



## JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 10, 2017

**Regular Meeting** of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at VanHoose Education Center, Louisville, Kentucky, on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 7 p.m.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair Chris Brady

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Mrs. Stephanie Horne

Ms. Diane Porter

Vice-Chair Lisa Willner

Mr. Benjamin Gies

Dr. Chris Kolb

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Superintendent Donna M. Hargens, Ed.D.

Francis J. Mellen, Jr., Wyatt Tarrant & Combs LLP

Angie Gilpin, Assistant Secretary to the Board

### **WORK SESSIONS:**

#### **4 p.m. Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2017–18**

This work session provided an overview of safety procedures and protocols, with recommendations for continuous improvement.

#### **5 p.m. Ensuring Safe Schools**

This work session provided an overview of the General Fund Draft Budget.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

The January 10, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

#### **I. Moment of Silence**

#### **II. The Pledge of Allegiance**

##### **II.A. Oath of Office to be Administered to Dr. Chris Kolb, Member, District 2; Benjamin Gies, Member, District 4; and Chris Brady, Member, District 7**

The Honorable Judge Denise Clayton administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board members. Each of the members had an opportunity to comment and recognize family members and special guests.

## **II.B. Organization of the Board: Election of Chairperson**

**Order #2017-001 - Motion Passed:** The nomination of Mr. Chris Brady to serve as Chairperson of the Jefferson County Board of Education for 2017 passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mr. Benjamin Gies.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

## **II.C. Organization of the Board: Election of Vice-Chairperson**

**Order #2017-002 - Motion Passed:** The nomination of Dr. Lisa Willner to serve as Vice-Chairperson of the Jefferson County Board of Education for 2017 passed with a motion by Mrs. Stephanie Horne and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

Chair Brady gave brief remarks as the newly elected Chairperson.

## **II.D. Vision Statement**

Chair Brady asked Member Horne to read the District vision statement.

## **III. Recognitions and Resolutions**

### **III.A. Recognition of the Jefferson County Public School District's Distinguished Schools from the 2016 Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress Testing**

**Order #2017-003 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends the Board of Education receive the recognitions and resolutions for January 10, 2017, passed with a motion by Ms. Diane Porter and a second by Dr. Lisa Willner.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

#### **IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Chair Brady stated that he did not feel it necessary to ask Board members to sign a written commitment to abide by the procedures and practices for the conduct of Board meetings established in Board policy. He felt that this commitment was fulfilled when taking the Oath of Office.

**Order #2017-004 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education waive the requirement to sign a written commitment to abide by the procedures and practices for the conduct of Board meetings as stated in policy 01.41 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mrs. Stephanie Horne.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

**Order #2017-005 - Motion Passed:** A motion to amend the meeting agenda and allow Persons Requesting to Address the Board on Non-Agenda Items to come forward before Action Items passed with a motion by Mr. Benjamin Gies and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

**Order #2017-006 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education approve the agenda for January 10, 2017, as amended, passed with a motion by Dr. Lisa Willner and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

#### **V. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Order #2017-007 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 10, 2016, December 13, 2016, and December 17, 2016, meetings passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Ms. Diane Porter.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

#### **VI. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Donna Hargens delivered remarks regarding: prior work sessions; agenda item topics; data from the Board's dashboard; a community conversation; ESL Newcomer Academy; and the Commissioner's Accountability Steering Committee. She concluded by recommending the consent agenda for approval.

**Order #2017-008 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education receive the Superintendent's Report passed with a motion by Dr. Lisa Willner and a second by Ms. Diane Porter.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

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

Chris Higdon, Sara Carpenter, and Melissa Loyd addressed the Board regarding a staffing situation at Bloom Elementary School. Rob Mattheu discussed responsibilities of the Board.

## VII. Action Items

### VII.A. Approval of 2017 Legislative Position Statement on Charter Schools

Dr. Hargens introduced this item and Jonathan Lowe, Director of Strategy, came forward to present. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

The Board discussed each bullet point in the statement and gave Mr. Lowe direction to make additional changes. At Mr. Gies suggestion, Chair Brady invited a representative from the Jefferson County Teacher Association to come forward to provide input. Alan Young came forward as the representative.

