



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of Special Business Meeting of September 29, 2020

Special Business Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held via Video Teleconference, on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at 6 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairwoman Diane Porter

Mr. Chris Brady

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Dr. Corrie Shull

Vice-Chair Chris Kolb

Mr. James Craig

Mr. Joseph Marshall

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.

Kevin Brown, General Counsel

Dr. Kermit Belcher, Chief Information Officer

Dr. Carmen Coleman, Chief Academic Officer

Kim Chevalier, Chief Exceptional Child Education

Cordelia Hardin, Chief Financial Officer

Renee Murphy, Chief Communications and Community Relations Officer

Chris Perkins, Chief Operations Officer

In light of the Governor having declared a state of emergency within the Commonwealth on March 6, 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and in compliance with guidance issued by the Executive Branch on March 12 and 16, 2020, regarding the conduct of meetings of state boards and commissions during the emergency period, this meeting was conducted by video-teleconference and available for live public viewing online.

The guidance from the Executive Branch provided that all Kentucky Boards and Commissions take proper health precautions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and accordingly, with respect to the public attendance at meetings of said bodies, states “members of the public will only be able to view video-teleconferenced meetings remotely.”

Members of the public had the opportunity to voice opinions or express concerns by submitting remarks via email or mail.

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

I. Call to Order

Chair Porter called the September 29, 2020, Special Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda

Order #2020-143 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the agenda for September 29, 2020. 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
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

III. Recommendation for Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Order #2020-144 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020, and September 17, 2020, meetings. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

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

IV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollio began his report by welcoming back Kevin Brown, General Counsel, who was serving as acting commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Education since last winter. He then highlighted the importance of the upcoming tax increase vote and discussed how the investment will allow the District to better supports schools and students.

V. Action Items

V.A. Recommendation for Approval of the Opening of School Plan and Acceptance of a report on Non-Traditional Instruction

Dr. Pollio and his team presented a report on the continuation of NTI along with plans for returning to in-person learning. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Dr. Kolb asked if any schools are offering in-person help like the community learning hubs. He discussed the recent rise in COVID-19 cases and stated that he wants kids back in school but cannot see how it will be possible in the very near future. He expressed frustration with the lack of action from Federal, State, and local government to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Mr. Craig stated that he supports the continuation of NTI and the use of data to drive that decision. He questioned recent changes to the COVID-19 Metrics for K-12 Education and the use of data from surrounding schools who have already or will soon return to in-person learning. He requested the creation of a NTI dashboard to have a better idea of how the District is performing.

Mr. Marshall questioned transition time from NTI to in-person learning and the possibility of adjusting the school calendar. He asked about support services for ECE students. He then questioned specific details regarding the plan to reopen schools. He echoed the request for a NTI dashboard, specifically, with demographic data of students who are struggling. He expressed concern regarding the abundance of work that some students are required to do which has been cumbersome on families.

Mrs. Duncan agreed with the use of trend-data to drive the decision of returning to in-person learning. She questioned how a hybrid model would work for students on days where they are at home. She expressed concern with being able to enforce compliance with face masks.

Dr. Shull questioned student access to library books and the restart of extra-curricular activities with in-person learning. He expressed appreciation for the use of multicultural books to assist in racial equity in elementary schools.

Mr. Brady questioned and requested clarification regarding: the upcoming parent survey; the use of the COVID-19 Metrics for K-12 Education; calendar considerations; specialized programs for students who choose to remain in the Virtual Academy; resources available to assist Virtual Academy ECE teachers/students; the option to live-stream classrooms for students at home; the possible use of rapid testing; separation of sick students on buses; possible dates of returning to in-person learning; and the number of custodians available to keep schools sanitized. He concluded by thanking the District for moving forward with their efforts in racial equity conversations.

Chair Porter stated that she had a list of questions but would get most of those answers after the meeting in the interest of time. She did ask two questions regarding the number of teachers available once the District returns to in-person learning and the availability of electrostatic disinfectant sprayers for each school. She then asked Dr. Pollio to clearly restate his recommendation that the Board will vote on.

Dr. Pollio stated that he is recommending an extension of NTI past October 5. The dates in the presentation are included to show a pathway but he is not asking the Board to consider any return to school dates at this time. He will not make a recommendation for return dates until the COVID-19 rates go down and there will be a meeting before that recommendation with more details on how to proceed.

Order #2020-145 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education postpone in-person learning from the projected October 6 to a future date to be determined based on: designated criteria, approved opening of school plan and criteria; and accept a report on Non-Traditional Instruction. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady 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
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

Chair Porter stated that there is a graph available showing the COVID-19 data by zip code. She asked Dr. Pollio if it is something that could be posted online to help inform JCPS families.

V.B. Recommendation for Approval of the Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Dr. Pollio introduced this item and Cordelia Hardin, chief financial officer, presented the working budget for approval. Each Board member had an opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Marshall questioned the renovations at Waller-Williams and the move to Riverport.

