



**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 9, 2015**

**REGULAR** meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, November 9, 2015, at 7 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair David A. Jones, Jr.  
Mrs. Linda Duncan  
Mrs. Stephanie Horne  
Dr. Lisa Willner

Mr. Chris Brady  
Mr. Chuck Haddaway  
Vice-Chair Diane Porter

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Superintendent Donna Hargens  
Francis J. Mellen, Jr., Wyatt Tarrant & Combs LLP  
Kathy Smith, Assistant Secretary to the Board  
Angie Gilpin, Assistant Secretary to the Board

**WORK SESSIONS**

- 4 p.m. Work Session: Report from Finance Working Group
- 4:45 p.m. Work Session: Discussion of Draft 2016 Legislative Agenda
- 5 p.m. Work Session: Discussion of *Strategic Plan: Vision 2020*/Board Activities and Development

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at approximately 7 p.m. The meeting opened with a moment of silence, The Pledge of Allegiance, and the Vision Statement.

**III. Recognitions and Resolutions**

- A.** Recognition of Brown School Students, Open Source High Physics Competition Winners
- B.** Recognition of Jeanne Meredith, Kentucky's Project Lead the Way Biomedical Teacher of the Year
- C.** Recognition of Lynley Schroering, Class of 2015 National Distinguished Principal
- D.** Recognition of District Communications Staff, Recipients of KSBA/KYSPRA Outstanding Achievement in School Information Services Awards

**Order #2015-196 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends the Board of Education receive the recognitions for November 9, 2015. The recommendation passed with a motion by Dr. Lisa Willner and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes	Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes		

#### IV. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Order #2015-197 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015, regular meeting as amended to clarify statements concerning approval dates for Agenda Items VII.A. and VII.B. on pages 3 and 4 passed with a motion by Ms. Diane Porter and a second by Mr. Chuck Haddaway.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes	Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes		

#### V. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent welcomed Tom Hudson, Chief Business Officer, and Angie Gilpin, Assistant Secretary to the Board, and shared comments regarding the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Year Ended June 30, 2015; the strategic planning process; and this evening's report on the National Assessment of Educational Progress Trial Urban District Assessment (NAEP TUDA). She also presented a video that will assist parents in understanding the student 2015 K-PREP report.

#### VI. Action Items

##### VI.A. Acceptance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Year Ended June 30, 2015

Chief Financial Officer Cordelia Hardin; Eddie Muns, director of Accounting Services; and William G. Carroll, Strothman and Company; came forward to provide information and answer Board members' questions concerning the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Year Ended June 30, 2015. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask clarifying questions.

**Order #2015-198 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends the Board of Education accept the attached Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for year ended June 30, 2015. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chuck Haddaway and a second by Mrs. Stephanie Horne.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes	Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes		

##### VI.B. Approval of 2016 Legislative Agenda

Ms. Gay Adelman addressed the Board concerning the proposed 2016 legislative agenda.

Jonathan Lowe, director of Strategy, facilitated a discussion of the proposed 2016 JCPS legislative agenda. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

**Order #2015-199 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends the Board of Education approve the attached 2016 Jefferson County Public Schools Legislative Agenda. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Stephanie Horne and a second by Ms. Diane Porter.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes	Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes		

**VII. Information Items**

**VII.A. Report on National Assessment of Educational Progress Trial Urban District Assessment**

Mr. Chris Harmer addressed the Board of Education concerning the NAEP TUDA.

Dr. Dena Dossett; chief of Data Management, Planning, and Program Evaluation; Suzanne Wright, director of Curriculum Management; and Tamera Lewis, data analyst; presented a report on the district’s results from the 2015 administration of the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) Trial Urban District Assessment (TUDA). Each Board member had an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

Several Board members noted that the Board is currently discussing the possibility of reducing the number of assessments being administered and the need to have further conversations to discuss the value of this data and whether to continue participation. Chair Jones stated he feels there is value in statistical sampling and comparison data from urban districts of like size. Dr. Willner commented on the possibility of waiver requests to relieve the burden of mandated testing and noted that different tests serve different purposes.

