



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of April 26, 2022

Board Work Session of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at VanHoose Education Center, Stewart Auditorium on Tuesday, April 26, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairwoman Diane Porter

Mr. James Craig

Dr. Chris Kolb

Ms. Sarah McIntosh

Vice-Chair Corrie Shull

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Mr. Joseph Marshall

Board Member Porter attended the meeting via videoconference.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.

Amanda Averette-Bush, Executive Administrator of School Choice

Kevin Brown, General Counsel

Ronda Cosby, Principal

Dr. Dena Dossett, Chief of Accountability, Research, & Systems Improvement

Aimee Green-Webb, Chief of Human Resources

Jonathan Lowe, Executive Administrator Policy & Systems

Dr. John Marshall, Chief Equity Officer

Robert Moore, Chief of Schools

Brent West, Manager Geographic Information Systems

This meeting was conducted via videoconference pursuant to KRS 61.823 and KRS 61.826. The primary location for this meeting and where all members could be seen and heard by the public was the VanHoose Education Center. Members of the Board were permitted to attend in-person or via video-teleconference pursuant to KRS 61.826. Members of the public were permitted to attend in person or watch the live-stream of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The purpose of this executive session was for preliminary and formative discussions relating to the 2021–22 Evaluation of the Superintendent pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(k) and KRS 156.557, and to have discussions relating to proposed litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) of the Kentucky Open Meetings Act.

I. Call to Order

Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and the Board moved into closed session.

II. Enter into Closed Executive Session for Preliminary and Formative Discussions Regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation and to have Discussions Relating to Proposed Litigation

Order #2022-67 - Motion Passed: A motion to enter executive session to have preliminary and formative discussions relating to the 2021–22 Evaluation of the Superintendent pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(k) and KRS 156.557, and to have discussions relating to proposed litigation pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c). passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

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

III. Adjourn from Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at 6:28 p.m.

Order #2022-68 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education adjourn executive session and return to open session passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mr. Joseph Marshall.

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

IV. Possible Consideration of Motion Regarding Proposed Litigation

Order #2022-69 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board authorize General Counsel to continue to engage outside counsel to proceed with initiating litigation and the filing of a complaint consistent with the matter of proposed litigation discussed in closed session. The identity of the matter cannot be disclosed at this time in order to preserve litigation strategy, but will become public at the time of filing with the court passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Joseph Marshall.

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

V. Adjournment

The special meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Order #2022-70 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Joseph Marshall.

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

REGULAR WORK SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Porter called the April 26, 2022, Work Session of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda

Order #2022-71 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the agenda for April 26, 2022. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Dr. Christopher Kolb.

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

III. Recommendation for Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Order #2022-72 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022, meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Dr. Christopher Kolb.

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

IV. Work Sessions

A. School Choice Proposal: Magnets

Dr. Pollio and Amanda Averette-Bush, Executive Administrator of School Choice; presented the rationale for revisions to magnet schools and programs with key focus areas in systems improvement, equity, and access. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Ms. McIntosh said that she had received feedback from parents and community members that the terminology is confusing. She wanted to ensure that the District communicates options and choices to families in an easy-to-understand way. She suggested they find a way to hold future Board members, Superintendents, and Cabinet members responsible and accountable for keeping programs, especially in the field of technology, up-to-date. She wanted to make sure the District considers logistical issues for surrounding schools and communities when discussing transitioning schools to whole-school magnets without a resides areas.

Dr. Kolb agreed with Ms. McIntosh regarding confusing terminology and suggested they find a way to help the community understand and use the same terms. He asked for clarification regarding the term “whole-school magnet”. He wanted to ensure they end the problem with “false advertising”. He asked, “How soon can we eliminate that problem of having magnets that are magnets in name only?” He concluded by discussing diversity targets and said, “If we want to make sure that the magnets are fairly consistent throughout the District, we do need to address that diversity piece first and foremost.”

Mrs. Duncan questioned how to increase social capital and engagement within the African American population in the application process. She wanted to understand the goals for diversity targets. She asked about supports for magnets as the practice of school-initiated exits ends. She asked for clarification regarding siblings in the magnet school selection process.

