



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 26, 2013

REGULAR meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at the VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, August 26, 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 held a work session at 4 p.m. to discuss Telecommunication Devices. Dr. Dewey Hensley, chief academic officer, facilitated a discussion regarding the current Telecommunication Devices Policy and the consideration of waivers.

The principals of the following schools also participated in the discussion:

- Ballard High School—Jim Jury
- duPont Manual High School—Gerald Mayes
- Fairdale High School—Brad Weston
- Iroquois High School—Chris Perkins
- Seneca High School—Michelle Dillard
- Southern High School—Bryce Hibbard
- Valley High School—Rob Stephenson
- Waggener High School—Katy Zeitz

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Porter called the August 26, 2013, regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. The meeting opened with a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Vision Statement read by Vice-Chair Haddad. All Board members were present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Order #2013-148- Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the August 12, 2013, regular meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady 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		

IV. A. Recognition of the District's National Certified Directors of Physical Activity

Order #2013-149- Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education recognize the Jefferson County Public School District Physical Education teachers who have earned their National Director of Physical Activity Certification. 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 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

Superintendent Donna Hargens reported on the opening of school, student enrollment, the Louisville Linked Initiative, and success measures.

V. Consent Calendar for August 26, 2013

- A. Approval of Personnel Actions
- B. Reemployment of Certified Staff for Fiscal Year 2013–14
- C. Reemployment of Classified Staff for Fiscal Year 2013–14
- D. Approval of Field Trip Requests
- E. Approval of BG–1 Form and Assignment of Architect/Engineer for Asbestos and Lead Abatement Maintenance Contract at Various Schools
- F. Approval of Construction Change Orders
- G. Approval of Bid Tabulations and Amendments
- H. Acceptance of Purchase Order Report
- I. Acceptance of Voucher Report
- J. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More
- K. Acceptance of Financial Report for Period Ended July 31, 2013
- L. Acceptance of Quarterly Report of Investment Performance

- M. Approval of Comprehensive Educational Financial Planning and Management Calendar for Fiscal Year 2014–15
- N. Approval of Indirect Cost Rates for Fiscal Year 2013–14
- O. Acceptance of Donations
- P. Acceptance of Funding from the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation
- Q. Acceptance of Grants and Funding
 - 1. Acceptance of Funding from the Council on Postsecondary Education, Kentucky Adult Education
 - 2. Acceptance of Grant from Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries for Maupin Elementary School
 - 3. Acceptance of World Languages Arts Integration Grants for Field and Hawthorne Elementary Schools
 - 4. Acceptance of a Target Early Childhood Reading Grant for the Jaeger Early Childhood Center
 - 5. Acceptance of an Increase in Funding for Title I, Part D, Project 3144
 - 6. Acceptance of an Increase in Funding for Title I, Part A, Project 3104
 - 7. Acceptance of IDEA-B State Share Restricted Funds from the Kentucky Department of Education
- R. Approval of First Amended Memorandum of Agreement for Blackacre State Nature Preserve
- S. Approval of Board Policies: Administration
- T. Revision of Board Policies
 - 1. Tobacco-Free Policies (First Reading)
 - 2. School Activity Funds (First Reading)
 - 3. Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion (First Reading)
 - 4. Employee Negotiations (First Reading)

In reference to Agenda Item V.M. Approval of Comprehensive Educational Financial Planning and Management Calendar for Fiscal Year 2014–15, Mr. Chris Brady requested that the item be resubmitted to the next meeting with additional detail and information. Mr. Jones noted that, as a new Board member, it is difficult to glean from the enormous amount of information provided to Board members what is really important. He requested information that provides the Board with a better understanding of the timetable of financial decisions. Cordelia Hardin, chief financial officer, came forward to provide information and answer Board members’ questions.

In reference to Agenda Item V. R. Approval of First Amended Memorandum of Agreement for Blackacre State Nature Preserve, Mr. Haddaway requested an historical perspective concerning Blackacre. Dr. Dewey Hensley, chief academic officer, came forward to provide information and answer Board members’ questions. Mrs. Haddad noted that the program has been a great asset to the school district.

Order #2013-150 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the consent calendar as presented in Agenda Items V.A. through V.T. minus Agenda Item V.M. Approval of Comprehensive Educational Financial Planning and Management Calendar for Fiscal Year 2014–15, which was withdrawn and will be resubmitted with additional information. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr. 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		

VI. Action Items

VII. Discussion Items

VII.A. Progress Report on Curriculum Management Audit Recommended Actions

Dr. Bob Rodosky; chief of Data Management, Planning, and Program Evaluation; presented a progress report on curriculum management audit recommended actions. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mr. Brady requested that a legend be added to the SmartSheet tool to explain the bold type and colored bullets.

Mrs. Duncan questioned how the district is measuring progress in implementing curriculum when JCPS does not have a districtwide curriculum.