The Board agreed to table the item in order to allow Mr. Lowe an opportunity to work on revisions and present the final draft later in the meeting.

**Order #2017-009 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education table the 2017 Legislative Position Statement until later in the meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mr. Benjamin Gies.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

### VII.B. Approval of Draft District Facilities Plan and Selection of Hearing Officer

Chief Operations Officer Dr. Michael Raisor came forward to provide information concerning the Draft District Facilities Plan and the selection of a hearing officer to take public comments. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Dr. Raisor explained that this is a list of needs which is required every four years by the Kentucky Department of Education. This document does not tell you which needs will be addressed; there is not enough funding to address every need. The list requires Board approval and then the real work will begin to decide how to address the problems within Facilities. With the Board's direction, in two weeks, he hopes to form a Facilities committee/work group to decide how to proceed with addressing the issues.

Ms. Porter stated that there are major inequities in the District as it pertains to Facilities and this document is not dealing with that. She expressed a desire to hear about what is going to happen now and if there is a problem with funding then there needs to be a discussion about that too. She is concerned with the lack of community voice with this issue. She will not vote for this document because she believes that the needs are not being address in the JCPS schools as it pertains to the inequity in the Facilities.

Mrs. Horne stated that she agrees with many of Ms. Porter's concerns because this document does not reflect reality. She discussed some of the problems in her district such as overcrowding

and low per pupil spending and she fears that the numbers in the document may be used to justify student assignment decisions.

Dr. Kolb reaffirmed Ms. Porter's comments and encouraged the Board to prioritize Ms. Porter's district due to the high volume of needs.

**Order #2017-010 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends the Board of Education approve the draft District Facilities Plan as recommended by the Local Planning Committee and the Kentucky Department of Education, and select Dr. Michael Raisor, Chief Operations Officer, to serve as the Hearing Officer for the required public hearing. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	No
Dr. Christopher Kolb	No
Ms. Diane Porter	No
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

## VIII. Information Items

### VIII.A. Districts of Innovation Plan Overview

Dr. Hargens introduced this item and gave some background information on the Districts of Innovation structure.

The following presenters provided brief summaries of the four innovation strategies: Dr. Lisa Herring, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Paige Hartstern, Assistant Superintendent; Sharis Lattimore, Director, Computer Education Support; Christy Rogers, Director, College/Career Readiness; and Jonathan Lowe, Director of Strategy.

The plan will be presented for approval at the January 24 meeting.

**Order #2017-011 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends the Board of Education receive a report on the revised JCS District of Innovation Plan passed with a motion by Ms. Diane Porter and a second by Dr. Christopher Kolb.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Absent
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

## IX. Consent Calendar

IX.A. Certified Leaves of Absence

IX.B. Report of Personnel Actions

IX.C. Approval of Field Trip Requests  
IX.D. Approval of Project, BG-1 Forms, and Assignment of Architect/Engineer  
IX.D.1. Approval of Project, BG-1 Form, and Assignment of Architect/Engineer for Paving Package I at Doss High School and Trunnell Elementary School  
IX.D.2. Approval of Project, BG-1 Form, and Assignment of Architect/Engineer for Track Repaving at Pleasure Ridge Park High School  
IX.D.3. Approval of Project, BG-1 Form, and Assignment of Architect/Engineer for Paving Package II at Various Schools  
IX.E. Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Forms for Partial Roof Replacements  
IX.E.1. Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Conway Middle School  
IX.E.2. Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Laukhuf Elementary School  
IX.E.3. Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Western High School  
IX.F. Approval of Project Closeout and BG-5 Forms for Partial Roof Replacements  
IX.F.1. Approval of Project Closeout and BG-5 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Carter Traditional Elementary School  
IX.F.2. Approval of Project Closeout and BG-5 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Kammerer Middle School  
IX.G. Approval to Withdraw the BG-1 Form for Fence Installation at Waller-Williams Environmental  
IX.H. Approval of Construction Change Orders  
IX.I. Approval of Bid Tabulations, and Contract Renewal Rescission  
IX.J. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More  
IX.K. Acceptance of Purchase Order Report  
IX.L. Acceptance of Voucher Report  
IX.M. Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants  
IX.N. Acceptance of Funding from the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation  
IX.O. Approval of Agreements  
IX.O.1. Approval of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Fayette County Public Schools  
IX.O.2. Approval of Memorandum of Agreements for Behavioral and Mental Health Services  
IX.O.3. Approval of Agreement with David A. Stevens, Trustee, for Nonjudicial Modification of Trust  
IX.P. Approval of Shortened School Day for One Exceptional Child Education Student  
IX.Q. Approval to Rename Moore Traditional School the Marion C. Moore School  
IX.R. Appointment of Board Member Dr. Lisa Willner to Serve as Representative on the Louisville Metro Cradle to Career Cabinet  
IX.S. Approval of Board Policies: Kentucky School Boards Association 2015 Updates

