



# JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of November 14, 2023

Regular Business Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at VanHoose Education Center, Stewart Auditorium, Louisville, Kentucky, on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6 p.m.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Acting Chairman Corrie Shull	Mr. James Craig
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Dr. Chris Kolb
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Ms. Sarah McIntosh

### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Heather Benfield, Executive Administrator, High Schools  
Kevin Brown, General Counsel  
Caroline Callahan, Chief Communications and Community Relations Officer  
Dr. Katy Deferrari, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Dena Dossett, Chief of Accountability, Research, and Systems Improvement  
Dr. Joe Ellison, Assistant Superintendent, High Schools  
Dr. Rob Fulk, Interim Chief Operations Officer  
Dr. Terra Greenwell, Chief Academic Officer  
Robert Moore, Chief of Schools  
Chuck Truesdell, Executive Administrator, Government and Community Relations

This meeting was conducted via videoconference pursuant to KRS 61.823 and KRS 61.826. The primary location for this meeting and where all members could be seen and heard by the public was the VanHoose Education Center. Members of the Board were permitted to attend in person or via video teleconference pursuant to KRS 61.826. Members of the public were permitted to attend in person or watch the live stream of the meeting.

### BUSINESS MEETING

Acting Chair Shull called the November 14, 2023, Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by a traditional moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Kolb then read the District Vision Statement.

### III. Recognitions and Resolutions

- A. Recognition of duPont Manual High School Junior Ashley Nevison for Receiving the WLKY Bell Award
- B. Recognition of Three JCPS Teachers Selected to Participate in the McConnell Center Teacher Scholars Program
- C. Recognition of Five JCPS Schools Recognized by the Kentucky Department of Education for their Implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions and supports (PBIS)

**Order #2023-172 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive the recognitions and resolutions for November 14, 2023. The recommendation passed with a motion by Dr. Christopher Kolb and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

#### **IV. Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda**

**Order #2023-173 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the agenda for November 14, 2023. The recommendation was passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

#### **V. Recommendation for Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Order #2023-174 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 24, 2024, meeting and November 10, 2023, Board Retreat. The recommendation passed with a motion by Dr. Christopher Kolb and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

#### **VI. Superintendent's Report**

Chief of Staff Dr. Katy DeFerrari provided the Superintendent's Report. She began with a message from Dr. Pollio, "He very much appreciates the outpouring of support, not only from Board members, but staff, community members, and our students as he recovers from his emergency back surgery." She then announced that Dr. Pollio had been awarded the Charles Bowser Award for Innovation in Education at the National Career Academy Coalition Conference. She provided a brief update regarding the assessment of the Transportation Department and the transportation activities of August 9, 2023; a swatting situation at two JCPS schools; the new weapons detection systems; and the recent Board Retreat.

Acting Chair Shull extended warm well-wishes to Dr. Pollio and hopes for a speedy recovery.

### **VII. Student Outcomes-Focused Governance Update**

There was no update.

### **VIII. Persons Requesting to Address the Board on Action Items or Consent Calendar Items to be Voted Upon Separately at Board Member Request**

There were no speakers at this time.

### **IX. Action Items**

### **X. Information Items**

#### **A. Acceptance of a Report on the 2022-2023 State Accountability Results**

Dr. DeFerrari introduced this item and Chief of Accountability, Research, and Systems Improvement Dr. Dena Dossett presented the report. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Ms. McIntosh requested information/results on A5 Alternative Education Programs.

Mrs. Duncan wanted to better understand the state accountability scoring system. She stated that she had trouble following the data. She wanted to clarify the information for African American students.

Mr. Craig stated, "The results are commendable for the District, but I'll repeat again my general skepticism of the value of making budgeting and high-stakes policy decisions based on high-stakes testing and accountability metrics."

