



# **JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of March 05, 2024**

**Regular Business Meeting** of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at VanHoose Education Center Stewart Auditorium, Louisville, Kentucky, on Tuesday, March 05, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Corrie Shull	Vice-Chairman James Craig
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Dr. Chris Kolb
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Mr. Joseph Marshall
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	

Mr. Craig and Mr. Marshall attended the meeting via videoconference. Mr. Craig arrived after the meeting was called to order.

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.  
Michael Alexander, Director of Student Assignment  
Amanda Averette-Bush, Executive Administrator of School Choice  
Kevin Brown, General Counsel  
BJ Bunton, Executive Administrator of Diversity, Equity, and Poverty  
Caroline Callahan, Chief of Communications and Community Relations  
Malia Gibson, Counselor  
Rhonda Hedges, Principal  
Jamiera Johnson, Director of School Choice Programs  
Tamara Lewis, Executive Administrator Research and Systems Improvement  
Dr. John Marshall, Chief Equity Officer  
Ryan McCoy, Principal  
Robert Moore, Chief of Schools  
Bill Perkins, Principal  
Brandon Riddle, Teacher, and Sponsor for Seneca High School's Black Student Union  
Gregory Vann, Associate Diversity Equity Poverty

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.

## REGULAR MEETING

Chair Shull called the March 05, 2024, Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6 p.m.

### I. Moment of Silence

### II. The Pledge of Allegiance

#### A. Vision Statement

Mrs. Duncan read the District Vision Statement.

### III. Recognitions and Resolutions

- A. Recognition of Dr. Eva Stone on Being Named a 2023 Immunization Champion Awardee by the Association of Immunization Managers
- B. Recognition of Carrithers Middle School Director of Bands Adam Bullock on Being Named the Middle School Teacher of the Year by the Kentucky Music Educators Association
- C. Recognition of JCPS Bus Driver Larry Farrish Jr. Who Helped Turn a Student's Bad Day Around with a Kind Gesture
- D. Recognition of Norton Commons Elementary School Student Lydia Feld on Receiving the Kentucky Association for Gifted Education (KAGE) Distinguished Student Award
- E. Recognition of Ballard High School Student Ben Cullens on Winning the JCPS E-Sports Logo Design Contest
- F. Recognition of Maupin Elementary School Student Austyn Porter for Being Recognized for Extraordinary Creativity and Talent as a Promising Young Photographer
- G. Recognition of Six JCPS Students Who Were Awarded the McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow Scholarship

**Order #2024-30 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive the recognitions. The recommendation passed with a motion by Dr. Christopher Kolb and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

Mr. James Craig	Absent
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

#### IV. Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda

**Order #2024-31 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the agenda for March 5, 2024. The recommendation passed with a motion by Ms. Sarah McIntosh and a second by Dr. Christopher Kolb.

Mr. James Craig	Absent
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

#### V. Recommendation for Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Order #2024-32 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024, and February 20, 2024, meetings. The recommendation passed with a motion by Dr. Christopher Kolb and a second by Dr. Corrie Shull.

Mr. James Craig	Absent
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

#### VI. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollio expressed concern with a bill passed by the House Education Committee that calls for a study of JCPS, including examining whether large districts need to be split into smaller ones. He stated that the bill, which would next go to the House floor, shows that the legislature is waging an attack on the District.

#### VII. Student Outcomes-Focused Governance Update

Mr. Marshall provided a brief update.

#### VIII. 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.

#### IX. Action Items

## X. Information Items

### A. Acceptance of Racial Equity Policy Update

Dr. John Marshall, chief equity officer, and a group of presenters provided the update. Ballard High School student Renelda St. Hilaire and Butler Traditional High School student Maddie Liver spoke in support of JCPS Black Student Unions, and the Racial Equity Policy. Ben Johnson, Chairman of the JCPS Advisory Council for Racial Equity was also present to help provide the update and answer questions. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Ms. Logan Strange questioned accountability for teachers and administrators.

Mrs. Duncan asked why the proficiency data in this report is different than the state report. She questioned when middle school scores would catch up. She then asked about efforts to recruit diverse teachers and school leaders.

**Order #2024-33 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive an update regarding the implementation of the Racial Equity Policy and Racial Equity Plan. The recommendation passed with a motion by Ms. Sarah McIntosh and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

### B. Acceptance of Update on School Choice Plan Implementation

Amanda Averette-Bush, executive administrator of school choice, and her team presented the update. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Dr. Kolb asked for more information regarding how the teacher floater works. He questioned program funding and evaluation and asked if they are working with Research and Accountability to determine what is working well.

Ms. Logan Strange asked about the racial demographics of the Choice Zone. She questioned efforts to recruit teachers of color.

Ms. McIntosh expressed concern with the number of completed applications and questioned communication with families who need to register their students.

Mrs. Duncan questioned attendance rates for students and staff.

Mr. Craig stated that the data he is most interested in seeing in future reports is the retention of teachers and other staff members throughout the Choice Zone. He requested future reports include any available MAP data.

Chair Shull questioned pay incentives for staff as well as existing and potential community partnerships. He concluded by saying, "I just want to flag Grace James facility. We've talked about that offline and I just want to say publicly that that is high on the agenda for us to accomplish."