Mr. Jones stated that, as he understands it, the curriculum management audit is being used as an instigator for change and reorganization and the quarterly reports track those changes on a quantitative scale—the percentage of items that are completed. He requested that Dr. Hargens provide a summary of how she thinks the district is doing qualitatively in the change management that the curriculum management audit pointed toward.

Order #2013-151 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive a progress report on the recommended actions from the Curriculum Management Audit. 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 Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

VII.B. Report on Extended Learning for the 2013–14 School Year

Dr. Dewey Hensley, chief academic officer, and the following principals presented a report on the targeted plans for extended learning time for the 2013–14 school year:

- Faith Stroud, Knight Middle School;
- Jack Baldwin, Myers Middle School;
- Bill Perkins, Olmsted Academy North;
- Katy Zeitz, Waggener High School; and
- Michael Newman, Western High School.

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

Chair Porter requested demographic data of students and teachers by school as well as a map that shows where the students live broken down by district.

Order #2013-152 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive a report on extended learning opportunities for the 2013–14 school year. 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 Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

VII.C. 2013–14 Board of Education Discussion Agenda Planning Calendar

Mr. Jones commented that the discussion agenda planning calendar does not give him enough of a sense of what is coming nor does it tell the community about the critically important strategic discussions that the Board is going to undertake. “It’s a big challenge for seven people to try to put all their different ideas and requests and everything forward. I think often when that happens we wind up burdening the team that is trying to respond...I would like to ask Dr. Hargens, as the chief executive officer of the Board, which was part of the new policy description that we adopted earlier in the consent agenda, to take upon herself and for her team the task of maybe treating the Board as if we were a professional learning community and had to discover what the big rocks are that we have to do in order to do our part to support the change management and the focus on student achievement and then look at building a Board calendar—and communicating it to both us and the community—up from that...This organization does a great job of compliance—we’re really all over the state standards and all kinds of rules and regulations—but it’s a challenge to figure out how to change the way we’re doing things and keeping up with it is a challenge. So, I would like to suggest that we ask Dr. Hargens to come back to us with a way of going at that. I’d just throw that open for discussion.”

Discussion among Board members ensued.

Mrs. Wesslund requested that a capacity/enrollment/demographics/population analysis be added to the planning calendar to assist with both short- and long-term planning.

As a follow-up to Mrs. Wesslund's comments, Mr. Brady noted that a proposed elementary school in Norton Commons has been on the District Facilities Plan for quite a while, yet he has not seen a timeline or any movement on the issue. "These are things that I would like to see incorporated within our planning calendar where we can touch upon facilities planning because it only seems like it comes up sporadically throughout the year."

Chair Porter: "So, I will accept a motion to accept what we have with the understanding that it's getting ready to—to make some changes to it potentially. And also, what I heard you say, Mr. Brady, is a request for an update on where we are on the facilities report as it pertains to the Norton Commons elementary school. Because I think that needs to be, at this point, on facilities as it pertains to the calendar, but you are asking for a report on timeline and what is the process. So, I think it needs to go two different places if I've heard you correctly."

Mr. Brady agreed and stated that he would also like to add long-term planning as it relates to plans to prepare for the growth that is occurring in Districts 3 and 7.

Mrs. Duncan requested that a continuation of the discussion on assessment and performance of the magnet school programs be added to the planning calendar.

Order #2013-153 - 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 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		

VIII. Board Reports and Requests

Mrs. Wesslund reported that the 15th District PTA's Clothing Assistance Program will be featured on WAVE-TV tomorrow.

Mr. Haddaway thanked Julie Cummings, principal of Eisenhower Elementary School, for her hospitality when he and Dr. Hargens visited the school on opening day. He also read an inspirational statement from a teacher.

Mrs. Duncan reported that she visited Olmsted Academy North, attended Councilwoman Vicki Welch's community conversation, and visited the Americana Community Center where students and families were registering for ESL after-school programs. She stated that she had several requests for data concerning the 13 clusters, kindergarten enrollment, and transfers that she will forward directly to Dr. Rodosky.

Chair Porter congratulated staff on a successful opening day and thanked the schools she visited for their hospitality. She noted that each Board member will host two community meetings in his/her district this school year. The first meeting will be held in District 1 on Tuesday, September 3, at 6 p.m., at Lincoln Elementary Performing Arts School.

Mr. Jones reported that the Board's dinner included soup made by Fern Creek Traditional High School students with vegetables they grew in the school's garden. The school was a runner-up in the Farm to School Junior Chef Championship at the Kentucky State Fair.

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

Mr. Hardit Barigh addressed the Board of Education on Common Core Standards.

X. Executive Session (If Needed)

XI. Adjournment

Order #2013-154 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to adjourn the August 26, 2013, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 9:07 p.m. 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 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