**Order #2023-175 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive a report on the 2022-2023 State Accountability Results. The recommendation was passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

Mr. James Craig	No
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## B. Acceptance of Updates on Alternative and Specialized Option Schools

Dr. DeFerrari introduced this item. The update was presented by the following staff members: Heather Benfield, executive administrator, high schools; Dr. Joe Ellison, assistant superintendent, high schools; Dr. Rob Fulk, interim chief operations officer; and Robert Moore, chief of schools. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Ms. McIntosh asked for clarification on A6 Alternative Education Programs. She questioned state accountability assessments for out-of-district state agency children; state funding for those students; and the enrollment/services availability in these programs. She asked if the State provides any additional funding to districts for A5 programs.

Mrs. Duncan wanted clarification on A5 schools Grace James Academy of Excellence and W.E.B. DuBois Academy. She then asked for more information regarding Career Pathways. She suggested they consider a bigger building for Newcomer Academy as the Multilingual Learner population grows. She expressed concern about transportation issues and questioned the need to replicate The Phoenix School of Discovery on the other end of town.

Mr. Craig praised The Phoenix School of Discovery and agreed that there is a need to expand those opportunities throughout the District.

Acting Chair Shull asked if staff at A5 schools are eligible for hazard pay. He then asked, "Can you articulate the distinguishing characteristics between Minor Daniels and Breckinridge Metro?" He questioned the exit process/communication at these schools. He then asked, "How are we ensuring that students who end up in one of the alternative schools and need to be separated from one another, how are we ensuring that takes place?" He concluded by expressing concern with transportation and wanted to ensure that, as issues arise in the District, these schools are not automatically the first to be bumped to the bottom to have bus routes dropped.

Mr. Craig shared the transportation concerns and advised that the District needs to communicate with these schools because they are of the opinion that because of the size of the school and because of the status of the school, they are not being treated fairly with transportation.

**Order #2023-176 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive a report on the District's Alternative and Specialized Option Schools Program. The recommendation was passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

### C. Acceptance of a Report on the 2024 JCPS Legislative Agenda

Dr. DeFerrari introduced this item and Chuck Truesdell, executive administrator, Government and Community Relations; presented the draft Legislative Agenda. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mrs. Duncan said, "I'd like for us to think about the funding formula for our multilingual students and what we can do to increase that funding to support that growing population." She then stated that she didn't think that Pre-K could be fully utilized unless we had some kind of universal attendance requirement. She expressed the need to have more flexibility with NTI days. She then asked if gas cards would be included with funding.

Dr. Kolb acknowledged the Board's key issues revolve around funding. He wanted to ensure that is the clear top priority.

Ms. McIntosh agreed that the key issues revolve around funding. She said that transportation and add-ons are the biggest pieces for her. She emphasized the importance of equitable access to necessary curriculum, supports, and resources.

Mr. Marshall stated that he agreed with all the points that had been made, especially funding.

**Order #2023-177 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive a Report on the 2024 JCPS Legislative Agenda. The recommendation was passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Dr. Christopher Kolb.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

### XI. Consent Calendar

**A.** Report of Certified Leaves

**B.** Report of Personnel Actions

**C.** Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions

**1.** Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions – Academics

**2.** Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions – Chief of Staff

**D.** Recommendation for Approval of Field Trip Request and Receipt of Report of Field Trips Approved by the Superintendent

**E.** Recommendation for Approval of the Projects, Assignment of Architect/Engineer, and BG-1 Forms

**1.** Recommendation for Approval of the Project, Assignment of Architect/Engineer, and BG-1 Form for Structural Repairs at Coral Ridge Elementary School

**2.** Recommendation for Approval of the Project, Assignment of Architect/Engineer, and BG-1 Form for Culinary Kitchen at Fern Creek High School

