



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 13, 2013

REGULAR meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at the VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, May 13, 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 SESSIONS

A work session was held at 4 p.m. to discuss the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2013–14. All Board members were present. The session was facilitated by Chief Financial Officer Cordelia Hardin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board members met in executive session at 5 p.m. for the purpose of discussions relating to negotiation strategies pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act. All Board members were present.

Order #2013-074 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussions relating to negotiation strategies pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act 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 Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

Board members adjourned from Executive Session at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Order #2013-075 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education adjourn from Executive Session 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 Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

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 6:57 p.m. All Directors were present.

REGULAR MEETING:

Chair Porter called the May 13, 2013, meeting to order and made the following statement: "The Board of Education met in Executive Session at 5 p.m. for the purpose of discussions relating to negotiation strategies pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act and no action was taken."

The meeting opened with a moment of silence in remembrance of the 25th anniversary of the Carrollton bus crash, the Pledge of Allegiance led by The Academy @ Shawnee student Theodore Loeser, and the Vision Statement read by Board Member Chuck Haddaway.

III. Approval of Minutes

Order #2013-076 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 22, 2013, regular meeting and the April 24 and May 6, 2013, special meetings. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chuck Haddaway and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

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

IV. Recognitions and Resolutions

- A. Recognition of Ashleigh Keister
- B. Recognition of The Academy @ Shawnee Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps
- C. Recognition of Multicultural Teacher Recruitment Program State and National Future Educators Association Conference Competition Winners
- D. Recognition of JCPS District Schools Ranked as U.S. News 2013 Best High Schools

Order #2013-077 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive the recognitions and resolutions for May 13, 2013. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund.

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

V. Consent Calendar and Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hargens: "Chair Diane Porter, members of the Board; it is my pleasure to call your attention to a few items of special interest.

We are approximately five days away from testing and heading toward the end of the 2012–13 school year and approximately 90 days away from the start of the 2013–14 school year. This is really the time when we are closing one year and working to put the staffing and resources in place to begin a new year. I appreciate Chief Financial Officer Cordelia Hardin's leadership in the budget process to ensure that all of our dollars impact students.

The summer before last I was in North Carolina reading about 55,000 Degrees. What I recall was that 55,000 degrees is the temperature of a lightning strike. What it appeared to me to be was a great example of a community all rowing in the same direction toward a goal—with each player knowing their specific role and the contribution they need to make.

Our *Strategic Plan Vision 2015* has as one of its four focus areas—Graduation and Beyond—and has a specific strategy—2.4—that speaks to this important collaboration. It also talks about creating a context where all students have a disposition for postsecondary education and are truly college and career ready. 55K has been a conversation-changer and a catalyst.

At Atkinson Elementary School, the kindergarten students, when asked the year that they will graduate ready for college—say 2025. The Jefferson County Public Education Foundation has funded college banners for our elementary schools. At many of our schools, teachers post outside their door the colleges and universities from which they graduated. A Western High School senior, who is a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, proudly announced that she was college and career ready and now was assisting her peers.

A data system designed in JCPS keeps track of students' status and informs interventions so they can provide extra time and support. This takes intentionality, and it also takes redirecting resources.

And we are seeing progress. Last year, college and career readiness went up by 13 percentage points. Our target for this year is 51.7 percent and our preliminary data says we're on track. Graduation rate went up, and we are working toward our 55,000 Degrees goal.

We have maintained or improved attendance, and our suspensions are down.

U.S. News & World Report released its analysis of more than 18,000 high schools across the nation and more than half of JCPS high schools received national recognition. The publisher ranked schools using a three-step method developed by the American Institute for Research with data from 2010–11 reading and math achievement, the performance of the school's least-advantaged students, and the school's college readiness performance-based on Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate test scores. A gold medal was awarded to high schools that met the requirements of all three steps and ranked in the top 500 schools nationally. At JCPS, these schools included Manual, Ballard, and Brown. A silver medal was awarded to schools that met the requirements of all three steps but weren't in the top 500—that included Male and Atherton. A bronze medal was awarded to schools that met the requirements for the first two steps—including Butler, Central, and three of our Priority Schools—Fairdale, Fern Creek, and Western.

Nationwide less than 25 percent of schools received a medal, whereas more than 50 percent of JCPS high schools were recognized.

And we all know that it all starts way before high school. The new accountability model gives each student a sense if they are on-track to be college and career ready. The Common Core Standards adopted last year in Kentucky make it clear what students are expected to know on each level.

We know that JCPS is the pipeline for achieving the goal of 55,000 in Louisville, and we take our responsibility very seriously. And we're looking forward to the presentation this evening about 55,000 Degrees.

At this time, Chair Porter, I recommend the consent calendar for your consideration."

Tie Bid Awards

In accordance with model procurement guidelines, Vice-Chair Carol Ann Haddad drew lots to determine the winner of two tie bids submitted on Bid ID #6751: Automotive Antifreeze, Fluids, and Lubricants:

- Item No. 5 was awarded to Miller Oil Company, Inc.
- Item No. 11 was awarded to Key Oil Company.

