



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Special Meeting of September 17, 2020

Special Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held via Video Teleconference, on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 6 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairwoman Diane Porter

Mr. James Craig

Mr. Joseph Marshall

Vice-Chair Chris Kolb

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Dr. Corrie Shull

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Mr. Chris Brady

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.

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."

SPECIAL MEETING

I. Call to Order

Chair Porter called the September 17, 2020, Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Adoption of a Resolution Committing to Support the Future State of Education for Jefferson County Public Schools

Dr. Pollio presented the rationale for the resolution and announced that it will be posted on the District website. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mrs. Duncan requested clarification on the last part of the resolution. She asked if the Board is announcing that they intend to raise property tax rates for the next four years in addition to this rate increase.

Dr. Pollio explained that the Board makes a decision annually on tax rates and the language in the resolution clarifies the intent for the funds.

Mr. Marshall acknowledged that these have been challenging times and he believes that our community will rise to the level of this challenge in supporting the resolution. He stated that this is what is right for our children. We will look back at this moment one day and see this as a time when we did what was right to change the future of education in JCPS.

Mr. Craig clarified that the Board has been discussing the need and purpose for these funds for multiple years and there is not anything new in this resolution. He stated that this is what they have been working toward for two years and he is happy to formalize it in a resolution.

Chair Porter emphasized how important this is for the future state of JCPS. She stated that it will help bring the Board, District, and community together. It will provide a clear understanding for our community as to how these funds will be used to help public education. She clarified that this is a very intense plan and it is an annual decision that each Board will make but the work cannot be done in one.

Order #2020-141 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution expressing the intent that the Board, with the support of key community partners, will invest the voter-approved tax increase in the Future State Plan for Jefferson County Public Schools. The recommendation passed with a motion by Dr. Corrie Shull and a second by Mr. James Craig.

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

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Order #2020-142 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn the September 17, 2020, special meeting at 6:10 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. Chris Brady	Absent
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