



## JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Minutes of September 10, 2019

Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at VanHoose Education Center, Stewart Auditorium, Louisville, Kentucky, on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairwoman Diane Porter  
Mr. Chris Brady  
Mrs. Linda Duncan  
Mr. Corrie Shull

Vice-Chair Chris Kolb  
Mr. James Craig  
Mr. Joseph Marshall

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.  
Kevin Brown, General Counsel  
Angie Gilpin, Assistant Secretary to the Board

#### **SPECIAL MEETING**

##### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. and made the following announcement: "The Board will now conduct a closed session, as permitted by KRS 61.810(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of a discussion regarding pending litigation. Public discussion of this matter, and identification of the specific matter, would disclose litigation strategy and have an adverse impact upon the legal and financial interests of the district."

##### **II. Enter into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(c)**

**Order #2019-864 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education conduct a closed session, as permitted by KRS 61.810(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of a discussion regarding pending litigation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes

### **III. Adjourn from Executive Session**

**Order #2019-865 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Open Session passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Joseph Marshall.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes

The Board returned to open session at 5:02 p.m.

**Order #2019-866 - Motion Passed:** A motion to authorize board counsel to effectuate a settlement in the matter identified in closed session and pursuant to the terms discussed in closed session passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Corrie Shull.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes

### **IV. Adjournment**

The special meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

**Order #2019-867 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn the special meeting passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## **TAX RATE HEARING**

Chair Porter called the Tax Rate Hearing to order at 5 p.m.

The hearing was held pursuant to the provisions of KRS 160.470 for the purpose of hearing public comments regarding a proposed 2020 General Fund tax levy of 73.6 cents on real property and 73.6 cents on personal property. All persons requesting to speak on the proposed rates were given an opportunity to present testimony.

Lester Gamble spoke against the proposed tax levy.

Chris Harmer and Pat Murrell spoke in favor of the proposed tax levy.

No other persons requested to speak.

The hearing adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

**Order #2019-868 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn the Tax Rate Hearing passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## **REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Porter called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7 p.m.

### **I. Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda**

**Order #2019-869 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the agenda for September 10, 2019. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Dr. Christopher Kolb.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## **II. Recommendation for Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Order #2019-870 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019, regular meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## **III. Action Items**

### **III.A. Recommendation for Approval of Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2019–20**

Dr. Pollio introduced this item and Cordelia Hardin, chief financial officer, presented the rationale and briefly explained how the tax rates will be allocated to the General Fund and Building Fund. Each Board member had an opportunity to ask questions.

**Order #2019-871 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the General Fund tax rate of 73.6 cents on real property and 73.6 cents on personal property for Fiscal Year 2019-20. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Corrie Shull.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes

### **III.B. Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Chart**

Dr. Pollio introduced this item by stating the following:

“This is what we discussed with you at our last board meeting around the development of our own internal security/SROs and having a project manager that would be working from the time we hire, which we anticipate to be around the first of October if approved, and then that job would be eliminated on June of this year. So it would be a position to help us develop the proposal for you, work with us to do all of that work to make sure that we can develop the proposal in a timely process. We already have one project manager in Operations so the organizational chart would be to increase that to a second one for the remainder of this fiscal year.”

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

Chair Porter requested reassurance that the work of the position of project manager will be focused on security and will do the work that the Board approved.

Chair Porter made the following comments:

"I have no problem with the position of project manager, I have no problem with the work. The way it's on the org chart, it's sitting there reporting straight up to Dr. Raisor which I have no problem with that. But, there is no indication from the organizational chart that there is a link with this position and the job that we voted to do which has to do with the security. So, can you either talk about that so we can get it recorded in the Minutes so it's clear because sometimes people get titles and then they get put in places and then they get other things. I had asked if there was a dotted line that could go to security, I guess not because that did not come up. But, it's not clear for anyone that's not aware of what we're doing when they look at the organizational chart that that particular project manager is, in fact, working on what we voted for them to do.

Dr. Pollio replied:

"We can bring that back and add that, it was the timing of it - if we wanted a dotted line, we'd be happy to bring that back to you. This position will be directly reporting to Dr. Raisor but will clearly have to work with our own internal security right now, and their expertise and I think that would be something that would occur on a regular basis, a daily basis, that communication and that work together. The reason we didn't put it underneath the Security Division was just because of the current work that they are doing that is ensuring security at schools, doing that full-time. Director Stan Mullen is working on that but this will be close collaboration with both of them over in Security but will directly report to Dr. Raisor."

**Order #2019-872 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the attached organizational chart. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## **IV. Work Sessions**

### **Update on New Facilities and Board Input**

Dr. Pollio introduced this item. Dr. Michael Raisor, chief operations officer; and Susan Biasioli, director, Facility Planning; introduced the selected architects and were available to answer questions.

Board members had an opportunity to ask questions and provide input and feedback to District staff and architects regarding the design and construction of the West Broadway Elementary School, Newburg Area Elementary School, Dixie Corridor Elementary School, and the East End Middle School.

The following architect firms gave short presentations showcasing their recent work:

- West Broadway – Lockett & Farley
- Newburg Area – Pickett Passafiume
- Dixie Corridor - Studio Kremer
- East End – JRA

Chair Porter requested that racial equity be a priority as they hire contractors and staff.

### **2020 Schedule of Meetings for the Jefferson County Board of Education**

Amy Dennes, chief of staff; and Jonathan Lowe, executive administrator, policy and systems; presented three schedule options for consideration and discussion. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and offer suggestions. The Board's input will be used to craft the 2020 schedule of Board meetings which will be presented at a future meeting.

### **Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2019–20**

Dr. Pollio introduced this item. Cordelia Hardin, chief financial officer; and John Collopy, director of financial planning and management; presented the Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2019–20, which will be presented for the Board's approval on September 24, 2019. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mr. Brady requested data regarding the breakdown of federal, state, and local funding sources by percentage and actual dollars in the total budget. He also requested data regarding costs associated with JCPS acting as a pass-through for funding that is administered to private schools.

Chair Porter requested more information regarding funding for community school youth programs and questioned the availability of funds for the Adult Education ESL program at the Americana World Community Center. She also requested data regarding department allocations as of July 1 compared to current allocations. If there have been any decreases, she would like to understand why and what the funds were reallocated for.

## **V. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

**Order #2019-873 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn the September 10, 2019, meeting of the Board of Education passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mr. Corrie Shull	Yes

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Diane Porter  
Chairwoman

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Dr. Martin A. Pollio  
Superintendent/Secretary

**THESE ACTIONS, ALONG WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS, MAKE UP THE OFFICIAL  
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