V. Consent Calendar for May 13, 2013

- A. Approval of Personnel Actions
- B. Approval of Certified Leaves of Absence
- C. ~~ITEM WITHDRAWN: Reemployment of Classified Staff for Fiscal Year 2013–14~~
- D. Reemployment of Certified Substitutes for Fiscal Year 2013–14
- E. Approval of Field Trip Requests
- F. Approval of Projects and BG–1 Forms
 - 1. HVAC Renovation at Fairdale High School
 - 2. Phase 1 HVAC Renovation and Media Center Addition at Lowe Elementary School
 - 3. Phase 1 HVAC Renovation at Southern High School
- G. Approval of Bids and Revised BG–1 Forms
 - 1. Elevator Addition at Byck Elementary School
 - 2. Elevator Addition at Crums Lane Elementary School
 - 3. Media Center, Elevator, and Partial Roof Replacement at Wellington Elementary School
 - 4. Elevator Addition at Wheatley Elementary School
- H. Assignment of Architect/Engineer for Farnsley Kaufman Access Road at Farnsley Middle School
- I. Approval of Project Completion and BG–4 Form for Aviation Hangar Expansion at The Academy @ Shawnee
- J. Approval of Construction Change Orders
- K. Approval of Bid Tabulations and Amendments
- L. Acceptance of Purchase Order Report
- M. Acceptance of Voucher Report
- N. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More
- O. Approval of Payment of Salaries and Claims for Fiscal Year 2013–14
- P. Approval of Election of Assistant Treasurers for Fiscal Year 2013–14
- Q. Approval of Bank Signature Resolution for Fiscal Year 2013–14
- R. Approval of Designation of a Depository Bank for Fiscal Year 2013–14
- S. Approval of Designation of Interest Rates for Fiscal Year 2013–14
- T. Approval to Borrow Funds for Fiscal Year 2013–14
- U. Approval to Invest Funds for Fiscal Year 2013–14
- V. Approval of Depository Bond for Fiscal Year 2013–14
- W. Approval of Fidelity Bonds for Fiscal Year 2013–14
- X. Acceptance of Donations
- Y. Acceptance of Funding from the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation
- Z. Acceptance of Grant from State Future Farmers of America for Seneca High School
- AA. Approval of Sponsorship of United States Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program
- BB. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement Breckinridge School of Nursing at ITT Technical Institute

- CC. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District Pertaining to a Green Infrastructure Project at Fairdale High School
- DD. Revision of Board Policies: Powers and Duties of the Board (First Reading)
- EE. Approval of Board Policies: Fiscal Management

In reference to Agenda Item V.DD. Revision of Board Policies: Powers and Duties of the Board (First Reading), Mrs. Duncan advised that there will be a Policy Development Committee meeting before the next Board meeting and requested that Board members let the Committee know if they have any suggestions or changes.

Order #2013-078 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the Consent Calendar as presented in Agenda Items V.A. through V.EE. minus Item V.C., which was withdrawn prior to the meeting. 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 Ann 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. Approval to Name the Football Field at The Academy @ Shawnee the Daniel C. Lawson Field

The following representatives of the Shawnee community came forward to offer remarks concerning the career and accomplishments of Daniel C. Lawson:

- Rudy Davidson, board member, Shawnee High School Alumni Association, and vice-president of the Shawnee Neighborhood Association;
- Jean Davidson, board member, Shawnee High School Alumni Association;
- Dewain Haines, president, Shawnee High School Alumni Association, and 1971 graduate of Shawnee High School;
- Janice Pullen, Shawnee High School Alumni Association; and
- Ishmon Burks, 1963 graduate of Shawnee High School.

Order #2013-079 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the request to name the Football Field at The Academy @ Shawnee the Daniel C. Lawson Field. 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 Ann 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. Update on the 55,000 Degrees Initiative

Dr. Bob Rodosky, executive director; Data Management, Planning, and Program Evaluation; and Mary Gwen Wheeler; executive director of 55,000 Degrees; came forward to provide an update on the progress made toward meeting the goals of the initiative. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mrs. Haddad requested data on the district's dual credit programs.

Order #2013-080 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive an update on the 55,000 Degrees Initiative. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad and a second by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann 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. Duncan requested that Chair Porter and Dr. Hargens work together to schedule some of the requested reports. Chair Porter advised that some of the items will be addressed through written reports that will be included in the Friday update. Dr. Hargens noted that Board members received an update to the planning calendar in their red folders. The update includes a breakdown of the written reports and items that have been scheduled during the next few months.

Order #2013-081 - 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 6–1 with a motion by Mr. Chuck Haddaway and a second by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr. Mr. Brady was not present for the vote.

Mr. Chris Brady	Absent	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann 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 reported that she attended an Advisory Council meeting at South Jefferson Neighborhood Place and the Close the Deal ceremony and groundbreaking ceremony for an amphitheater at Iroquois High School.
- Ms. Porter congratulated Dr. Hargens for her recognition at the Business First Women Making a Difference luncheon and reported that she attended the Shawnee Alumni Association luncheon.

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

- Mr. Armus Vasser addressed the Board concerning an alleged situation at Fairdale Elementary School;
- Mr. William Brown addressed the Board on behalf of his daughter, Donna Vestal, regarding renewal of teaching status;
- Ms. Cindy Geisen addressed the Board concerning school discipline;
- Mr. Christopher Kolb addressed the Board concerning zero tolerance policies; and
- Rev. David Snardon addressed the Board concerning restorative practices.

X. Executive Session (If Needed)

XI. Adjournment

Order #2013-082 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to adjourn the May 13, 2013, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 9:02 p.m. passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad and a second by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.

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

Diane Porter, Board Chairman

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