**F.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completions and BG-4 Forms

- 1.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Air Handler and Outdoor Air Unit Replacement at C.B. Young Jr. Service Center
- 2.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for New Front Entry Vestibule at Highland Middle School
- G.** Recommendation for Approval of Sale and Purchase Agreement for the Property Disposal – Disposition (Sale) of Watson Lane Elementary School at 7201 Watson Lane
- H.** Recommendations for Approval of Construction Change Orders
- I.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendment.
- J.** Recommendation for Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$20,000 or More
- K.** Acceptance of Summary of Professional Services Contracts
- L.** Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer
  - 1.** Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Invoices
  - 2.** Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Purchase Orders
  - 3.** Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Vouchers
- M.** Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report for Period Ended September 30, 2023
- N.** Recommendation for Approval of Assistant Treasurer and Bank Signature Resolution for Fiscal Year 23-24
- O.** Recommendation for Approval of Fidelity Bond for Fiscal Year 2023-24
- P.** Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Funding
  - 1.** Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants
  - 2.** Acceptance of Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Education Grant from Kentucky Department of Education
  - 3.** Acceptance of Funding from Catholic Charities Through the Kentucky Office for Refugees
  - 4.** Acceptance of a Grant from Harbor Freight Tools for Schools, LLC for PRP Skilled Trades Program
- Q.** Recommendation for Approval of Agreements
  - 1.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Isaac W. Bernheim Foundation
  - 2.** Recommendation for Approval of Agreement with JCTC for Youth Apprenticeships & Work-Based Learning
  - 3.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with The Louisville Academy of Music on Behalf of Brooklawn State Agency School
  - 4.** Recommendation for Approval of Amendment to Spalding University Student Teacher Agreement Regarding Substitute Teaching Student Teaching Policy
  - 5.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with The Louisville Academy of Music on Behalf of Lincoln Elementary Performing Arts School and Western School for the Arts
  - 6.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with University Instructors LLC
  - 7.** Recommendation for Approval of Amendment to Lease Agreement with the University of Louisville
  - 8.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with CodeHS
  - 9.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Protection Agreement with Inter-State Studios
  - 10.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with The Library Corporation
  - 11.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Panorama Education
  - 12.** Recommendation for Approval of Amendment to the Data Privacy Agreement with Presence Learning
  - 13.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with KentuckianaWorks
- R.** Recommendation for Approval of 2024 Board Meeting Schedule
- S.** Recommendation for Approval of Appointment of the 2023-2024 Calendar Committee Members

T. Acceptance of the 2023 Nutrition and Physical Report

U. Acceptance of Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Year Ended June 30, 2023

Mrs. Duncan pulled down organizational charts/job descriptions for discussion and a separate vote.

**Order #2023-178 - Motion Passed:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda for November 14, 2023, minus item *XI.C Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions* passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

▪ XI.C Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions

Mrs. Duncan stated that she did not understand the changes that were being recommended and asked for clarification.

**Order #2023-179 - Motion Passed:** A motion to approve consent item *XI.C Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions* passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Dr. Christopher Kolb.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## XII. Board Planning Calendar

There was no discussion regarding the Planning Calendar.

**Order #2023-180 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive the attached planning calendar outlining discussion agenda items. The recommendation passed with a motion by Dr. Christopher Kolb and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

**XIII. Committee Reports**

Dr. Kolb gave a brief update on the Policy Committee. Mr. Craig announced that the Facilities Committee would be reconvening in January and invited Board members to appoint a representative from their district to serve.

**XIV. Board Reports**

There were no Board reports.

**XV. Persons Requesting to Address the Board (If Necessary)**

Tangqua Oliver expressed concerns regarding how her child is being treated by the staff at Camp Taylor Elementary School.

**XVI. Executive Session (If Necessary)**

**XVII. Action Item (If Necessary)**

**XVIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**Order #2023-181 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn the November 14, 2023, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 7:55 p.m. passed with a motion by Dr. Christopher Kolb and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

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Dr. Corrie Shull  
Acting Chairman

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Dr. Martin A. Pollio  
Superintendent/Secretary

**THESE ACTIONS, ALONG WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS, MAKE UP THE OFFICIAL MINUTES,  
WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**