



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Special Meeting of April 13, 2017

Special Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at VanHoose Education Center, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Chris Brady

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Mrs. Stephanie Horne

Ms. Diane Porter

Vice-Chair Lisa Willner

Mr. Benjamin Gies

Dr. Chris Kolb

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Donna M. Hargens, Ed.D.

Francis J. Mellen, Jr., Wyatt Tarrant & Combs LLP

Angie Gilpin, Assistant Secretary to the Board

SPECIAL MEETING

I. Call to Order

Chair Brady called the April 13, 2017, Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 4:34 p.m.

II. Enter Executive Session

Order #2017-094 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education conduct an executive session for the purpose of discussions which might lead to the dismissal of an individual employee as permitted by KRS 61.810(1)(f) passed with a motion by Dr. Christopher Kolb and a second by Mr. Benjamin Gies.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Absent
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

Board Member Linda Duncan arrived late and was not present for the first vote.

III. Adjourn Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Order #2017-095 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education adjourn from executive session and return to open session passed with a motion by Mr. Benjamin Gies and a second by Dr. Lisa Willner.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

IV. Discussions Regarding a Contract between the Board of Education and Dr. Donna Hargens

Order #2017-096 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education accept a new contract between the Board of Education and Dr. Donna Hargens passed with a motion by Mr. Benjamin Gies and a second by Dr. Christopher Kolb.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

Chair Brady made the following statement:

“The Jefferson County Board of Education and Dr. Donna Hargens, Superintendent of the Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS), today announced that the Superintendent will step down from her position, effective July 1, 2017. Although Dr. Hargens regrets that her approach to implementing the strategic plan for JCPS no longer aligns with the Board’s approach, she is grateful for the experience of having provided leadership for the school district for the past six years.

The Board thanks Dr. Hargens for her service to JCPS and for guiding the district through its strategic planning process. The Board and the Superintendent believe it is in the best interest of employees and students to have a new leader guide the district through implementing the strategic plan. Since 2011, JCPS increased its graduation rate to 80.1 percent, doubled its College and Career Readiness rate, increased overall reading and math for every subgroup, and increased the number of students taking Advanced Placement classes. While the district has moved forward during the past six years, the Board believes that the district must accelerate the pace of achievement.

The Board is committed to its vision that all JCPS students graduate prepared, empowered, and inspired to reach their full potential as thoughtful, responsible citizens of our diverse, shared world. There is much work to be done. With the collective commitment of the Board, parents, teachers, and administrators across the district, JCPS can and will reach its goals. The Board now intends to move forward with a sense of urgency to find a successor to the Superintendent and take actions that will continue to improve the education that it provides to all children of Jefferson County.”

V. Enter Executive Session

The Board entered executive session at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Order #2017-097 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education conduct an executive session for the purpose of discussions which might lead to the appointment of an individual employee as permitted by KRS 61.810(1)(f) passed with a motion by Mr. Benjamin Gies and a second by Mrs. Stephanie Horne.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

The Board returned to open session at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Order #2017-098 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education adjourn from executive session and return to open session passed with a motion by Mr. Benjamin Gies and a second by Dr. Christopher Kolb.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

The Board took a short recess.

The Board entered executive session at approximately 7:49 p.m.

Order #2017-099 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education conduct an executive session for the purpose of discussions related to collective bargaining negotiations as permitted by KRS 61.810(1)(e) passed with a motion by Mr. Benjamin Gies and a second by Dr. Lisa Willner.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

Order #2017-100 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education adjourn from executive session and return to open session passed with a motion by Mr. Benjamin Gies and a second by Dr. Lisa Willner.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

The Board returned to open session and then entered executive session again at approximately 8:38 p.m.

Order #2017-101 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education conduct an executive session for the purpose of discussions relating to proposed litigation as permitted by KRS 61.810(1)(c) passed with a motion by Mr. Benjamin Gies and a second by Mrs. Stephanie Horne.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

VI. Adjourn Executive Session

The Board returned to open session at approximately 9:18 p.m.

No Action was taken.

Order #2017-102 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education adjourn from executive session and return to open session passed with a motion by Mr. Benjamin Gies and a second by Mrs. Stephanie Horne.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

VII. Adjournment

Order #2017-103 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education adjourn at 9:19 p.m. passed with a motion by Ms. Diane Porter and a second by Dr. Lisa Willner.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Mr. Benjamin Gies	Yes
Mrs. Stephanie Horne	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Lisa Willner	Yes

Chair Chris Brady

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**