

**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 28, 2013**

**REGULAR** meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at the VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, January 28, 2013, at 7 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Diane Porter  
Mr. Chris Brady  
Mr. Chuck Haddaway  
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund

Vice-Chairman Carol Ann Haddad  
Mrs. Linda Duncan  
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**WORK SESSION:**

Board members met at 4 p.m. to discuss Safety, Board Organization, and the Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2013–14. All Board members were present.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

Board Chairman Diane Porter called the January 28, 2013, meeting to order at 7 p.m. All Board members were present.

Chair Porter asked Board members to introduce themselves and noted that today is the 27th anniversary of the Space Shuttle Challenger tragedy and the launch of the first teacher in space.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by Don Hall, a first-grade student at Shelby Traditional Academy. Chair Porter read the Vision Statement.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**Order #2013-010 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the January 14, 2013, regular meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

Chair Porter congratulated Sam Moody, director, Materials Production, who is retiring after 42 years of service and acknowledged Bernadette Hamilton, Janice James, and Gail Taylor, who are retiring from Options/Magnet and Advance Programs.

**IV. Recognitions and Resolutions**

- A. Recognition of Camerron McPherson and Josefa Lopez
- B. Recognition of National Board Certified Teachers
- C. Recognition of National School Counseling Week
- D. Recognition of Jefferson County Board of Education

In recognition of School Board Recognition Month, Mr. David Karem, chairman of the Kentucky Board of Education, thanked Board members for their continued leadership service to the students of Jefferson County.

**Order #2013-011 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the recognitions and resolutions for January 28, 2013. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

**Superintendent's Report**

- "Thank you, Chair Porter. Members of the Board, it is my pleasure to call your attention to a few items of special interest.
- On Saturday, January 20, Board Member Wesslund and I attended *Science with a Twist* at the Kentucky Science Center. This event highlighted the Science Center's newest exhibit, Body Worlds, which will run through May 19.
- A week ago, I marked the commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday by attending a program at the University of Louisville's Playhouse.
- This week, I will host the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council for their quarterly meeting. Students will be providing feedback on what a school of innovation would look like and other steps the district can take to enhance student achievement and engagement.
- As of today, I have visited 127 of our schools, for a total of 196 school visits
- At this time, Chair Porter, I recommend the consent calendar for the Board's consideration."

Mr. Brent McKim, president, Jefferson County Teachers Association, addressed the Board of Education concerning Agenda Item V.Z. Approval of General Fund Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2013–14.

**V. Consent Calendar for January 28, 2013**

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

- E. Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for New Operations Building at Blankenbaker Bus Compound
- F. Approval of Project Completions and BG-4 Forms
  - 1. Stadium Electrical Upgrades at duPont Manual High School
  - 2. New Performing Arts Pavilion at Lincoln Elementary Performing Arts School
  - 3. Generator Replacement at VanHoose Education Center
  - 4. 2012 Paving Package 1 at Various Schools for Riverside Paving & Contracting, Inc.
  - 5. 2012 Paving Package 2 at Various Schools for Riverside Paving & Contracting, Inc.
- G. Approval of Construction Change Orders
- H. Approval of Bid Tabulations and Amendments
- I. Acceptance of Purchase Order Report
- J. Acceptance of Voucher Report
- K. Acceptance of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More
- L. Acceptance of Monthly Report of Professional Services Contracts
- M. Acceptance of Quarterly Report of Investment Performance
- N. Acceptance of Financial Report for Period Ended December 31, 2012
- O. Approval of Electrical Easement at Pleasure Ridge Park High School
- P. Approval of Water Easement at Pleasure Ridge Park High School
- Q. Approval of School Allocation Standards for Fiscal Year 2013-14
- R. Acceptance of Donations
- S. Acceptance of Funding from the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation
- T. Acceptance of Grants and Funding
  - 1. Acceptance of Grant from National Association of Elementary School Principals and the MetLife Foundation
  - 2. Acceptance of Teaching Art Together Grants from Kentucky Arts Council
  - 3. Acceptance of Fund for the Arts Grants
  - 4. Acceptance of Increase in Funding from Kentucky Department of Education for Career and Technical Education Program
- U. Approval of Change of Administrative Authority for Child and Adult Care Food Program
- V. Approval of Agreement with the University of Kentucky for Dietetic Internship Program
- W. Local District Certification of School Board Member Training Credit Hours
- X. Approval of Student Enrollment Projections for 2013-14
- Y. Approval of Kentucky Race to the Top Revised Local School District Scope of Work Agreement
- Z. Approval of General Fund Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14
- AA. Approval of Joint Statement of Commitment for the Collaborative Development of a Jefferson County Educator Growth System

Mrs. Duncan requested additional information concerning the following Consent Calendar items:

- V.T.3. Acceptance of Funds for the Arts Grants. Cordelia Hardin, chief financial officer, came forward to provide information and answer questions.
- V.U. Approval of Change of Administrative Authority for Child and Adult Care Food Program. Julia Bauscher, director, School and Community Nutrition Services, came forward to provide information and answer questions.

- V.X. Approval of Student Enrollment Projections for 2013–14. Dr. Robert Rodosky; executive director; Data Management, Planning, and Program Evaluation; and Ralph Stephens, demographics analyst, came forward to provide information and answer questions. Mrs. Duncan requested that the capacities for Olmsted Academies South and North be recalculated at 20:1.
- V.Z. Approval of General Fund Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2013–14. Cordelia Hardin, chief financial officer, came forward to provide information and answer questions. Mrs. Duncan requested a two-year report on cost, income, and activities for the Challenger Center at The Academy @ Shawnee.

