



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of November 26, 2019

Jefferson County Board of Education Work Sessions held at VanHoose Education Center, Louisville, Kentucky, on Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairwoman Diane Porter

Mr. Chris Brady

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Mr. Corrie Shull

Vice-Chair Chris Kolb

Mr. James Craig

Mr. Joseph Marshall

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.

Angie Gilpin, Assistant Secretary to the Board

WORK SESSIONS

5:00 p.m. Work Session: Update on the Backpack League Summer Learning Initiative

7:00 p.m. Work Session: Exceptional Child Education Update

8:15 p.m. Work Session: Information Technology Update

Update on the Backpack League Summer Learning Initiative

Dr. Pollio introduced this item. Dr. Carmen Coleman, chief academic officer; Dr. Dena Dossett, chief of accountability, research and systems improvement; and Dr. Felicia Smith, assistant superintendent for teaching and learning; presented information regarding the Backpack League Summer Learning Initiative. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Dr. Kolb requested more information regarding the percent of parents who responded to the invitation to attend the Backpack Summer League and the percent of parents who said yes.

Mr. Shull asked for a list of teachers who participated, including the school they came from. He was curious to know how many came from AIS/TSI schools. He also questioned if they should proceed with expanding the program before collecting additional data.

Mrs. Duncan also suggested getting more data before expanding the program. She inquired about the participating student population. She needed clarification on the data to understand the percent of students who were proficient before attending the Backpack League compared to those who were proficient after attending. She emphasized the need to target the lowest-performing students.

Mr. Marshall requested data regarding the number of students who were turned away and were not able to attend. He wondered if a waiting list could be utilized to bring in new students if openings become available due to lack of attendance.

Chair Porter requested the demographics of students who participated. She wanted a breakdown of where the students came from and which schools were represented. She was also interested to see the data regarding teachers who participated. She requested attendance data and a breakdown by numbers of student participation (referring to slide four in the presentation). She asked for more information regarding parent outreach to encourage more participation. She wanted to see a timeline for planning the Backpack League for the summer of 2020.

Mr. Brady and Mr. Craig expressed support in expanding the program. Mr. Brady recommended seeking additional outside funding to help the program. He also suggested surveying parents to see if they would be interested in paying for the program or a similar type of program, pointing out the high-cost parents must pay for summer camps.

All Board members agreed that they need to target and encourage the lowest-performing students to attend.

The Board adjourned the first work session at 6:18 p.m. to take a dinner break.

Order #2019-199 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn the work session passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Joseph Marshall.

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

Chair Porter called the next work session to order at 7 p.m.

Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda

Order #2019-200 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the agenda for November 26, 2019. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Corrie Shull.

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

Recommendation for Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Order #2019-201 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019, regular meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Mr. James Craig.

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

Exceptional Child Education Update

Dr. Pollio introduced this item. Kim Chevalier, chief of Exceptional Child Education; Angelique Scherer, assistant director, Exceptional Child Education; and Tricia Bronger, specialist, Exceptional Child Education; provided an update and discussed the ARC decision making process, compliance, and restructuring supports at the school level. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mr. Craig asked for follow-up concerning additional staff and resources needed.

Mr. Brady requested a list of ECE schools, programs, and special classes. He expressed a desire to understand the scope of work. He is concerned with communication to parents, he wants to ensure there is plenty of support and guidance for parents so they are aware of their rights and resources available to them. He also expressed concern regarding counseling students out of programs, suggesting that some schools may not be doing their due diligence in adhering to the Individual with Disabilities Education Act or Individual Education Programs. He requested information in reference to parent complaints that he receives about some high schools having fewer opportunities to earn credits due to class schedules which creates a smaller margin of error. He wants to know if it is a legitimate issue that students may be sent to a different school where they have an opportunity to take more classes to graduate on time.

Information Technology Update

Dr. Pollio introduced this item. Dr. Kermit Belcher, chief information officer; Raghu Seshadri, executive administrator, Information Technology; Heather Warrell, executive administrator, Digital Innovation and Program Management; and Lisa Revel executive director, Technology Integration; presented the update and discussed digital transformation, organizational coherence, cybersecurity, systems of awareness and risk management.

Mr. Brady suggested adding KETS Offers of Assistance to the JCPS Legislative Agenda. He discussed needing Innovation Labs and technology leads in schools. He asked about timing on 1:1 technology in schools and the possibility of discounts if buying in bulk. He expressed concern with blind-spots in wireless access, and security awareness training for staff and students. He also suggested it may be time to think about streamlining the JCPS website to make it more user-friendly.

Mr. Craig expressed concern with student privacy and wanted to ensure we are FERPA compliant with student information.

Chair Porter expressed concern with respect to budgeting for equipment upgrades. She wants to ensure departments and schools have time to plan for upgrades.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Order #2019-202 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. Corrie Shull and a second by Mr. James Craig.

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

Diane Porter
Chairwoman

Dr. Martin A. Pollio
Superintendent/Secretary

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