



## JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2014

**REGULAR** meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at the VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, December 15, 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**

Rosemary Miller, General Counsel  
Kathy Smith, Assistant Secretary to the Board

#### **WORK SESSIONS**

Board members held a work session at 5 p.m. to receive an update on student assignment processes. Dr. Robert Rodosky; chief of Data Management, Planning, and Program Evaluation; and Dr. Dena Dossett, director of Planning and Program Evaluation; facilitated the discussion and answered Board members' questions.

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

Chairwoman Porter called the December 15, 2014, regular meeting to order at 7 p.m. and announced that Superintendent Donna Hargens was unable to attend this evening due to the death of her father. The meeting began with a traditional moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Vision Statement read by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad.

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

**Order #2014-184 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the November 24, 2014, regular meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chuck Haddaway 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 Ana Castro
- B. Recognition of Michelle Lowe

This evening marked the last meeting for outgoing Board Members Carol Ann Haddad and Debbie Wesslund. Mrs. Haddad and Mrs. Wesslund introduced their families and made brief comments.

On behalf of the Jefferson County Board of Education and Superintendent Donna Hargens, Chairwoman Porter presented Mrs. Haddad and Mrs. Wesslund with an art glass sculpture in appreciation for their years of service on behalf of the students and families of the Jefferson County Public School District.

State Representative Jim Wayne and Brad Hughes, Kentucky School Boards Association, also made special presentations to Board Member Carol Ann Haddad.

**Order #2014-185 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive the recognitions and resolutions for December 15, 2014. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund 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

Members of the Superintendent's Cabinet reported on Student Assignment; the 2015 JCPS legislative agenda; the Adequacy for Excellence in Kentucky Funding Study; a competitive negotiation for internal and external audit services; the 2014–15 Comprehensive District Improvement Plan; the Teaching, Empowering, Leading, and Learning (TELL) Survey; the status of the redesign of the district's website; and the Take What You Can Tote Clothing Drive.

Mr. Chris Harmer addressed the Board of Education concerning Agenda Item V.O. Approval of 2014–15 Comprehensive District Improvement Plan.

#### V. Consent Calendar for December 15, 2014

- A. Report of Personnel Actions
- B. Approval of Field Trip Requests

- C. Approval of Project, BG-1 Form, and Assignment of Architect/Engineer for Paving Package I at Various Schools
- D. Approval of Contract Completions and BG-4 Forms
  - 1. Roof Replacement at Coleridge-Taylor Montessori Elementary School
  - 2. 2014 Paving Package II at Various Schools for MAC Construction & Excavating, Incorporated
- E. Approval of Project Closeout and BG-5 Form for Gym Ceiling Replacement at Western Middle School
- F. Approval of Construction Change Orders
- G. Approval of Request for Proposals, Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendments
- H. Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$5,000 or More
- I. Acceptance of Purchase Order Report
- J. Acceptance of Voucher Report
- K. Acceptance of Grants and Funding
  - 1. Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants
  - 2. Acceptance of Funding from the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation
  - 3. Acceptance of Grant from Catholic Charities of Louisville Kentucky Office for Refugees
  - 4. Acceptance of Funding from the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the Teenage Parent Programs
  - 5. Acceptance of Grant from Jimmie Johnson Foundation for Olmsted Academy North
  - 6. Acceptance of Modification in Funding from KentuckianaWorks Workforce Investment Act for the YOUth Career Center One-Stop Center
  - 7. Acceptance of Modification in Funding from Louisville Metro Government and KentukianaWorks Youth Career Center
  - 8. Acceptance of Funding from University of Louisville to Support Teacher-in-Residence Programs
  - 9. Acceptance of Funding from Verizon Foundation
- L. Approval of Agreements
  - 1. Memorandum of Agreement with Kentucky Department of Education for the Strategic Data Project
  - 2. Approval of Modified Memorandum of Agreement with Kentucky Department of Education
  - 3. Approval of Data Sharing Agreement with Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority
  - 4. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Louisville Leadership Foundation
  - 5. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Louisville Metro Government to Receive Federal Promise Zone Designation for West Louisville

