



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 8, 2013

REGULAR meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at the VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, July 8, 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

A work session was held at 4 p.m. to discuss magnet and traditional school selection criteria and sibling policy and reports on the International Baccalaureate Program and TELL and Comprehensive School Survey results.

The following staff members were also present and participated in the work session:

- Dr. Bob Rodosky; executive director; Data Management, Planning, and Program Evaluation Services;
- Dr. Dena Dossett, director, Planning and Program Evaluation;
- Dr. Marco Muñoz, evaluation specialist;
- Tom Aberli, principal, Atherton High School;
- Michelle Dillard, principal, Seneca High School; and
- Mary Minyard, principal, Young Elementary School;

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board members met in executive session at 6 p.m. for the purpose of discussions relating to negotiation strategies pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act.

Superintendent Donna Hargens; Cordelia Hardin, chief financial officer; Rosemary Miller, general counsel; and Stephanie Malone, assistant general counsel; also were present.

Order #2013-121 - 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. David A. Jones, Jr. and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

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 6:59 p.m.

Order #2013-122 - 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. 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		

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Porter called the July 8, 2013, regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. and made the following announcement: "At 6 p.m., the Board of Education met in Executive Session 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, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Vision Statement read by Mr. Brady. All Board members were present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Order #2013-123- Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the June 24, 2013, regular meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

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

There were no recognitions this evening.

V. Consent Calendar and Superintendent's Report

"Chair Porter, members of the Board; it is my pleasure to call your attention to a few items of special interest. Goal 4 in the *Strategic Plan* calls for schools that are staffed and resourced. This year, as part of the Ford Fund Initiative, 45 teachers are receiving additional training through participation in externships. The externships were held throughout the month of June and were sponsored by local businesses. The training provided our teachers with relevant, real-world experience that will be incorporated into the classroom.

The team of teachers from Pleasure Ridge Park High School participated in a "mini-hack-a-thon," which highlighted in media reports. The reports went on to tell how the program is extending the boundaries of the classroom and allows teachers to provide instruction that is relevant. The work of Ford Fund partnership is led by the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation.

Providing students with increased learning opportunities is Goal 1. The department of Diversity, Equity, and Poverty is helping to provide over 100 JCPS students with increased learning opportunities through the Summer Reading Institute. The Summer Reading Institute is taking place in a variety of homeless shelters across the city and is focused on preventing the loss of academic gains.

Using learning strategies from the Common Core Standards, teachers are providing instruction in concepts, such as figurative language, grammar, comprehension, and creative expression. Plans are underway to expand the summer literacy program into every shelter that has a JCPS program by next summer.

Our Jefferson County Board of Education was recently recognized by the Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) as being one of the most progressive districts in the country in addressing disproportionality, cultural competence, and inclusion for staff and students. Kudos to the Board on this well-deserved recognition.

Today we were honored to host Representative Graham, the chair of the joint education committee meeting. It was held at Seneca High School. Chair Porter brought greetings. Principal Michelle Dillard gave an overview. Seneca High School students gave a tour, and we actually saw a mock trial. Then, there was a collaborative presentation by JCPS, Kentucky Department of Education, and the Jefferson County Teachers Association.

We also highlighted U of L's partnership with JCPS. There is a master's degree program that is being launched and letters went out to teachers in priority schools. And only teachers in priority schools are eligible to apply to this prestigious program at U of L. So our efforts to attract teachers to priority schools continue. Houston Barber actually closed the session talking about improvements at Fern Creek [Traditional High School].

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

Speakers on Agenda Items

Mr. Stephen P. Imhoff and Judge Joan Byer addressed the Board of Education in support of Agenda Item V.W. Approval of Request to Name the Courtroom at Seneca High School the Judge Ellen B. Ewing Courtroom.

Tie Bid Award

In accordance with model procurement guidelines, Vice-Chair Carol Ann Haddad drew lots to determine the winner of a tie bid submitted on Item #42 on Bid ID 6770: Custodial Supplies. The tie bid was awarded to Calico Industries, Inc.

V. Consent Calendar for July 8, 2013

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 Projects, BG-1 Forms, and Assignment of Architects/Engineers