Mr. Craig wanted clarification regarding diversity targets and the centralization of the application process. He requested a list of the schools that are utilizing applications versus a list of the schools that are utilizing a lottery. He asked how the Board could be assured that the process of ending school-initiated exits is implemented correctly. He asked for clarification regarding the application process for younger siblings of magnet students. He concluded by expressing gratitude for adding the boundaries for the traditional high schools.

Mr. Marshall questioned criteria versus lottery for enrollment into magnet schools. He said he was grateful for the traditional high school boundary. He wanted clarification regarding interventions and the exit process. He requested info regarding the percentage of students who attend Male versus Butler who have been through the traditional program since elementary; and the percentage of ESL families applying for magnets.

Dr. Shull wanted to clarify that the centralized lottery equals a centralized application process. He expressed concern that Newburg Middle School's Math/Science/Technology Magnet Program will not be highly accessible to students in District 6 who would be interested. He suggested they look at ways to engage families in the application process. He asked if there is a scenario where we would have a wall-to-wall high school Montessori program. He asked if any JCPS magnet programs have won awards.

Chair Porter asked for the number of students who were in the Meyzeek Middle School resides that actually applied to be in the magnet program. She also asked about diversity targets and goals and said, "I would like to better understand how we implement that moving forward." She requested more information about the history of the centralized lottery. She requested data regarding the number of African Americans who had applied for magnet programs and were consistently denied acceptance. She acknowledged that the District is already oversubscribed in traditional schools. She wanted to understand, as they talk about Foster becoming a wall-to-wall traditional school, how this would help the oversubscribed traditional schools - not just Foster, but all elementary, middle, and high schools. She then questioned the enrollment potential for Shawnee Middle School and asked how that number would feed into the Academy @ Shawnee. She requested information regarding the future for magnets or Montessori programs going into buildings like Shelby, Kennedy, and Coleridge-Taylor. She later asked how many parents have attended the public forums.

V. Persons Requesting to Address the Board on Action Items or Consent Calendar Items to be Voted Upon Separately at Board Member Request

There were no speakers at this time.

VI. Action Items

A. Recommendation for Approval of the Grace M. James Academy of Excellence to serve Grades Six (6) Through Twelve (12)

Ronda Cosby, principal; Dr. John Marshall, chief equity officer; and Robert Moore, chief of schools; presented the rationale and a brief video presentation. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Board members expressed excitement about the school's growth and continued success.

Ms. McIntosh asked how long Grace M. James Academy of Excellence would be able to fit in its current location before needing to expand to a larger building.

Mrs. Duncan questioned the school’s future facility plans; the selection process, plans for high school career pathways, and if students from across the District have an opportunity to apply for the high school.

Order #2022-73 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the Grace M. James Academy of Excellence to serve grades six (6) through twelve (12). The recommendation passed with a motion by Dr. Corrie Shull and a second by Mr. James Craig.

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

B. Recommendation for Approval of Change to School Board Division Boundaries Based Upon 2020 Census Data and Recently Revised Precinct Boundaries

General Counsel Kevin Brown and his team presented the rationale for boundary revisions. Karen Daniel-Hamburg, senior associate director with Cooperative Strategies, presented five redistricting scenarios for the Board to consider. Each Board member had an opportunity to ask clarifying questions.

Order #2022-74 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education approve Redistricting Scenario One as shown in the presentation of proposed changes to Jefferson County Board of Education district boundaries based on the decennial 2020 U.S. Census passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

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

VII. Consent Calendar

A. Report of Certified Leaves

B. Report of Personnel Actions

C. Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions

1. Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions – Accountability, Research and Systems Improvement

D. Recommendation for Approval of Field Trips

E. Recommendation for Approval of Projects, Assignment of Architects/Engineers, and BG-1 Forms

1. Recommendation for Approval of the Project, Assignment of Architect/Engineer, and BG-1 form for Lift Replacement at Field Elementary School