**Order #2024-34 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive an update on the School Choice Plan implementation. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## **XI. Consent Calendar**

**A.** Report of Certified Leaves

**B.** Report of Personnel Actions

**C.** Recommendation for Approval of Field Trip Request and Receipt of Report of Field Trips Approved by the Superintendent

**D.** Recommendation for Approval of the Project, Assignment of Architects/Engineers, and BG-1 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Southern High School

**E.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid for 2024 Track Paving – Turf Fields at Various Schools

**F.** Recommendation for Approval of Bids and Revised BG-1 Forms

**1.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Boiler Replacement at Auburndale Elementary School

**2.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Camp Taylor Elementary School

**3.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Highland Middle School

**4.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Jeffersontown Elementary School

**5.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Boiler Replacement at Newcomer Academy

**6.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Shacklette Elementary School

**7.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Shelby Traditional Academy

**8.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Boiler Replacement at Stopher Elementary School

- G.** Recommendation for Approval of Revised BG-1 Form for Phase I HVAC Renovation & Classroom Addition at Atherton High School
- H.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completions and BG-4 Forms
  - 1.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Life Skills Kitchen at Breckinridge Metropolitan High School
  - 2.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Fire Alarm Replacement at Kerrick Elementary School
- I.** Recommendation for Approval of Construction Change Orders
- J.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid Tabulations and Contract Renewals
- K.** Recommendation for Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$20,000 or More
- L.** 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
- M.** Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Funding
  - 1.** Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants
  - 2.** Acceptance of Funding from the Kentucky Department of Education for the Office of Transition Readiness
  - 3.** Acceptance of KDE Funding Award and Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Assurances
  - 4.** Acceptance of Offer of Assistance from the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission Funding Program
  - 5.** Acceptance of Two Grants from the United States of America Chess Federation
- N.** Recommendation for Approval of Agreements
  - 1.** Recommendation for Approval of Agreement with Apptegy, Inc.
  - 2.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Data Sharing with American Institutes (AIR)
  - ~~**3.** WITHDRAWN: Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with IXL Learning~~
  - 4.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Osting Individual & Family Services, Inc
  - 5.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Seven Counties Inc
  - 6.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with 4 Star Guidance, LLC
  - 7.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with WAGS Pet Therapy of Kentucky
  - 8.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Wellfront Readiness Solutions
  - 9.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Total Life Counseling and Consulting
- O.** Recommendation for Approval for Resolution for Workers Compensation Self-Insured Program
- P.** Recommendation for Approval of Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance Policy
- Q.** Recommendation for Approval of Shortened School Day for One Exceptional Child Education Student
- R.** Acceptance of Board Policies for First Reading and Review of Related Administrative Procedure
- S.** Recommendation for Approval of Proposed High School Graduation Schedule for 2024
- T.** Recommendation for Approval of Additional Extracurricular Fee for Kammerer Middle School

Ms. Duncan pulled down two Consent Items for discussion and a separate vote.

**Order #2024-35 - Motion Passed:** A motion to approve the Consent Agenda minus: *XI.H.1. Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Life Skills Kitchen at Breckinridge Metropolitan High School*; and *XI.S. Recommendation for Approval of Proposed High School Graduation Schedule for 2024*, passed with a motion by Dr. Christopher Kolb and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

**XI.H.1. Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Life Skills Kitchen at Breckinridge Metropolitan High School**

Mrs. Duncan asked for clarification on this project.

**XI.S. Recommendation for Approval of Proposed High School Graduation Schedule for 2024**

Mrs. Duncan wanted to clarify what the Board was approving on this item.

**Order #2024-36 - Motion Passed:** A motion to approve Consent Items: *XI.H.1. Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Life Skills Kitchen at Breckinridge Metropolitan High School*; and *XI.S. Recommendation for Approval of Proposed High School Graduation Schedule for 2024*, passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

▪ **Tie Bids**

Dr. Kolb drew lots for tie bids on Bid ID #8298 - Instructional & Office Supplies (Line Item). Tie bids were awarded as follows.

Item No. 95 - National Art & School Supplies

Item No. 124 - John R Green Co

Item No. 162 - Pyramid School Products

Item No. 144 - Complete Printer Source

## **XII. Board Planning Calendar**

**Order #2024-37 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive the attached planning calendar outlining discussion agenda items. The recommendation passed with a motion by Ms. Gail Logan Strange and a second by Dr. Christopher Kolb.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## **XIII. Committee Reports**

Dr. Kolb gave a brief update on the Policy Committee.

## **XIV. Board Reports**

Mrs. Duncan discussed a new school-based health center at Iroquois High School and a Neighborhood Place Retreat that she attended.

Mr. Craig requested an email, either from Kevin's office or Eddie's office, with a timeline for the tax rate this year and when certain triggering mechanisms must take place by the Board. He also requested a report on positive outcomes from the 2020 tax increase and how the District has been able to implement those additional funds as well as future funding needs.

Chair Shull recognized six principals across the District who won the Academic Innovators for Excellence in Literacy Instruction Award: Josh Bourgeois, Stacey Rowan, Heather Scott, Melissa Shearon, Amy Strite, and Toetta Taul.

## **XV. Persons Requesting to Address the Board (If Necessary)**

The following students from Central High School Magnet Career Academy addressed the Board. They discussed the need for their school to continue receiving bus services as the Board considers options for next year's transportation plan.

- Louisa Sarpee
- Ariana Porter
- Ava Williams

Eighth-grade student Lana Shoemaker discussed the need to continue providing online Pathfinder School of Innovation for middle school students.

Kathy Welsh discussed the current bus situation and the lack of student discipline which has led to and continues to cause problems for bus drivers in JCPS.



**XVI. Executive Session (If Necessary)**

**XVII. Action Item (If Necessary)**

**XVIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Order #2024-38 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn the March 5, 2024, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 8:30 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Sarah McIntosh and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

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Dr. Corrie Shull  
Chairman

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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**