

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 10, 2012

REGULAR meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at the VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, December 10, 2012, at 7 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson Diane Porter
Mrs. Linda Duncan
Mr. Joseph Hardesty
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund

Vice-Chairperson Stephen Imhoff
Mrs. Carol Haddad
Mr. Larry Hujo

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Donna M. Hargens, Ed.D.
Rosemary Miller, General Counsel
Kathy Smith, Assistant Secretary to the Board

WORK SESSION:

An orientation session for newly elected Board members was held at 5 p.m. A review of the process for developing the draft budget for 2013–14 was facilitated by Cordelia Hardin, chief financial officer. Mr. Imhoff was absent; all other Board members were present. Newly elected Board members Chris Brady, Chuck Haddaway, and David Jones, Jr. were also present.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION MEETING:

A called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jefferson County School District Finance Corporation was held at 6:50 p.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m. Mr. Stephen Imhoff was absent; all other Directors were present.

REGULAR MEETING:

Chairperson Diane Porter called the December 10, 2012, meeting to order at 7 p.m. All Board members were present. The meeting opened with a moment of silence; the Pledge of Allegiance, and the reading of the Vision Statement. Chair Porter introduced newly elected Board members Chris Brady, Chuck Haddaway, and David Jones, Jr., and thanked them for their attendance.

III. Approval of Minutes

Order #2012-357 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the November 26, 2012, regular meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Hujo and a second by Mr. Stephen Imhoff.

Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes	Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes
Mr. Joseph Hardesty	Yes	Mr. Larry Hujo	Yes
Mr. Stephen Imhoff	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

IV. Recognitions and Resolutions

- Recognition of Joseph L. Hardesty, Larry Hujo, and Stephen P. Imhoff

The following individuals brought greetings and congratulations on behalf of their organizations and thanked Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Hujo, and Mr. Imhoff for their years of service to the community and to the Jefferson County Public School District:

- Mayor Greg Fischer;
- Mr. Jim Allen, chairman, Jefferson County Public Education Foundation;
- Ms. Tiffany Marshall, president, Jefferson County Association of School Administrators;
- Mr. Brent McKim, president, Jefferson County Teachers Association; and
- Ms. Cherie Dimar, president, 15th District PTA.

Chair Porter thanked the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation, Jefferson County Association of School Administrators, Jefferson County Teachers Association, and the 15th District PTA for their donations in support of the reception for outgoing Board members.

Jamesha Ricketts, a student from Western High School, read a brief tribute in honor of Mr. Joseph L. Hardesty, and Chairperson Diane Porter and Superintendent Donna Hargens presented him with a token of appreciation for his 23 years of service on the Jefferson County Board of Education. Mr. Brad Hughes, executive director of the Kentucky School Boards Association, presented Mr. Hardesty with an award of appreciation for his 20-plus years of service.

Mr. Hardesty introduced his family and thanked them for their support and thanked his colleagues and district educators for their passion and commitment to children and their future.

Jeffery Moreman, a student from Jeffersontown High School, read a brief tribute in honor of Mr. Larry Hujo, and Chairperson Diane Porter and Superintendent Donna Hargens presented him with a token of appreciation for his 12 years of service on the Jefferson County Board of Education.

Mr. Hujo thanked his family and colleagues for their support, his constituents in District 7 for giving him the opportunity to serve, and JCPS employees who impact the lives of students each and every day.

Jake Rich, a student from Seneca High School, read a brief tribute in honor of Mr. Stephen P. Imhoff, and Chairperson Diane Porter and Superintendent Donna Hargens presented him with a token of appreciation for his 12 years of service on the Jefferson County Board of Education.

Mr. Imhoff introduced his family and thanked them for their support, commented on some of the issues the Board has dealt with during his tenure, and challenged incoming Board members to continue the progress made toward increased student achievement.

Order #2012-358 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the recognitions and resolutions for December 10, 2012. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund and a second by Mrs. Carol Haddad.

Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes	Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes
Mr. Joseph Hardesty	Yes	Mr. Larry Hujo	Yes
Mr. Stephen Imhoff	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

Superintendent's Report

- "Chair Porter, members of the Board, it is my pleasure to call your attention to a few items of special interest.
- Let me begin by adding my thanks to Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Hujo, and Mr. Imhoff for the opportunity you have given me to serve as superintendent. Thank you for your support, for what I have learned from you, and for always keeping students at the center of the universe.
- On Tuesday, November 27, 55,000 Degrees held a press conference to update the community on the collective efforts of many organizations to increase the number of citizens within our city who hold a postsecondary or college degree. 55K continues to be an important partner for Jefferson County Public Schools.
- Another important partner, the 15th District PTA, held its Reflections Awards Program on December 4. This program seeks to showcase much of the artwork that is being done by our students. More than 500 entries were considered.
- We held the groundbreaking for the new media and arts complex at Pleasure Ridge Park High School on Thursday, December 6.
- On Friday, I held my monthly Superintendent's Circle at DuValle Education Center. The Superintendent's Circle provides me with an opportunity to meet employees and hear their concerns and ideas on ways we can continuously improve.
- Finally, last month, Board member Debbie Wesslund and I attended the kickoff for the Holiday Mail for Heroes at Zachary Taylor Elementary School. I am pleased to report that through the efforts of our students, more than 42,000 greeting cards were created. Thank you to our students for their participation.
- Recent school visits I have made include Conway Middle and Wellington Elementary School. As of today, I have visited 116 unique schools, for a total of 180 school visits.
- At this time, Chair Porter, I recommend the consent calendar for your consideration."

V. Consent Calendar for December 10, 2012

- A. Approval of Personnel Actions
- B. Approval of Certified Leaves of Absence
- C. Approval of Job Descriptions
- D. Approval of Organizational Charts
- E. Approval of Field Trip Requests

- F. Approval of Project, BG-1 Form, and Assignment of Architects/Engineers for Boiler Replacement at Sanders Elementary School
- G. Approval of Revised BG-1 Form for 2012 Concrete Repairs at Various Schools
- H. Approval of Project Completion and BG-4 Form for 2012 Paving Package 2 at Various Schools for MAC Construction & Excavating, Inc.
- I. Approval of Construction Change Orders
- J. Approval of Bid Tabulations and Amendments
- K. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More
- L. Acceptance of Purchase Order Report
- M. Acceptance of Voucher Report
- N. Acceptance of Monthly Report of Professional Services Contracts
- O. Acceptance of Activity Fund Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2013
- P. Approval to Purchase Property at 5214 and 5216 Ilex Avenue
- Q. Acceptance of Donations
- R. Acceptance of Funding from the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation
- S. Acceptance of Grants and Funding
 - 1. Acceptance of Grant from Metro United Way for the District-Sponsored AmeriCorps REACH Project
 - 2. Acceptance of Grant from Kentucky Adult Education, Council on Postsecondary Education, for English Literacy/Civics Education
 - 3. Acceptance of Funding from Jefferson Community & Technical College for the Accelerating Opportunity-Kentucky Initiative
- T. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation for Vision Screening Program
- U. Approval to Submit a Request to the Kentucky Department of Education for Permission to Use Disaster Days for Watson Lane Elementary and Frost Middle Schools
- V. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority for AmeriCorps College Coach at Waggener High School
- W. Approval of Resolutions Concerning the Jefferson County School District Finance Corporation
- X. Approval of 2012-13 Comprehensive District Improvement Plan

In reference to Agenda Item V.K. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More, Mrs. Linda Duncan requested additional information concerning Contracts #1 and #2 to Louisville Urban League for the Street Academy programs at Portland Elementary School and Newburg Middle School. Dr. Dewey Hensley, chief academic officer; Dr. Marco Muñoz, evaluation specialist; Angela Hosch, principal, Portland Elementary School; and Aukram Burton, specialist, Diversity, Equity, and Poverty Programs; came forward to provide information and answer questions.

Chair Porter requested that Dr. Hargens arrange a meeting with all partners and participants so Mrs. Duncan and other interested Board members can learn more about the Street Academy program.

In reference to Contract #3 for Louisville Orchestra, Board members commented on the value of the Making Music program and commended staff and community leaders for coming up with a workable solution to the issues that prevented students from participating in the program last year.

Chair Porter requested that the Board vote on the Louisville Urban League contracts separately as she needs to abstain on those while she is awaiting an opinion concerning the potential of her serving on the Louisville Urban League Board.

