



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2014

REGULAR meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at the VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, September 22, 2014, at 7 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairwoman Diane Porter
Mr. Chris Brady
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund

Vice-Chairman David A. Jones, Jr.
Mrs. Linda Duncan
Mr. Chuck Haddaway

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Superintendent Donna M. Hargens, Ed.D.
Rosemary Miller, General Counsel
Kathy Smith, Assistant Secretary to the Board

WORK SESSIONS

At 5 p.m., Board members held a work session to receive an update on the Schools of Innovation. Jonathan Lowe, director of strategy, made a presentation and answered Board members' questions.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairwoman Porter called the September 22, 2014, regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. with a traditional moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Vision Statement read by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund.

III. Approval of Minutes

Order #2014-146 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014, regular meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes

Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes

IV. Recognitions and Resolutions

A. Recognition of the 15th District Parent Teacher Association Recipients of Kentucky PTA Awards

B. Recognition of Laukhuf Elementary School and Foster Traditional Academy

Order #2014-147 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive the recognitions and resolutions for September 22, 2014. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chuck Haddaway and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

Superintendent's Report

"Chairwoman Porter, members of the Board; it is my pleasure to call to your attention a few items. JCPS is proud to be a District of Innovation and to be moving forward with the Schools of Innovation—the Catalpa School and Reach Academy—and we had a work session discussing that.

We are at the end of the 2014–15 budget cycle with a request for the approval of the working budget tonight—outlining the ways that dollars will be spent intentionally to increase student achievement.

I appreciate the opportunity to be present with Board members at the Community Conversations. Mr. Jones, Ms. Porter, Mrs. Wesslund, and Mrs. Duncan had great conversations in the community. Next conversations are Mrs. Haddad on October 9, Mr. Haddaway on October 11, and Mr. Brady on October 23.

On Friday, September 19, Cabinet members and direct reports immersed ourselves in the system to see the system from the eyes of our students and our employees—to truly see the system from the center of the universe, which are our schools. A shout out to Alicia Miracle, the bookkeeper at Olmsted Academy South. I learned a lot. Thank you.

Item S. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with JCTA is on tonight's Consent Calendar, and there is a revised hard copy in your red folder.

Chairwoman Porter, at this time, I recommend the Consent Calendar for the Board's consideration."

V. Consent Calendar for September 22, 2014

- A. Approval of Personnel Actions
- B. Approval of Certified Leaves of Absence
- C. Approval of Job Descriptions
- D. Approval of Organizational Charts
- E. Approval of Field Trip Requests
- F. Approval of Project, BG-1 Form, and Assignment of Architect/Engineer for New Parking Lot at Portland Elementary School
- G. Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Walking Track at Rutherford Elementary School
- H. Approval of Revised BG-1 Form for Courtyard Modifications at Ballard High School
- I. Approval of Construction Change Orders
- J. Approval of Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendment
- K. Acceptance of Purchase Order Report
- L. Acceptance of Voucher Report
- M. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More
- N. Acceptance of Monthly Report of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More
- O. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Report for Period Ended August 31, 2014
- P. Acceptance of Funding
 - 1. Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants
 - 2. Acceptance of Funding from the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation
 - 3. Acceptance of Individuals with Disabilities Education Part B Basic and IDEA-B Preschool Grants
 - 4. Acceptance of Flexible Focus Funds from the Kentucky Department of Education
 - 5. Acceptance of NCLB, Title I, Part A, Section 1003(g) Funds from the Kentucky Department of Education
 - 6. Acceptance of a Math and Science Partnership Grant from the Kentucky Department of Education
 - 7. Acceptance of Subgrant from the University of Kentucky Reading Recovery Project
 - 8. Acceptance of Grant from KentuckianaWorks for the Louisville Education and Employment Partnership
- Q. Approval of Shortened School Day for One Exceptional Child Education Student
- R. Approval of Agreements
 - 1. Approval of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

2. Approval of Third-Party Cooperative Agreement with Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
3. Approval of Letter of Agreement Between Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation and The Academy @ Shawnee
- S. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Jefferson County Teachers Association for the 2014–15 and 2015–16 School Years

Board members pulled down Consent Calendar items for additional comment and discussion:

- **V.C. Approval of Job Descriptions:** Chairwoman Porter requested clarification concerning the performance responsibilities for the Assistant Superintendent for Academic Support Programs. Dr. Dewey Hensley, chief academic officer, came forward to provide information and answer questions.
- **V.P.5. Acceptance of NCLB, Title I, Part A, Section 1003(g) Funds from the Kentucky Department of Education:** Mrs. Duncan requested additional information regarding how the Cohort 3 schools will use these funds to improve student achievement. Dr. Dewey Hensley, chief academic officer, came forward to provide information and answer questions.
- **V.R.3. Approval of Letter of Agreement Between Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation and The Academy @ Shawnee:** Mrs. Duncan noted that this agreement will allow The Academy @ Shawnee to offer Advance Placement courses in math, science, and English and requested clarification concerning the AdvanceKentucky initiative. Dr. Dewey Hensley, chief academic officer, came forward to provide information and answer questions. Chairwoman Porter noted that Shawnee had previously been the only school without Advance Placement opportunities for students and commended staff for providing access and opportunities for all students.
- **V.S. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Jefferson County Teachers Association for the 2014–15 and 2015–16 School Years:** Mr. Brady requested that Administration provide an overview of the details of this agreement. Dr. Michael Raisor, chief operations officer, came forward to provide information and answer questions. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Order #2014-148 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the Consent Calendar for September 22, 2014. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

VI. Action Items

VI.A. Approval of the Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2014–15

Mr. Tom Moffett addressed the Board of Education concerning the Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2014–15.

