



## JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 28, 2013

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

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Diane Porter  
Mr. Chris Brady  
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.

Vice-Chairman Carol Ann Haddad  
Mr. Chuck Haddaway  
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund

#### **BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:**

Mrs. Linda Duncan

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Board members met in executive session at 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussions relating to negotiation strategies pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act. Mrs. Duncan was absent; all other Board members were present.

The following staff members were also present:

- Dr. Donna Hargens, superintendent
- Cordelia Hardin, chief financial officer
- Rosemary Miller, general counsel
- Stephanie Malone, assistant general counsel

**Order #2013-083 - 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 Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Absent
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 6:16 p.m.

**Order #2013-084 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education adjourn from Executive Session passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mr. Chuck Haddaway.

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

### **REGULAR MEETING:**

Chair Porter called the May 28, 2013, regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and made the following statement: "The Board of Education met in Executive Session at 4:30 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 families who were affected by last week's devastating tornado in Oklahoma, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Fern Creek Traditional High School student Courtney Brewer, and the Vision Statement read by Board Member Chuck Haddaway.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

**Order #2013-085- Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the May 13, 2013, regular meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Absent
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 Hannah Watson and Michelle Keeney
- B. Recognition of Susana Martinez
- C. Recognition of Amina Shale
- D. Recognition of Fern Creek Traditional High School Female and Male Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps
- E. Recognition of Central High School Magnet Career Academy Girls' Track Team
- F. Recognition of Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

**Order #2013-086 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive the recognitions and resolutions for May 28, 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	Absent
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 Porter, members of the Board; it is my pleasure to call your attention to a few items of special interest for this meeting.

I would also like to take this opportunity to commend the members of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. Students are the center of our universe. Student voice does matter. I appreciate their insights, their candor, and their sincere desire to participate in the improvement of the Jefferson County public school system. I want to congratulate the members of the graduating class of 2013. We'll miss Brittany from the Brown School, Keith from Butler, Micah from Fern Creek, Dantrell from Southern, Destiny from Waggener, and Jamesha from Western High School.

On March 11, the Board received a report, and you'll recall, on the Advance Program. I would like to introduce to you—as I promised you I would—the Coordinator of the Advance Program, LaTonya Frazier. One of the five components of the Kentucky Accountability System is growth—that means focusing on the academic growth of every student. We are as focused on assisting students who already have learned what is expected and challenging them as we are on assisting students who have not learned what is expected. So, welcome, LaTonya, to the role of Coordinator for Advance Program.

On the agenda tonight is the Approval of the Tentative Budget for 2013–14. Focus Area 4 of the Strategic Plan is about that—Safe, Resourced, Supported and Equipped Schools. Strategy 4.5 is focused on aligning dollars to curricular goals and priorities. A teacher who recently wrote to me says it best, "Thanks for recognizing the value of extra hands, minds, and ideas in the schools that directly promote student achievement."

On September 10, the Board of Education developed three performance objectives for me to focus on during the 2012–13 school year. I look forward to presenting to you during the discussion section of the agenda a portfolio of evidences for your review.

The first work session I was involved with the Board of Education—even before I began as superintendent—centered around Nancy Walser's book, *The Essential School Board Book—Better Governance in the Age of Accountability*. The book centers around two essential questions: *Can school boards operate in ways that can help raise student achievement* and *What are the commonalities among high-functioning boards?* I really want to commend this Board for its persistent focus on continuous improvement and as a superintendent/board team and modeling benchmarking themselves against high-performing boards throughout the United States.

On Thursday night, we will begin celebrating—recognizing teachers and principals and teacher teams who have embodied excellence this year. So we really want to thank Jim Allen and Hilliard Lyons for sponsoring that event.

But, we'll also be celebrating soon—next week—and congratulating members of the graduating class of 2013 and we'll also be congratulating and celebrating our retirees and thanking them for their service. So this is an important part of this school year.

At this time, I recommend, Ms. Porter, the consent calendar for the Board's consideration."

#### **V. Consent Calendar for May 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 Assignment of Architect/Engineer for New Parking and Track Resurfacing at Valley High School
- F. Approval of Project Completions and BG-4 Forms
  - 1. Stadium Bleacher Repair Phase 2 at Fern Creek Traditional High School
  - 2. Stadium Bleacher Repair at Jeffersontown High School
  - 3. Science Lab Renovations at Waggener High School
  - 4. New Access Road at Lees Lane Bus Compound
- 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. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More
- L. Acceptance of Monthly Report of Professional Services Contracts
- M. Acceptance of Financial Report for Period Ended April 30, 2013
- N. Receipt of Actions Approved by the Jefferson County School District Finance Corporation
- O. Acceptance of Electrical Easement at Blankenbaker Garage
- P. Acceptance of Funding from the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation

- Q. Acceptance of Grants and Funding
  - 1. Acceptance of an Increase in Funding for Title I School Improvement Funds, Section 1003(g), Project 4601
  - 2. Acceptance of an Increase in Funding for Title I School Improvement Funds, Section 1003(g), Project 5600C
  - 3. Acceptance of an Increase in Funding from the Council on Postsecondary Education, Kentucky Adult Education
  - 4. Acceptance of Grant from the University of Louisville for Teacher-in-Residence at Westport Middle School
- R. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Partnership with Western Kentucky University for the GSKyTeach Program
- S. Approval of Lease Agreements for Showcase of Schools
- T. Approval of Workers Compensation Excess Insurance Policy
- U. Approval of Revised 2013–14 Head Start/Early Head Start Refunding Proposal
- V. Approval of Board Policies: Powers and Duties of the Board
- W. Approval of Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2013–14

Mr. Jones asked for additional information concerning Agenda Item V.W. Approval of Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2013–14. Cordelia Hardin, chief financial officer, and John Collopy, director, Financial Planning and Management, came forward to provide information and answer questions. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

**Order #2013-087 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the Consent Calendar as presented in Agenda Items V.A. through V.W. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chuck Haddaway and a second by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Absent
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

## VII. Discussion Items

### VII.A. Superintendent's Summative Evaluation Process for Fiscal Year 2012–13: Presentation of Evidences

Superintendent Donna Hargens made a presentation and distributed her Portfolio of Evidences for Fiscal Year 2012–13.

**Order #2013-088 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive a portfolio of evidences in support of the Superintendent's Summative Evaluation Process for Fiscal Year 2012–13. The recommendation 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	Absent
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**

**Order #2013-089 - 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. Debbie Wesslund and a second by Mr. Chuck Haddaway.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Absent
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**

Mr. Haddaway thanked Louisville Metro Councilman Rick Blackwell for inviting him to speak about JCPS at the May District 12 Dialogue.

Mr. Brady thanked Jeffersontown High School Principal Marty Pollio for the invitation to the Cardboard Boat Regatta and thanked Interfaith Services for the opportunity to see the Dalai Lama.

Ms. Porter reported that she attended the dedication ceremony for the Central High School Aquatic and Athletic Center, the UPS School-to-Work graduation, the Portland Promise Center fund raiser, and the Lincoln Foundation Senior Celebration. She noted that she also represented Mr. Jones at the ExCEL Award ceremony at Waggener High School for ESL teacher Ashley Harper.

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

#### **X. Executive Session (If Needed)**

## **XI. Adjournment**

**Order #2013-090 - Motion Passed:** A recommendation to adjourn the May 28, 2013, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 8:21 p.m. passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad and a second by Mr. Chuck Haddaway.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Absent
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	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**