- 2.** Recommendation for Approval of Project, Assignment of Architects/Engineers, and BG-1 Form for Food Service Phase 41 at Various Schools
- F.** Recommendation for Approval of Revised BG-1 Forms for Issuance of Local School Bond
- G.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completions and BG-4 Forms
 - 1.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Carrithers Middle School
 - 2.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Iroquois High School
 - 3.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Boiler Room Roof Replacement at Jeffersontown High School
 - 4.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Boiler Replacement at Kerrick Elementary School
 - 5.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Lincoln Elementary Performing Arts School
 - 6.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Phoenix School of Discovery
 - 7.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Boiler Replacement at Stuart Academy
- H.** Recommendation for Approval of Construction Change Orders
- I.** Notification of Louisville Water Company Easement and Release of Prior Easement for Thomas Jefferson Middle School
- J.** Recommendation for Approval of Competitive Negotiation, Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendments.
- K.** Recommendation for Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$20,000 or More
- L.** Acceptance of Summary of Professional Services Contracts for Fiscal Year 2021-22
- M.** Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer
 - 1.** Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Invoices
 - 2.** Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Purchase Orders
 - 3.** Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Vouchers
- N.** Acceptance of School Activity Fund Budget Summary for Fiscal Year 2022-23
- O.** Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Funding
 - 1.** Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants
 - 2.** Recommendation for Acceptance of Funding from the Kentucky Department of Education for School Security Projects
- P.** Recommendation for Approval of Agreements
 - 1.** Recommendation for Approval of MOA with Catholic Charities of Louisville
 - 2.** Recommendation for Approval of Amendment to MOA with Evolve502
 - 3.** Recommendation for Approval of MOA with Kentucky Refugee Ministries for Summer Programming
 - 4.** Recommendation for Approval of Agreement with the University of Louisville
 - 5.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Sharing Agreement with Imagine Learning
 - 6.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Sharing Agreement with MakeMusic, Inc.
 - 7.** Recommendation for Approval of External Auditors Contract

- Q.** Recommendation for Approval of Naming Butler Traditional High School's Small Gym and Stage: Alumni Hall
- R.** Recommendation for Approval of JCPs Phase Four Diagnostic Reports: Continuation of Learning Plan and English Learner Plan
- S.** Adoption of a Resolution to Elect to Conduct Facilities-Related Projects Under the Provisions of HB 678 (2022 RS) and Authorization to Submit District Facilities Plan to the Commissioner of Education for Approval
- T.** Recommendation for Approval of Revised 2021-2022 School Calendar
- U.** Recommendation for Approval of Declaration for Emergency Teacher Certification for the 2022-23 SY
- V.** Recommendation for Approval of Declaration for One-Year Emergency Substitute Teacher Certification for the 2022-23 School Year
- W.** Adoption of Set #9 of Board Policies as Part of the District Policy Review Cycle for (First Reading)

The following Consent Items were pulled down for a separate vote:

- VII.Q. Approval of Naming Butler Traditional High School's Small Gym and Stage: Alumni Hall
- VII.T. Approval of Revised 2021-2022 School Calendar

Order #2022-75 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education approve the consent calendar minus items *VII.Q. Recommendation for Approval of Naming Butler Traditional High School's Small Gym and Stage: Alumni Hall*; and *VII.T. Recommendation for Approval of Revised 2021-2022 School Calendar* passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mr. James Craig.

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

- **VII.Q.** Approval of Naming Butler Traditional High School's Small Gym and Stage: Alumni Hall

Mr. Marshall thanked all those who worked on the dedication to Butler High School graduates and Alumni Association members.

Order #2022-76 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education approve Consent Item *VII.Q. Recommendation for Approval of Naming Butler Traditional High School's Small Gym and Stage: Alumni Hall* passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

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

▪ **VII.T. Approval of Revised 2021-2022 School Calendar**

Mr. Craig stated that, given all the lost education opportunities due to COVID, he would vote no on forgiving the missed school day. Ms. McIntosh asked why they are not able to forgive the day for employees as well.

Order #2022-77 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education approve Consent Item *VII.T. Recommendation for Approval of Revised 2021-2022 School Calendar* passed with a motion by Dr. Christopher Kolb and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

Mr. James Craig	No
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

VIII. Persons Requesting to Address the Board (if necessary)

Steve Porter discussed the School Choice Proposal and stated that he is a strong believer in a public school system that not only advocates diversity but also provides it. He said he wants kids to learn in a real-world environment not one that separates students by race or economic status.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Order #2022-78 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education adjourn the April 26, 2022, work session at 9:02 p.m. passed with a motion by Dr. Corrie Shull and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

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

Diane Porter
Chairwoman

Dr. Martin A. Pollio
Superintendent/Secretary

**THESE ACTIONS, ALONG WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS, MAKE UP THE OFFICIAL MINUTES,
WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**