



**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2014**

**REGULAR** meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at the VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, October 13, 2014, at 7 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairwoman Diane Porter  
Mr. Chris Brady  
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad  
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund  
Vice-Chairman David A. Jones, Jr.  
Mrs. Linda Duncan  
Mr. Chuck Haddaway

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**WORK SESSIONS**

Board members held a work session at 4 p.m. to discuss the Strategic Plan—Vision 2015 and a work session at 4:45 p.m. to receive an update on the Schools of Innovation. At 5:45 p.m., Dr. Tommy Floyd, chief of staff, Kentucky Department of Education, provided a training session on the Superintendent Professional Growth and Effectiveness System.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chairwoman Porter called the October 13, 2014, regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. with a traditional moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Vision Statement read by Mr. Chuck Haddaway.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**Order #2014-152 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the September 22, 2014, regular meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady 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		

#### **IV. Recognitions and Resolutions**

- A. Recognition of the Jefferson County Public School District
- B. Recognition of Robin Ratliff and Suzanne Williams
- C. Recognition of the 2015 Ashland Inc. Teacher Achievement Award Recipients
- D. Recognition of Robin Ratliff

**Order #2014-153 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive the recognitions and resolutions for October 13, 2014. The recommendation 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		

Board members took a five-minute break. When they returned, Chairwoman Porter announced that Board members had changed their attire and were now wearing Fern Creek Proud t-shirts in honor of the students, staff, and families of Fern Creek Traditional High School.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Donna Hargens reported on the request for Approval of Implementation of the Catalpa School Concept at Maupin Elementary School, the Superintendent Professional Growth and Effectiveness System evaluation instrument, the professional services contracts for Louisville Urban League (Street Academy program) and Research on Social and Educational Change, the request for Approval of Salary Increases for the 2014–15 School Year and Salary Schedules for the 2015–16 School Year, and state audit response activity.

Dr. Madeline Maupin Hicks addressed the Board of Education concerning Agenda Item V.U. Approval of Implementation of the Catalpa School Concept at Maupin Elementary School.

#### **V. Consent Calendar for October 13, 2014**

- A. Personnel Actions
- B. Approval of Certified Leaves of Absence
- C. Approval of Field Trip Requests
- D. Approval of Projects, BG–1 Forms, and Assignment of Architects/Engineers
  - 1. Window Replacement Phase III at Frayser Elementary School

2. Window Replacement Phase II at Highland Middle School
3. Food Service Phase 34 at Various Schools
- E. Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for New Access Road at Farnsley Middle School
- F. Approval of Contract Completions and BG-4 Forms
  1. Roof Replacement at Crosby Middle School
  2. Roof Replacement at Fern Creek Traditional High School
- G. Approval of Project Closeouts and BG-5 Forms
  1. Roof Repair and Gymnasium Floor Replacement at Ballard High School
  2. New Bus Parking Area at Hoke Bus Compound
  3. Outdoor Classroom Pavilion at Stopher Elementary School
- H. Approval of Construction Change Orders
- I. Approval to Request a Waiver from the Kentucky Board of Education Related to 702 KAR 4:050 *Building Sites, Inspections, and Approval* and 702 KAR 4:170 *Facility Programming and Construction Criteria Guide* for the Construction of the New Elementary School at Norton Commons
- J. Approval of Request for Proposal, Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendments
- K. Acceptance of Purchase Order Report
- L. Acceptance of Voucher Report
- M. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More
- N. Acceptance of Funding
  1. Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants
  2. Acceptance of Funding from the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation
  3. Acceptance of Action for Healthy Kids Grant for Various Schools
  4. Acceptance of Funding from Catholic Charities for On-Site English as a Second Language Classes
  5. Acceptance of a Modification in Funding from KentuckianaWorks for the Right Turn Program at the Kentucky Youth Career Center
  6. Acceptance of an English Literacy/Civics Instruction Grant from Kentucky Adult Education Council on Postsecondary Education
  7. Acceptance of Funding from the National Future Farmers of America Organization for Seneca High School
  8. Acceptance of School Climate Transformation Grant from the U.S. Department of Education
  9. Acceptance of Project Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- O. Approval of Shortened School Days for Two Exceptional Child Education Students
- P. Notification of Easements
  1. Electrical Easement at Central High School Magnet Career Academy
  2. Water Easement at Hartstern Elementary School

- Q. Approval of Fiscal Year 2014 Technology Activity Report
- R. Acceptance of the U.S. Department of Education Future Ready District Pledge
- S. Approval of Salary Increases for the 2014–15 School Year and Salary Schedules for the 2015–16 School Year
- T. Approval of Boundaries for Alex P. Kennedy Elementary School
- U. Approval of Implementation of the Catalpa School Concept at Maupin Elementary School
- V. Approval of Payment of Out-of-District Expenses for Board Members

Board members pulled down the following Consent Calendar items for additional comment and discussion:

- V.E. Approval of Bid and Revised BG–1 for New Access Road at Farnsley Middle School: Mrs. Duncan celebrated the completion of this project to showcase the historic Farnsley-Kaufman House, which sits on the campus of Farnsley Middle School.
- V.I. Approval to Request a Waiver from the Kentucky Board of Education Related to 702 KAR 4:050 *Building Sites, Inspections, and Approval* and 702 KAR 4:170 *Facility Programming and Construction Criteria Guide* for the Construction of the New Elementary School at Norton Commons: Mr. Brady asked when Board members will have the opportunity to review the plans for this school. Dr. Michael Raisor, chief operations officer, came forward to provide information and answer questions. Chairwoman Porter requested that Dr. Raisor keep Board member informed of any opportunities for review and input.
- V.M. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More: Mrs. Duncan and Mr. Brady requested additional information concerning professional services contracts #7, 8, 9, and 10 for the Louisville Urban League for Street Academy program. John Marshall, chief equity officer, and Charles C. Davis, coordinator; Diversity, Equity, and Poverty Programs; came forward to provide information and answer questions.
- V.Q. Approval of Fiscal Year 2014 Technology Activity Report: Mr. Brady requested clarification on several items. Dr. Michael Raisor, chief operations officer, came forward to provide information and answer questions.
- V.R. Acceptance of the U.S. Department of Education Future Ready District Pledge: Mr. Brady asked how this will impact the district. Dr. Michael Raisor, chief operations officer, came forward to provide information and answer questions.
- V.T. Approval of Boundaries for Alex P. Kennedy Elementary School: Mr. Brady stated that the Kennedy Metro Middle School program provides a valuable service and asked for assurance that the program will just be relocated and not disbanded. Dr. Raisor came forward to provide information and address concerns. Dr. Hargens pointed out that the rationale states that *Kennedy Metro Middle School will be relocated to another facility beginning in the 2015–16 school year. The recommendation of proposed location will be made by December 2014.*

**Order #2014-154 - Motion Passed:** A motion to approve the Consent Calendar for October 13, 2014, minus Professional Services Contracts 7, 8, 9, and 10 to the Louisville Urban League included in Agenda Item V.M., which were acted on separately, 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		

**Order #2014-155 - Motion Passed:** A motion to approve Professional Services Contracts 7, 8, 9, and 10 to the Louisville Urban League included in Agenda Item V.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	Abstain
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

## VI. Action Items

There were no action items this evening.

## VII. Discussion Items

### VII.A. Report on 2013–14 Accountability Results

Superintendent Donna Hargens; Dr. Dewey Hensley, chief academic officer; and Dr. Robert Rodosky; chief of Data Management, Planning, and Program Evaluation; facilitated a discussion of the 2013–14 accountability results, trends by level, what is working in priority schools, and next steps.

Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions. Chairwoman Porter requested more immediate goals and delivery targets for the gap group.

**Order #2014-156 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive a report on the 2013–14 accountability results. 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.B. 2014–15 Board of Education Discussion Agenda Planning Calendar

Board members discussed the timing of setting the 2015 legislative priorities.

**Order #2014-157 - 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 2014–15 fiscal 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		

## VIII. Board Reports and Requests

- Chairwoman Porter congratulated Mr. Brady on his October 9th birthday.
- Mr. Brady requested an update on the ongoing Louisville Male High School investigation; thanked LG&E for hosting the ExCELebration dinner honoring ExCEL Award recipients; reported that he and Mrs. Haddad attended the Fern Creek Alumni Association Hall of Fame induction luncheon; and thanked Ramsey Middle School for hosting the press conference announcing this year’s accountability results. He commented on the shooting at Fern Creek Traditional High School and requested that the Board receive an after-action report unless it presents a safety issue.
- Mrs. Haddad commented on Fern Creek Alumni Association’s Alumni Breakfast and Hall of Fame Lunch and her community conversation at Moore Traditional School.
- Mrs. Duncan asked what the district is doing to support principals during the implementation of the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System. She requested the number of current Phoenix School of Discovery students who made the transition from Stuart Middle School as well as the number of new students. “Did we hold on to students and add, or did we lose some? What’s going on with that population?” She reported that she attended the second-grade professional learning community at Kenwood Elementary School and visited the Transition Center at Olmsted Academy South. She noted that she and Mrs. Wesslund will attend a meeting of the KSBA Legislative Issues Group and any input from Board members is welcome.
- Mr. Haddaway commented on his recent community conversation at the Southwest Community Festival.
- Mrs. Wesslund reported that she attended Hite Elementary School’s bi-annual Pioneer Day event and will attend a meeting of the Local School Board Member Advisory Council on Wednesday and any input is welcome. She commented that Board members have always been given an opportunity to meet with the external auditors to discuss the mandatory Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and they also had an opportunity to meet with the curriculum management auditors; however, Board

members were not given an opportunity to meet with the state auditors to ask questions even though the Board voted to bring the auditors in. She requested that the Superintendent and Administration ensure that they have access to any information that the state auditor shares with school board candidates.

- Mr. Jones commented that Fern Creek Traditional High School is currently ranked in the 73rd percentile of high schools in Kentucky; however, according to the state accountability results, it is still a priority school. He feels this points out the need to bring a really skeptical view to looking at the state accountability reporting.
- Ms. Porter reported that she visited McFerran Elementary School with the Kentucky Retired Teacher Association, who donated school supplies. She attended a conference on strengthening families as part of her work with the Bingham Fellows and it was a meaningful opportunity to hear what other cities are doing to increase parent engagement. She also attended a program at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage honoring Colonel Charles Young. She requested information concerning the continuation of the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

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

Mr. Charles Webb addressed the Board concerning an issue from when he was a student.

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

#### **XI. Adjournment**

**Order #2014-158 - Motion Passed:** A recommendation to adjourn the October 13, 2014, regular meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 9:43 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	Yes
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, Chairwoman

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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**