Superintendent Donna Hargens and Chief Financial Officer Cordelia Hardin facilitated a review of the trend data and a discussion of the priorities of the Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2014–15. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Order #2014-149 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the attached Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2014–15. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr. and a second by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

VII. Discussion Items

VII.A. 2014–15 Board of Education Discussion Agenda Planning Calendar

Dr. Hargens reported that the planning calendar has been updated and many Board-requested items have been scheduled through the end of the calendar year. Mrs. Duncan requested monthly reports on offenses and suspensions as well as periodic reports on the District's Positive Action Center and Transition Center. Dr. Hargens noted that those data points will be included in the Superintendent's Report once they are received.

Order #2014-150 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive for information a planning calendar outlining discussion agenda items to occur during the 2014–15 fiscal year. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

VIII. Board Reports and Requests

- Mr. Brady made the following reports and requests:
 - He thanked the principals at Fern Creek Elementary, Fern Creek Traditional High, Wilt Elementary, Farmer Elementary, and Ramsey Middle schools for allowing him to attend their school open house events.
 - He visited Kennedy Metro Middle School to see the work being done there and noted that he spoke with some staff members who were concerned that the school may be closed. [Dr. Hargens reported that Dr. Raisor visited Kennedy Metro Middle School today and spoke with staff to reassure them that the intent is to relocate Kennedy, not to eliminate it.]
 - He congratulated the Jeffersontown Chamber of Commerce on a successful Gaslight Festival and noted that several schools participated in the parade and Adult Education had an information booth.
 - He thanked Congressman John Yarmuth for visiting the George Unseld Early Childhood Learning Center today and for his commitment to adequate funding for the Head Start and Early Childhood programs.
 - He voiced his concern about meeting materials that were updated late this afternoon and requested that the Superintendent institute a freeze date on additions and revisions to eMeeting so Board members have sufficient time to review the materials prior to the meeting.
- Mrs. Duncan reported that she attended a meeting of the School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability Council (SCAAC) where they discussed a variety of issues. She reported that she and Dr. Hargens attended the 84th Annual Fairdale Community Fair, where they participated in the parade and met the community as part of Mrs. Duncan's community conversation. She noted that she also visited the Unseld Early Childhood Learning Center today along with Mrs. Haddad and Mr. Brady.
- Mrs. Haddad also reported on today's visit to the Unseld Center.
- Mrs. Wesslund reported that she attended Hite Elementary School's annual Patriot Day ceremony to commemorate the events of September 11, 2001, and to recognize the heroes that protect and serve our country. She requested that the Superintendent look into the cost benefit of installing bleachers and other equipment at Westport Middle School so other schools could rent Westport's facilities instead of having to go outside the district to rent facilities. She reported that she has heard from several families that are having difficulty finding a high school that they feel appropriately meet the needs of their children who have learning disabilities, particularly different forms of Autism and asked staff to work with families to ensure they have appropriate information.
- Chairwoman Porter made the following reports and requests:
 - The Council of the Great City Schools sent a request to all districts that adopted the Males of Color Pledge asking for a timeline/implementation plan for turning the pledge into a reality and asked the Superintendent to share the all-inclusive plan with the Board once it is developed.

- She thanked Meyzeek Middle School for hosting her community conversation and making everyone feel welcome.
- She reported on the Weekend of Hope, a weekend of planning for Zones of Hope, a long-term effort that will focus on programming and community partnerships in the California, Russell, Newburg, and Parkland neighborhoods. Community conversations were held in each area to get input from community members; she attended the meeting in the Parkland community meeting.
- She had the opportunity to see Dr. Joyce Howell Young, the first African American to serve as chairwoman of the old Louisville Board of Education, at the 2014 Molly Leonard Community Service Awards ceremony and reported that she is doing well.
- She requested the Board receive a 30-day report or update on suspensions to include demographics and the results of the various means in place to keep students in school.
- She requested the Board receive a report of schools that have teachers with five years or less experience.

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

There were no speakers on non-agenda items.

X. Executive Session (If Needed)

XI. Adjournment

Order #2014-151 - Motion Passed: A recommendation to adjourn the September 22, 2014, regular meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 8:33 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mr. Chuck Haddaway.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes	Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad	Yes	Mr. Chuck Haddaway	Yes
Mr. David A. Jones, Jr.	Yes	Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Mrs. Debbie Wesslund	Yes		

Diane Porter, Chairwoman

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