritchie Green, JCHS Special Education Work Based Learning Coordinator, stated that one of the goals of the work based learning class was to get the students from school to work after high school. The Patriot Cafe' prepares a meal for teachers who make a reservation. The students are responsible for preparing the menu, grocery shopping, preparing a budget, prepping and serving the food, as well as cleaning up all with the help of their job coach.

**Special Focus – Patriot Cafe’**

Mr. Green stated the Cafe’ had been a great learning experience for the students. He invited the board members to make a reservation for the May meal.

3. SCOPE Participants

John Cagle, JCHS Assistant Principal and SCOPE Chaperone, introduced SCOPE participants Eimy Hurtado, Eden Parish, and Carrie Thiel who went over topics that were discussed at the conference. Mr. Cagle and the students thanked the board for allowing them to attend.

Mr. Cagle also stated that at the recent State Conference of the Future Farmers of America, the Jefferson County High School agricultural education program was selected as the most outstanding agricultural program in the state by the National Association of Agriculture Educators. He also mentioned that Karen Bacon, JCHS student, had been selected as a state officer.

Dr. Walker, JCHS Principal, also reported that JCHS had ranked as one of the best high schools in the state. He commented that out of 400 high schools, JCHS was listed as 32.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Jarnigan and second by Maurice Solomon, the board approved the consent agenda items as submitted 6-0. (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 March financial reports.
2. Each board member received an update on capital and operating budget projects and answered any questions from the board. Vice Chairman Jarnigan asked how much the bid was for the rigging system for the JCHS performing arts center. Mr. Phagan responded the bid was for \$113,700 and was scheduled to be completed by the fall.

**Items for Information – Capital Projects Update**

Vice Chairman Jarnigan made the motion to take the difference from the JCHS rigging system totaling \$51,300 and apply it to the White Pine School gym floor. Board member Solomon seconded the motion.

Mr. Jarnigan asked Langdon Potts, County Finance Director, if this would have to go before the County Commission Budget Committee. Mr. Potts responded that he was not sure but that he would address the motion at the next Budget Committee Meeting.

Mr. Cox stated the White Pine PTO had raised approximately \$10,000 to apply to the gym floor. Board member Fair asked how much the floor would cost. Mr. Phagan responded he had received three cost estimates ranging from \$73,000-\$80,000.

The motion to take the difference from the JCHS rigging system totaling \$51,300 and apply it to the White Pine School gym floor passed 6-0.

3. Michael Phagan, Facilities Supervisor, gave an update on the bat situation at Maury Middle School. Mr. Phagan reported that a remediation company was contacted in order to get a plan of action regarding bat droppings that had been found. He pointed out that points of entry had been identified and had been sealed up. He reported that all ceiling tiles with any signs of droppings had been replaced. Mr. Phagan commented they were continuing to monitor to see if more points of entry were found. He reported that some bats were getting in the air space between the brick facade and concrete block wall. He pointed out they did not want to deal with the air space issue until school was out for the summer because they did not want bats caught in the space by sealing it off which could cause a bad smell.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval – Budget Amendments

(a) General Purpose Fund 141 Budget Amendment #16

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Dusty Cox, the board voted 6-0 to approve General Purpose Fund 141 Budget Amendment #16 as submitted. (attached)

(b) Federal Purpose Fund 142 Budget Amendment #11

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Jarnigan and second by Dusty Cox, the board voted 6-0 to approve Federal Purpose Fund 142 Budget Amendment #11 as submitted. (attached)

**New Business – Budget Amendments - continued**

(c) Federal Purpose Fund 142 Budget Amendment #12

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Vice Chairman Jarnigan, the board voted 6-0 to approve Federal Purpose Fund 142 Budget Amendment #12 as submitted. (attached)

2. Approval – State Required Student Nutrition Price Increase – 2017-2018 School Year

Upon motion by Dusty Cox and second by Maurice Solomon, the board approved 5-1 the state required student nutrition price increases for the 2017-2018 school year. Board member Fair voted against. (attached)

3. Approval – Resolution No. 2017-43/Donation – Transportation Department

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Vice Chairman Jarnigan, the board approved 6-0 Resolution No. 2017-43 declaring a 1998 26 passenger Thomas Bus surplus to be donated to the Sheriff's office as recommended by the director of schools and transportation director. (attached)

4. Teacher Tenure

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Dusty Cox, the board approved the list of additional teachers for tenure 6-0 as recommended by the director of schools. (attached)

5. Approval – Textbook Adoption

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Denise Fair, the board approved 6-0 the adoption of CTE textbooks as submitted. (attached)

6. TSBA 2018 Membership Dues

Upon motion by Dusty Cox and second by Vice Chairman Jarnigan, the board approved 6-0 the Tennessee School Board Association 2018 annual membership dues totaling \$7,371. (attached)

**New Business - continued**

7. 2017-2018 School Budget

Dr. Edmonds commented on loss of funds that effected the budget. He pointed out that \$786,000 of BEP funds were lost due to a change in procedures regarding free and reduced lunches. He further commented there was also a significant decrease of federal grant funds totaling \$287,159.11. He stated the budget was negatively impacted due to more local match responsibility and less from the state. He pointed out the combined loss of at-risk revenue (\$786,000), federal grant funds (\$287,159.11) and more local match increases (\$90,000) totaled \$1,163,159.11 in losses. Dr. Edmonds stated the 2017-2018 budget being presented was a balanced budget.

Board member Bradley had concerns regarding approving the budget while collaborative conferencing with the teachers was still going on and not having a Memorandum of Understanding with them. Dr. Edmonds stated that it was not part of the collaborative conferencing. He further stated the school board needed to approve the budget.

Langdon Potts, County Finance Director, stated that 80% of the budget dealt with compensation. He further stated the budget meets the requirements set by the state and is a balanced budget with total revenue of \$54,925,887 and total expenditures of \$54,925,888. He pointed out the budget will change but it is best to go ahead and approve it. He stated they were using the \$140,000 they received in January from BEP that had not been used in order to balance the budget. He pointed out no money from fund balance was used to balance the budget.

Board member Solomon made the motion to accept the 2017-2018 General Fund 141 operating school budget as submitted with total expenditures of \$54,925,888. Vice Chairman Jarnigan seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0. (attached)

Vice Chairman Jarnigan made the motion to accept the 2017-2018 Federal Fund 142 operating school budget with total expenditures of \$3,679,873 as presented. Board member Cox seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0. (attached)

Board member Cox made the motion to accept the 2017-2018 Student Nutrition 143 operating school budget with total revenues and expenditures totaling \$4,554,774 as presented. Board member Fair seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0. (attached)

**School Budget – continued**

Mr. Potts reported there was right at \$600,000 in the fund balance above the required amount. He anticipated there would be a roll over.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 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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