In reference to Agenda Item V.O. Acceptance of the Activity Fund Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2013, Mrs. Duncan commented that “the amount of money in these accounts falls pretty closely to the way our schools’ scores are falling in the achievement category—overall scores. We’ve got Male, and Manual, and Butler sitting at the top up there with over a million dollars in their accounts down to Western and Shawnee having the least amount of money in their accounts. It just really kind of dramatizes the difference among our schools and who has parents that can really support programs and will get out and support programs and what a difference that makes. These schools just kind of reflect that in every way.”

Mrs. Duncan requested additional information concerning Agenda Item V.X. Approval of 2012–13 Comprehensive District Improvement Plan. Dr. Bob Rodosky came forward to provide information and answer questions.

Order #2012-359 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve the Consent Calendar minus Agenda Item V.K. passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol Haddad and a second by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund.

Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes	Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes
Mr. Joseph Hardesty	Yes	Mr. Larry Hujo	Yes
Mr. Stephen Imhoff	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

Order #2012-360 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve Agenda Item V.K. Contracts #1 and #2 for the Louisville Urban League passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol Haddad and a second by Mr. Joseph Hardesty.

Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes	Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes
Mr. Joseph Hardesty	Yes	Mr. Larry Hujo	Yes
Mr. Stephen Imhoff	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Abstain
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

Order #2012-361 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve Agenda Item V.K. Contract #3 for the Louisville Orchestra passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Hujo and a second by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund.

Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes	Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes
Mr. Joseph Hardesty	Yes	Mr. Larry Hujo	Yes
Mr. Stephen Imhoff	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

VI. Action Items

VII. Discussion Items

VII.A. 2012–13 Board of Education Discussion Agenda Planning Calendar

Order #2012-362 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive for information a planning calendar outlining discussion agenda items to occur during the 2012–13 fiscal year. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol Haddad and a second by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund.

Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes	Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes
Mr. Joseph Hardesty	Yes	Mr. Larry Hujo	Yes
Mr. Stephen Imhoff	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

VIII. Board Reports and Requests

Mrs. Wesslund, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Haddad, and Ms. Porter voiced their appreciation for Mr. Hardesty, Mr. Hujo, and Mr. Imhoff and thanked them for their leadership, commitment, and service through the years.

Ms. Porter requested that Dr. Hargens work with staff to bring to the Board a plan for increasing involvement of students in Early Childhood. “We got a report that showed that we have some students through the District—in District 4—Mrs. Haddad’s district—and in District 1 that are not currently being served with early childhood programs. And we continue to talk about that. We’ve talked about it for a number of years, but we also continue to hear that if students are not ready by the time they get to third grade, then they are behind. And because of that, they may not catch up. So, I am asking that we come forth with a plan as to how we are going to move forward. We have talked about this in the Facilities Committee meetings, and I think that it’s time now for an action plan with some timelines and some dollars as to how we’re going to make that happen. So that is my request. Because we know that we have to do better as it pertains to getting our children ready for school—particularly coming to us ready for Kindergarten and being ready by the time they get to third grade.”

IX. Persons Requesting to Address the Board on Non-Agenda Items

Rev. Jerry Stephenson, Ms. Gracie Lewis, Ms. Lenora Yarbrough, Jacie Rowe, and Ms. Jane Grady addressed the Board of Education concerning the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO) Resolution on Education Reform.

Mr. Shelby Lanier Lanier, Jr. addressed the Board of Education concerning test scores.

Chair Porter asked Dr. Hargens to bring people together to have a conversation about these issues. “We’ve received some paperwork tonight. So, Dr. Hargens, I will give that charge to you and staff and to come back to the Board with the work that you all have done—meetings, conversations, and whatever has happened by way of the Board based on the speakers that we have had tonight. So, again, thank you to the speakers for being here tonight. We are turning this over to Dr. Hargens for more information to come back to the Board.”

X. Executive Session (If Needed)

XI. Adjournment

Order #2012-363 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to adjourn the December 10, 2012, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 8:49 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Larry Hujo and a second by Mr. Joseph Hardesty.

Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes	Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes
Mr. Joseph Hardesty	Yes	Mr. Larry Hujo	Yes
Mr. Stephen Imhoff	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

Diane Porter, Chairperson

Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent/Secretary

**THESE ACTIONS, ALONG WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS, MAKE UP THE OFFICIAL
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