**Order #2013-012 - Motion Passed:** A motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented in Agenda Items V.A. through V.AA. passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mr. Chuck Haddaway.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

## **VI. Action Items**

### **VI.A. Adoption of Board Resolutions in Support of Mayor's Compassionate City Campaign**

**Order #2013-013 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education adopt the attached Resolutions for Compassion in support of Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer's Compassionate City Campaign. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr. and a second by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

## **VII. Discussion Items**

### **VII.A. Annual School Nutrition and Physical Activity Report**

The following staff members presented a report and answered Board members' questions concerning the annual assessment of the district's nutrition and physical activity environment required by KRS 158.856:

- Julia Bauscher, director, School and Community Nutrition Services;
- Donna Benton, practical living specialist; Curriculum Management;
- Bonnie Ciarroccki, coordinator, Health Promotions; and
- Dr. Beverly Winsch, evaluation specialist; Planning and Program Evaluation.

**Order #2013-014 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive the annual assessment of the district's nutrition and physical activity environment required by KRS 158.856. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

## **VII.B. 2012–13 Board of Education Discussion Agenda Planning Calendar**

Mrs. Wesslund commented that the Board meetings are a great communications device and said she advocates for publicity around Board meetings because the Board is conducting the community's business. "This is the main place where the community can see us...and also as we are choosing subjects to focus on, we should concentrate on issues focused on student achievement. Whether it's the achievement gap or professional learning communities, it would be great to have a plan that we address those issues and the public can see us—not just that we're doing it so they can see us, but that's what we should be doing. And they can understand it along with us. Sometimes I think Board meetings aren't as public as they should be; because that's what they are. This is the accountability and the representational part of it."

Chair Porter commented that the Board will be doing some Board organizational sessions to plan their work. "We always want to make sure that, if our focus is achievement, then that's the message that we leave our audience with. We are new and we are planning, and we will try to plan accordingly to make sure that we get the information out. We'll be directed toward that goal. Working together, we can get there."

Mrs. Duncan requested that interim data be incorporated into the quarterly reports on the strategic plan and quality indicators that are provided to the Board.

**Order #2013-015 - 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. Linda Duncan and a second by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

## **VIII. Board Reports and Requests**

- Mrs. Duncan requested that the capacities of Olmsted Academies North and South be recalculated at 20:1 and provided to the Board.

- Mrs. Duncan requested a report on the cost, income, and activity for the Challenger Center at The Academy @ Shawnee.
- Mr. Haddaway requested an update or report addressing the recently released guidelines from the U.S. Department of Education concerning disabled students' admission to extracurricular athletic activities. "What is the protocol if we have a parent or stakeholder of a disabled student that doesn't have the opportunities?"
- Mrs. Wesslund requested that Dr. Hargens ensure that *Parent Portal* has ample support. "I hear there are some concerns about that working, and that was part of registering—to have that piece in place—and I know there have been calls, and I want to make sure that there's support for parents to get responses pretty quickly. And if there isn't, then those are the kind of resources that we do need to look at."
- Mrs. Wesslund reported that Jim Allen, chairman of the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation, was profiled in *Business First*. "He said his most rewarding activity was serving as chair of the Foundation...he said 'there are times I think that JCPS gets a bad rap, and I think there's a tendency to want to focus on the negative, and I think there's much more good work being done in the school system than the community understands or appreciates.' I think that's nice that he said that. Of all the things he does, the most rewarding is to work for public schools."
- Mrs. Duncan requested a report detailing the Assistant Superintendents' travel/mileage reimbursements.
- Mrs. Duncan reported that she attended a Who's Who celebration at Iroquois High School, a celebration at Atherton High School for a speech class' first-place win in a statewide diversity video contest, attended the Louisville Invitation Tournament (LIT) at Valley High School, and a talent show at Medora Elementary School. She reported that she is on the search committee that will interview four candidates for executive director of KSBA on Saturday.
- Mr. Brady reported that he attended the Farmer Elementary School PTA Winter Festival.
- Chair Porter requested a comprehensive report on the Advance Program after the new Coordinator is hired and an update/presentation on the 55,000 Degrees initiative.
- Chair Porter congratulated Board Member Jones on his recent birthday.

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

## X. Executive Session

**Order #2013-016 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education enter into executive session for the purpose of discussions related to proposed or pending litigation and negotiation strategies pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (c) and (e) of the Open Meetings Act passed with a motion by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund and a second by Mr. David Jones, Jr.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

## **X. A. Adjourn from Executive Session**

**Order #2013-017 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education adjourn from Executive Session at approximately 9:31 p.m. and return to Open Session passed with a motion by Mr. David Jones, Jr. and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

## **X. B. Return to Open Session**

Board members returned to open session. Chair Porter announced that the Board of Education had just met in executive session for the purpose of discussions related to proposed or pending litigation and negotiation strategies pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(c) and (e) of the Open Meetings Act and no action was taken.

Board Members Jones, Haddad, and Brady were not in the room during the vote to adjourn.

## **XI. Adjournment**

**Order #2013-018 - Motion Passed:** A recommendation to adjourn the January 28, 2013, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 9:35 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Chuck Haddaway and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. Chris Brady	Absent	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Haddad	Absent	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Absent	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

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Diane Porter, Board Chairman

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Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent/Secretary

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