



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 23, 2013

REGULAR meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at the VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, September 23, 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 proposed 2014 legislative priorities; timeline for the Districts of Innovation Design Contest; and concept proposals for The Academy @ Shawnee, Frost Middle School, and Myers Middle School.

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Porter called the September 23, 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.

III. Approval of Minutes

Order #2013-163 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013, regular meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chuck Haddaway 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		

IV. Recognitions and Resolutions

There were no recognitions this evening.

V. Consent Calendar and Superintendent's Report

"Today we finished day 24 of the 2013–14 school year. We are four days from learning the results of the 2012–13 accountability model. What I want to do is remind you that our *Strategic Plan—Vision 2015* has success measures and leading indicators associated with it." [The Superintendent demonstrated how to access that information on the data dashboard.]

"Last week, our 18 priority schools began offering extended learning time opportunities to students three days a week. Each day a child participates, he or she can receive a third meal and gets transportation home. So in week 1 we served 2,957 students, giving them extended learning opportunities.

So, what we promised the Board is that we will keep you abreast of how that initiative is going, and I just want to let you know that District staff actually visited several of the schools offering these opportunities, and I just wanted to give you a window into some of the students at Seneca High School. So you could actually walk down the halls of Seneca High School and hear 50 different students tell you 50 different reasons why they value the additional classroom hours.

- Sophomore Jazmin Cain is one of hundreds of Seneca students taking an AP class this year as a result of the schools new open enrollment policy. All students are welcome in AP classes and the additional support helps ensure they all succeed. Jazmin actually chose to attend an extended learning time session with her AP world history teacher rather than going to dance practice.
- Junior Jianchao Zhao is a second-language learner who is tackling AP Chemistry. Before extended learning time began, he stayed after school with his teacher every day. Now he has a formalized place and time to do this with his peers.
- Senior Deontee Zulu was taking part in the credit recovery program Seneca offers during extended learning time. She needs to make up a geography credit she failed in order to graduate on time. "At first, when I was in high school, I really didn't get it," she said. "But I am here for a reason. I'm here to get that credit. I'm here to be the first." Deontee hopes to study nursing in college after graduation.

So that's a window into extended learning at Seneca High School in week 1."

V. Consent Calendar for September 23, 2013

- A. Approval of Personnel Actions
- B. Approval of Certified Leaves of Absence
- C. Approval of Field Trip Requests
- D. Approval of Project, BG-1 Form, and Assignment of Architect/Engineer for Walking Path at Rangeland Elementary School
- E. Approval of Project Completions
 - 1. Approval of Project Completion and BG-4 for engineering Lab and Weight Room HVAC Modifications at The Academy @ Shawnee
 - 2. Approval of Project Completion and BG-4 Form for Roof Replacement at Central High School Magnet Career Academy
 - 3. Approval of Project Completion for Roof Replacement at Minors Lane Elementary School
- 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 Monthly Report of Professional Services Contracts
- L. Acceptance of Financial Report for Period Ended August 31, 2013
- M. Acceptance of Donations
- N. Acceptance of Grants and Funding
 - 1. Acceptance of a Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant for Luhr Elementary School
 - 2. Acceptance of Fund for the Arts 5x5 Grants for Various Schools
 - 3. Acceptance of FY2014 Funding for Gifted and Talented Program
 - 4. Acceptance of FY2014 Flexible Focus Funds
 - 5. Acceptance of Title, Part A, Section 1003(a) School Improvement Funds
 - 6. Acceptance of Title III Limited English Proficient Subgrant Award from Kentucky Department of Education
 - 7. Acceptance of Title III Immigrant Subgrant Award from Kentucky Department of Education
 - 8. Acceptance of Grant from Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education
 - 9. Acceptance of Grant to Support the Community Schools Program
 - 10. Acceptance of Funding from Kentucky Department of Transportation for Rangeland Elementary Safe Routes to School Grant
- O. Approval to Continue Participation in the Transition Opportunities Program Pilot
- P. Approval of Year 2 Math and Science Partnership Subgrant Agreement with the University of Louisville
- Q. Approval of Race to the Top for Districts Grant Application
- R. Approval of 2013-14 Purchase of School Buses for Regular and Special-Needs Student Transportation to Replace Aging Fleet Inventory

Brent McKim, president of the Jefferson County Teachers Association, addressed the Board concerning Agenda Item V.Q. Approval of Race to the Top for Districts Grant Application.

In reference to Professional Services Contract #5 for Solution Tree Incorporated included in Agenda Item V.J. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More, Mrs. Duncan requested that the Board hear a report from Solution Tree. "The contract with Solution Tree has been in place for several years and the Board has not yet had a report." Dr. Dewey Hensley, chief academic officer, said he will work with Solution Tree to schedule the report.

In reference to Agenda Item V.N.9. Acceptance of Grant to Support the Community Schools Program, Mrs. Duncan asked how much the District contributes toward Community Schools. Cordelia Hardin, chief financial officer, came forward to provide information and answer questions.

Mr. Brady requested that future items to accept grants and funding include a cost-benefit analysis to assist Board members in determining whether it is beneficial.

Board members requested additional information in reference to Agenda Item V.Q. Approval of Race to the Top for Districts Grant Application. Dr. Bob Rodosky, chief of Data Management, Planning, and Program Evaluation Services, came forward to provide information and answer questions.

Order #2013-164 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the consent calendar as presented in Agenda Items V.A. through V.R. 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	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 of the Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2013–14

Chief Financial Officer Cordelia Hardin presented information and answered Board members' questions concerning the 2013–14 Working Budget. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mr. Brady requested that Administration create an online budget dashboard in the interest of transparency. He also requested that, in the future, Board members receive a copy of the budget ahead of time so they can review it and have time to ask contextual questions prior to the discussions.

Order #2013-165 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the attached working budget for fiscal year 2013–14. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chuck Haddaway 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. Discussion Items

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

Mrs. Wesslund requested a report on extended learning and updates on professional learning communities and professional development.

Mr. Jones requested a report on the Early Childhood Program and Kindergarten readiness.

Order #2013-166 - 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

Mr. Brady noted that the District 7 community conversation will be held Thursday, October 24, at Ramsey Middle School. He thanked several principals who allowed him to speak at their open house programs. He reemphasized his request for a comprehensive IT plan and a long-range facilities plan that outlines the District's current status, long-term goals, next steps, and timeframe.

Mrs. Duncan noted that her community conversation was held in a booth at the Fairdale Fair and reported on meetings of the School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability Council (SCAAC) and the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) Board of Directors. She reported that KSBA will soon begin accepting applications for the First-Degree Scholarship Program for students who are the first in their immediate families to go to college.

Mr. Jones reported on last week's meeting of the 55,000 Degrees Board of Directors.

Chair Porter noted that the Middle and High School Showcase of Schools will be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center on October 18 from 3 to 7 p.m. and October 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Elementary Showcase will be held on November 16.

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

Mr. Bob Pendency addressed the Board concerning escrow paychecks for bus drivers. Chair Porter requested the Superintendent look into this issue and report back to the Board.

Mrs. Wesslund suggested that Board members consider moving speakers up earlier in the meeting—at least before Board Reports and Requests.

X. Executive Session (If Needed)

XI. Adjournment

Order #2013-167 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to adjourn the September 23, 2013, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 8:45 p.m. passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol 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		

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