Board members pulled down the following items for additional discussion:

- IX.O.1. Approval of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Fayette County Public Schools
- IX.Q. Approval to Rename Moore Traditional School the Marion C. Moore School

Mrs. Duncan requested clarification on the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Fayette County Public Schools.

Dr. Willner expressed her support for the renaming of Moore Traditional School to the Marion C. Moore School.

**Order #2017-012 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends the Board of Education approve the consent calendar for January 10, 2017, passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mrs. Stephanie Horne.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Absent
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

#### **X. Board Planning Calendar**

Chair Brady stated that he intends to have a board organization work session on January 24 which will include discussions on the following: committees; budget for board development, clarification on the process for participation at conferences such as NSBA; the retreat; and other mundane issues such as the seating arrangement at meetings.

Dr. Hargens reminded the Board that they need to set the times for meeting dates March through December 2017.

Mrs. Duncan requested to have information by May regarding administrative salaries in order to have negotiation discussions.

Mrs. Horne requested policy work to be done regarding current and future work groups and committees to ensure support by the Board. She echoed Mrs. Duncan's request for an HR update. She also requested a status update regarding the DuBois School and stated that she has questions for the consultant. Lastly, she requested a discussion for the next work session regarding a policy committee, finance committee, and community advisory groups.

Chief Business Officer Tom Hudson stated that he could provide a comprehensive HR strategy during a work session sometime in February.

Dr. Willner expressed concern regarding suspension numbers and requested an update to come directly from IIRP.

Ms. Porter stated that she feels it is appropriate to receive updates from the consultant on the DuBois School, but typically they do not present those in a board meeting. She feels it is important to be fair and consistent and give this consultant the same consideration as others in the past.

**Order #2017-013 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends the Board of Education receive for information a planning calendar outlining discussion agenda items passed with a motion by Dr. Lisa Willner and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

#### **XI. Board Reports**

Dr. Willner submitted a written [board report](#). She stated that she will continue to give reports on all Cradle to Career Cabinet Meetings.

Ms. Porter acknowledged the upcoming federal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Chair Brady reported on a meeting he attended in Frankfort.

**Order #2017-014 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education take a short break passed with a motion by Mrs. Stephanie Horne and a second by Mr. Benjamin Gies.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

The Board took a short break to allow Mr. Lowe an opportunity to finalize the 2017 Legislative Position Statement on Charter Schools which was tabled earlier in the meeting.

The Board returned from break at approximately 10:28 p.m.

Mr. Lowe reviewed the revisions to ensure conformity to the Board's wishes and clarified next steps. Each Board member had an opportunity to provide feedback. After a few additional changes, the Board came to consensus with the statement.

**Order #2017-015 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education approve the 2017 Legislative Position Statement passed with a motion by Mr. Benjamin Gies and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

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

Board members voted earlier in the meeting to amend the agenda to move this item up before the action items.

## **XIII. Executive Session**

**Order #2017-016 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education conduct an executive session for the purpose of conducting discussions that might lead to the dismissal of an individual employee, as permitted by KRS 61.810(1)(f) passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mrs. Stephanie Horne.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

The Board entered executive session at approximately 10:45 p.m. and returned at 12:12 a.m.

Chair Brady announced that no action was taken.

**Order #2017-017 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education adjourn from executive session and return to open session passed with a motion by Dr. Lisa Willner and a second by Mr. Benjamin Gies.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

**Order #2017-018 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn the January 10, 2017, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 12:14 a.m. passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mr. Benjamin Gies.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

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Chair Chris Brady

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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**