**Order #2015-200 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends the Board of Education receive a report on the district's results in reading and mathematics of fourth and eighth graders from the 2015 administration of the National Assessment of Educational Progress Trial Urban District Assessment. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Stephanie Horne and a second by Ms. Diane Porter.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes	Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes		

**VIII. Consent Calendar for November 9, 2015**

- A. Report of Personnel Actions
- B. Certified Leaves of Absences
- C. Approval of Organizational Charts
- D. Approval of Field Trip Requests
- E. Approval of Projects, BG–1 Forms, and Assignment of Architects/Engineers
  - 1. Science Lab Renovation at Atherton High School

- 2. Pool Demolition at Western High School
- F. Approval of Revised BG–1 Form for Phase I HVAC Renovations and Elevator Addition at Youth Performing Arts School
- G. Approval of Contract Completion and BG–4 Form for New Road at Alex R. Kennedy Elementary School
- H. Approval of Project Closeout and BG–5 Form for Shared Use Path at Stonestreet Elementary School
- I. Approval of Construction Change Orders
- J. Approval of Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendments
- K. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More
- L. Acceptance of Purchase Order Report
- M. Acceptance of Voucher Report
- N. Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Funding
  - 1. Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants
  - 2. Acceptance of Funding from the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation
- O. Approval of Agreements
  - 1. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding/Data Sharing Agreement with Jefferson Community and Technical College
  - 2. Approval of Modified Personnel Memorandum of Agreement with Kentucky Department of Education for Education Recovery Specialist
  - 3. Approval of Supplementary Interagency Agreement with Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children for JCPS/State Agency Children’s Programs at Uspiritus
- P. Approval to Name the Main Entrance Drive at Seneca High School John Locke Lane
- Q. Approval of Preschool Program Review Corrective Action Plan

Mr. Brady shared comments in support of Agenda Item VIII.P. Approval to Name the Main Entrance Drive at Seneca High School John Locke Lane.

**Order #2015-201 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends the Board of Education approve the consent calendar for November 9, 2015. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Ms. Diane Porter.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes	Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes		

### **IX. Board Reports, Requests, and Planning Calendar**

Board members shared comments concerning school visits and activities; the Local Progress National Convening of elected school board members; School Psychology Awareness Week; Making the Connection; an event at Fairdale High School highlighting the AT&T It Can Wait texting and driving campaign; the American Cancer Society’s Great American Smokeout; the 30th anniversary of the JCPS/YMCA Childcare Enrichment Program; the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence; a collaboration with Uspiritus Bellewood; a community event with Louisville Metro Councilwoman Angela Leet; and a potluck supper with Board members, the superintendent, and their spouses. Chair Jones commented on the number of individual Board

requests made during tonight’s meeting and reminded Board members of the special meeting with Dr. Thomas Alsbury on Wednesday, November 11, at 5:30 p.m.

Board members made the following requests:

- Mr. Haddaway repeated his previous requests for a report on teacher absenteeism rates for the past two years and an update on the supply of substitute teachers. In reference to the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, he requested information concerning the percentage change in the number of teachers and whether the change is independent to the percentage change in the number of students as well as information on school building capacity to include how a school exceeds its building capacity and any data that shows the impact on student achievement.
- Dr. Willner requested information concerning the reclassification of Functionally Mentally Disabled classrooms to Moderate/Severe Disabilities and whether the reclassification was mandated by the state or Board policy as well as information on Student Response Teams to include when and why they were implemented, any data to show their effectiveness, and how SRTs compare to more proactive approaches. She also commented on mid-year teacher resignations and requested data regarding any exit interviews conducted.
- Mrs. Duncan requested information concerning 107 vacancies in schools and data that shows the district’s response to students with behavior issues and emotional challenges.
- Mr. Brady also commented on teacher retention and stated that it would be beneficial for the district to conduct exit interviews to capture data concerning teacher retention and the reasons teachers leave the district.
- Mrs. Horne repeated her previous requests for an update on potential funding for the Museum School, information concerning interventions for Advance Program students who are not proficient or distinguished and individual learning plans for gifted and talented students—especially those who are not yet proficient or distinguished, and measurements of outcomes.

Mrs. Duncan requested that a report on the recent salary study be added to the planning calendar.

**Order #2015-202 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends the Board of Education receive for information a planning calendar outlining discussion agenda items to occur during the 2015–16 fiscal year. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Ms. Diane Porter.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes	Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes		

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

Mr. Philip Setters addressed the Board concerning an open records complaint and an appeal to the Office of the Attorney General. Ms. Erin Korbylo addressed the Board concerning teacher support.

**XI. Executive Session**

**Order #2015-203 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education recess and reconvene in executive session for the purpose of a discussion related to proposed litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) of the Kentucky Open Meetings Act passed with a motion by Ms. Diane Porter and a second by Mrs. Stephanie Horne.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes	Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes		

Board members met in executive session to discuss proposed litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) of the Kentucky Open Meetings Act. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Board members returned to open session at approximately 9:19 p.m. and Chair Jones made the following announcement: "The Board of Education met in Executive Session to discuss proposed litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act and no action was taken."

**XII. Adjournment**

**Order #2015-204 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn the November 9, 2015, regular meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 9:20 p.m. passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Ms. Diane Porter.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes	Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes		

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Chair David A. Jones, Jr.

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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**