1. Courtyard Modifications at Ballard High School

2. Boiler Replacement at Brandeis Elementary School

3. Boiler Replacement at Carrithers Middle School

4. Roof Replacement at Coleridge-Taylor Montessori Elementary School

5. Roof Replacement at Crosby Middle School

6. Boiler Replacement at Crums Lane Elementary School

7. HVAC Renovation Phase I, Media Center Addition, and Roof Replacement at Dunn Elementary School

8. Drainage Improvements at Fairdale High School

9. Roof Replacement at Farnsley Middle School

10. HVAC Renovation Phase II and Media Center Addition at Field Elementary School

11. Window Replacement Phase II at Frayser Elementary School

12. Roof Replacement at Gilmore Lane Elementary School

13. Boiler Replacement at Greathouse/Shryock Traditional Elementary School

14. Roof Replacement at Greenwood Elementary School

15. Window Replacement Phase I at Highland Middle School
16. Roof and Gutter Replacement at Indian Trail Elementary School
17. Chiller Replacement at Johnson Traditional Middle School
18. HVAC Renovation Phase I at Liberty High School
19. Air Conditioning Improvements at McFerran Preparatory Academy
20. Roof Replacement at Moore Traditional School
21. Partial Controls Replacement at Pleasure Ridge Park High School
22. Roof Replacement at Rangeland Elementary School
23. Roof Replacement at Western Middle School
- G. Approval of Assignment of Architects/Engineers
 1. HVAC Renovation at Fairdale High School Technical Building
 2. Phase I HVAC Renovation/Media Center Addition at Lowe Elementary School
 3. Phase I HVAC Renovation at Southern High School
- H. Approval of Bids and Revised BG-1 Forms
 1. Middle School Renovation at The Academy @ Shawnee
 2. Roof Replacement at Atherton High School
- I. Approval of Project Completions and BG-4 Forms
 1. HVAC Renovation Phase 1 at Fairdale Elementary School
 2. Roof Replacement at Fern Creek Traditional High School
 3. Roof Replacement at Frayser Elementary School
- 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. Acceptance of Final Report of Professional Services Contracts for FY 2012-13
- P. Acceptance of Funding from the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation
- Q. Acceptance of Grants and Funding
 1. Acceptance of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant from Kentucky Department of Education
 2. Acceptance of FY14 Title I School Improvement Funds, Section 1003(g), Project 4603
 3. Acceptance of Target Field Trip Grants
 4. Acceptance of Grant from Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation for J.B. Atkinson Elementary School
 5. Acceptance of Funding from Kentucky Department of Education for Local Operation of Career & Technical Education Programs
 6. Acceptance of Funding from the Kentucky Foundation for Women
 7. Acceptance of Funding from YMCA of Greater Louisville
- R. Approval of Meals and Refreshments Guidelines
- S. Notification of Partial Release of Water Easement at Wellington Elementary School

- T. Approval of Addenda Items for the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program Application and Agreement
- U. Approval of Board Policies: Community Relations
- V. Revision of Board Policy: Attendance Requirements and Approval of KDE Compulsory Attendance Age Grant Application/Certifications
- W. Approval of Request to Name the Courtroom at Seneca High School the Judge Ellen B. Ewing Courtroom
- X. Approval of Request to Name the Youth Services Center at Seneca High School the Nancy Mulheirn Youth Services Center
- Y. Acceptance of 2013–14 Student Progression, Promotion, and Grading Handbooks for First Reading

Board members pulled down the following consent calendar items for further discussion. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

- V.C. Approval of Job Descriptions;
- V.F.1. Approval of Project, BG–1 Form, and Assignment of Architects/Engineer for Courtyard Modifications at Ballard High School;
- V.N. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More;
- V.Q.7. Acceptance of Funding from YMCA of Greater Louisville;
- V.V. Revision of Board Policy: Attendance Requirements and Approval of KDE Compulsory Attendance Age Grant Application/Certifications; and
- V.Y. Acceptance of 2013–14 Student Progression, Promotion, and Grading Handbooks for First Reading.

Order #2013-124 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the consent calendar as presented in Agenda Items V.A. through V.Y. minus Agenda Item V.N. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More and Agenda Item V.Y. Acceptance of 2013–14 Student Progression, Promotion, and Grading Handbooks, which were voted on separately. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad and a second by Mr. David Jones.

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		

Order #2013-125 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve Contracts #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 included in Agenda Item V.N. Approval of Professional Services Contracts passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad and a second by Mr. David Jones.

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		

Order #2013-126 - Motion Passed: A motion to approve Contract #8 to LearNet Incorporated included in Agenda Item V.N. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More passed 4–3 with a motion by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	No
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	No	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	No		

Order #2013-127 - Motion Passed: A motion to waive the second reading and approve the Elementary, Middle School, and High School Student Progression, Promotion, and Grading handbooks for the 2013–14 school year with the recommended changes and a final copy provided to all Board members passed with a motion by Mr. Chuck Haddaway and a second by Mr. David Jones.

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 New Early Childhood Learning Center the George Unseld Early Childhood Learning Center

Chair Porter introduced the Unseld family members who were in the audience.

Dr. Michael Raisor, chief operations officer, and Kevin Nix, director, Early Childhood, came forward to provide information and answer questions.

Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Order #2013-128 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve naming the new Early Childhood Learning Center located in the Newburg neighborhood the George Unseld Early Childhood Learning Center. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

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.B. Approval of 2013–14 Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline and the Student Bill of Rights

Mrs. Duncan asked whether it should be noted in the Code that schools can ask for a waiver concerning the cell phone use policy. Dr. Hargens said a footnote could be added that states, *These are the expectations of the Board of Education unless you have a Board-approved waiver.*

Order #2013-129 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the attached 2013–14 Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline and the Student Bill of Rights. The recommendation 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 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. 2012–13 Board of Education Discussion Agenda Planning Calendar

Mrs. Duncan requested that the monthly report on suspensions mentioned in a recent NSBA article be provided to Board members.

Order #2013-130 - 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 2013–14 fiscal year. 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	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 requested data on the number of African-American students that attend priority schools versus the number that attend non-priority schools. She reported that she attended a meeting of the KSBA Program and Planning Committee and the groundbreaking ceremony for the Southwest Regional Library.

Chair Porter made the following statement concerning an e-mail she received from a JCPS employee this afternoon: "I waited until tonight to make this statement because it's our responsibility to respond to e-mails that we get although the Board does not deal directly with staff, personnel, and hiring, so I am asking Dr. Hargens, who received the same e-mail, to meet with the staff person that sent the e-mail to me to address concerns and to see if we can talk through this because I think communication is key and it not what we want our district to be known for, and I think that by her having a meeting to resolve this. So, at this time in the agenda, I am requesting that she meet with the person who is one of our employees who sent me an e-mail today. It is a personnel issue. The Board does not deal with personnel. We receive personnel. So I am asking her to follow up on the e-mail that I received today. But I am doing it in this form because it was a serious e-mail. I spoke with Dr. Hargens before we started today at 4 o'clock. She agreed to do that, but I did say that I was going to make that request tonight at the Board meeting, and I've done that.

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

X. Executive Session (If Needed)

XI. Adjournment

Order #2013-131 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to adjourn the July 8, 2013, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 8:17 p.m. 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		

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