- 6. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Addenda with Morehead State University for Dual Credit Programs at Ballard and Eastern High Schools
- 7. Approval of Shine Assist Agreement with Shine Early Learning, Inc. for Head Start/Early Head Start Programs
- M. Notification of Water Easement at Dunn Elementary School
- N. Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Report for Period Ended October 31, 2014
- O. Approval of 2014–15 Comprehensive District Improvement Plan
- P. Approval of Student Assignment Plan Revisions

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

- Agenda Item V.G. Approval of Request for Proposals, Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendments: Mr. Brady voiced his concern regarding the award for Part A and requested that this item be voted on separately.
- Agenda Items V.K. Acceptance of Grants and Funding: Mrs. Duncan commented on several donations and grants.
- Agenda Item V.O. Approval of 2014–15 Comprehensive District Improvement Plan: Mr. Jones requested that Chief Academic Officer Dewey Hensley and/or Chief Equity Officer John Marshall respond to Mr. Harmer’s comments concerning the state’s gap goals. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

**Order #2014-186 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education approve the Consent Calendar for December 15, 2014, minus Agenda Item V.G. Approval of Request for Proposals, Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendments, which was acted on separately, passed with a motion by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr. 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		

**Order #2014-187 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education approve Agenda Item Agenda Item V.G. Approval of Request for Proposals, Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendments passed 6–1 with a motion by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr. and a second by Mrs. Debbie Wesslund.

Mr. Chris Brady	No	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

There were no action items this evening.

## VII. Discussion Items

### VII.A. Report on Council for Better Education Adequacy for Excellence in Kentucky Funding Study Conducted by Picus Odden & Associates

Dr. Michael Goetz, senior associate, Picus Odden & Associates, presented the findings from a contemporary, independent review of Kentucky's school finance system. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

**Order #2014-188 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Donna Hargens recommends that the Board of Education receive the Report on the Council for Better Education Adequacy for Excellence in Kentucky Funding Study Conducted by Picus Odden & Associates. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. David A. Jones, Jr. 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		

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

Mr. Brady requested a report outlining the pros and cons of using a 10-point grading scale. Mrs. Duncan requested that Board members receive an annual report of claims filed against the district/paid by the district, a multi-year comparison of how the district tracks unexcused absences, and a discussion concerning program reviews.

**Order #2014-189 - 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 Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

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

- Board members offered appreciation and tributes to Mrs. Haddad and Mrs. Wesslund and thanked them for their service on the Board.
- Mr. Haddaway congratulated the Pleasure Ridge Park High School Theatre Arts Department on a successful production of *The Wizard of Oz* and highlighted the story behind soon-to-be-retired teacher Bonnie Calkins' donation of a SMART Board she purchased for her third-grade classroom at Schaffner Traditional Elementary School.
- Mrs. Duncan reported on her last meeting as a member of the KSBA Board of Directors.
- Ms. Porter noted that several Board members recently visited the Leadership Louisville class at Fern Creek Traditional High School and reported on a partnership with the University of Louisville School of Dentistry to provide dental screenings to students at Wheatley Elementary School and the 15th District PTA Clothing Assistance Program's Take What You Can Tote Clothing Drive. She again requested district suspension data by school by demographic so Board members can review the data to determine the impact of new programs that have been initiated.
- Mr. Jones reported on the 2014 Progress Report recently released by 55,000 Degrees.

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

Mr. Tom Moffett addressed the Board of Education concerning the policy of raising the compulsory attendance age from 16 to 18 beginning with the 2015–16 school year.

## X. Executive Session (If Needed)

## XI. Adjournment

**Order #2014-190 - Motion Passed:** A recommendation to adjourn the December 15, 2014, regular meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 8:58 p.m. passed with a motion by Mrs. Carol Ann Haddad 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		

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Chairperson

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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**