Mrs. Duncan acknowledged that there is another way to reach a 4 percent tax increase and pointed out the information on page 22 of the Working Budget: *The property assessment increase also provides an opportunity to receive an optimal revenue increase in property taxes without increasing the rate.*

Order #2020-146 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the attached Working Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21. 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
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

VI. Information Items

VI.A. Acceptance of Status Report on Minority Hiring

Dr. Pollio introduced this item and Ashley Duncan, previously the JCPS Diversity Hiring Specialist, presented the report. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions. Multiple Board members thanked Ms. Duncan for her work and recommendations.

Mr. Brady asked about Ms. Duncan's recommendation regarding the ombudsman position and the staffing structure.

Order #2020-147 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive a status report on Minority Hiring. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Dr. 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
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

VII. Consent Calendar

VII.A. Report of Certified Leaves

VII.B. Report of Personnel Actions

VII.C. Recommendation for Approval of Job Descriptions

VII.D. Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts

VII.E. Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for New Elementary School Newburg Area

VII.F. Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Fairdale Elementary School

VII.G. Recommendation for Approval of Construction Change Orders

VII.H. Recommendation for Approval of Utility Easement for Dixie Corridor New Elementary School

VII.I. Recommendation for Approval of Utility Easement for Newburg Area New Elementary School

VII.J. Recommendation for Approval of Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendment

VII.K. Recommendation for Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$20,000 or More

VII.L. Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer

VII.L.1. Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Invoices

VII.L.2. Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Purchase Orders

VII.L.3. Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Vouchers

VII.M. Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Funding

VII.M.1. Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants

VII.M.2. Acceptance of Intel Online Learning Initiative Grant

VII.M.3. Acceptance of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant from the Kentucky Department of Education

VII.M.4. Acceptance of Grants from the WHAS Crusade for Children

- VII.M.5. Acceptance of Funds from KDE for Last Mile Internet Service Program
- VII.M.6. Acceptance of Grant Funds from Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness
- VII.M.7. Acceptance of Funding from Family and Children's Place for a 21st Century Community Learning Center at Engelhard Elementary School
- VII.N. Recommendation for Approval of Agreements
 - VII.N.1. Recommendation for Approval of Addendum to Memorandum of Agreement with Jefferson Community & Technical College for the Accelerate to College Program
 - VII.N.2. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreements
 - VII.N.2.a. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with Cengage Learning, Inc
 - VII.N.2.b. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with Discovery Education
 - VII.N.2.c. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with Frontline Technologies Group
 - VII.N.2.d. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with Global Game Changers Children's Education Initiative
 - VII.N.2.e. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with GMETRIX-Certiport
 - VII.N.2.f. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with Mackin Educational Resources
 - VII.N.2.g. Recommendation for Approval of Data Sharing Agreement with Metro United Way, Inc. Regarding United Community
 - VII.N.2.h. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with Pear Deck
 - VII.N.2.i. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with School Specialty
 - VII.N.2.j. Recommendation for Approval of Amendment to JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with Library World
 - VII.N.3. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Western Kentucky University
 - VII.N.4. Recommendation for Approval of 21st Century Community Learning Centers Contract Modification From the Kentucky Department of Education
 - VII.N.5. Recommendation for Approval of an Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Evolve502
- VII.O. Recommendation for Approval of Contracts for Non-Resident Pupils for Fiscal Year 2021-22
- VII.P. Recommendation for Approval of the Use of the Kentucky Department of Education Course Code 909999 by Schools
- VII.Q. Revision of Board Policies 03.1211 Salary Deductions (Certified), 03.2211 Salary Deductions (Classified), and 09.33 Fundraising Activities (First Reading)
- VII.R. Revision of Board Policies 03.13251 Drug-Free/Alcohol Free Schools (Certified), 03.23251 Drug-Free/Alcohol Free Schools (Classified) (First Reading)
- VII.S. Revision of Board Policy 03.2232 Sick Leave (Classified) (First Reading)
- VII.T. Revision of Board Policy 04.32 Model Procurement Code Purchasing (First Reading)

Order #2020-148 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the consent calendar for September 29, 2020. 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
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

VIII. Board Planning Calendar

There was no discussion.

Order #2020-149 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive for information a planning calendar outlining discussion agenda items. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

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

IX. Committee Reports

There were no reports.

X. Board Reports

Mr. Craig expressed support for the use of multicultural books to assist in racial equity in schools and then extended support to the football team at the Academy @ Shawnee.

Chair Porter congratulated King Elementary School teachers Ms. Holloway and Mr. Newton for their retirement. She then briefly discussed the YMCA Black Achievers Program and recent conversations at a local church where JCPS students shared their experiences with NTI.

XI. Executive Session (If Needed)

XII. Action Item (If Needed)

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Order #2020-150 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn the September 29, 2020, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 8:46 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Dr. Christopher Kolb.

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

Diane Porter
Chairwoman

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**