



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Special Business Meeting of October 27, 2020

Special Business Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held via Video Teleconference, on Tuesday, October 27, 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.
Jimmy Adams, Chief Human Resources
Kevin Brown, General Counsel
Dr. Carmen Coleman, Chief Academic Officer
Dr. Dena Dossett, Chief Accountability, Research, & Systems Improvement
Jonathan Lowe, Executive Administrator, Policy & Systems
Dr. John Marshall, Chief Equity Officer

BUSINESS MEETING

I. Call to Order

Chair Porter called the October 27, 2020, Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6 p.m.

II. Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda

Order #2020-160 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the agenda for October 27, 2020. The recommendation 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
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

III. Recommendation for Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Order #2020-161 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020, Public Forum and October 20, 2020, Special Meeting. The recommendation 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
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

IV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollio highlighted the recent Future State work including groundbreaking on two new schools and renovations at the Academy @ Shawnee. He thanked JCPS supporters for their efforts in this work.

V. Action Items

VI. Information Items

A. Acceptance of Update on Vision 2020 and Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI)

Dr. Pollio and his team presented the update. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mr. Brady questioned the continuation of specialized courses, especially those related to certifications. He stated that there is a concern among parents who want to ensure that the courses will still be available through the Virtual Academy once we return to in-person learning.

Mr. Craig requested additional breakdowns in participation data. He questioned how to target specific groups to encourage increased participation. He was curious to see how the data compared to other large cities.

Mrs. Duncan questioned participate rates in Learning Hubs.

Dr. Kolb suggested a centralized online location for information regarding Learning Hubs.

Chair Porter requested numbers regarding participation percentage rates and inquired about the plan for students who are not participating. She also asked about nudge letters sent to students and families.

Mr. Craig stated that the training for students regarding the return to in-person learning is going really well. He then acknowledged the lack of comparable large urban districts holding in-person learning, noting that New York City has a very low percentage of students choosing to go back. He suggesting conversations to rethink the Board's Strategic Plan to reflect the impact of COVID-19 and NTI. He concluded by praising the work around minority hiring.

Dr. Kolb expressed frustration with the Governor and Mayor regarding their lack of restrictions on activities. He stated that schools should be the last to close not the first. He suggested the District put pressure on other levels of government to step up and for the Board to think about this as they work on their legislative priorities.

Mrs. Duncan expressed gratitude for the efforts to keep students learning and the systems that are in place. She expressed concern with being able to enforce restrictions once students return to in-person learning.

Dr. Shull thanked Dr. Pollio for the efforts with NTI and diversity hiring.

Order #2020-162 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive a report providing an update regarding Vision 2020 and Non-Traditional Instruction. The recommendation passed with a motion by Dr. 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
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

B. Schedule of 2021 Meetings for the Jefferson County Board of Education

Dr. Pollio introduced this topic and Jonathan Lowe, executive administrator, policy and systems; presented options for the 2021 Board of Education meeting schedule. Each Board member had an opportunity to provide feedback.

Mr. Craig stated that he is comfortable relying on Dr. Pollio's recommendation for next year's schedule. He stated that he prefers a 6 p.m. start time during COVID-19 restricted meetings and 7 p.m. during regular non-restricted meetings. He does not see the need to schedule public forums as a part of the annual schedule.

Mr. Marshall agreed with Mr. Craig's comments. He stated that more meetings make it easier to review materials. He prefers a 6 p.m. start time.

Mrs. Duncan stated that she likes option A and prefers to schedule public forums as part of the annual Board meeting schedule. She likes a 6 p.m. start time.

Dr. Kolb stated that he prefers a 6 p.m. start time unless it proves to be a challenge for the public.

Dr. Shull stated that he prefers a 6 p.m. start time.

Mr. Brady noted that he will not be returning next year for another term but stated that he will pass along any concerns that he receives regarding the proposed schedule.

Chair Porter stated that she supports the 6 p.m. start time and with including two retreats and two public forums.

VII. Consent Calendar

- A.** Report of Certified Leaves
- B.** Report of Personnel Actions
- C.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for New Elementary School – Dixie Corridor
- D.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid for Paving Repairs at Highland Middle School
- E.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Track Conversion and Resurfacing at Ballard High School
- F.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Boiler Replacement at Klondike Lane Elementary School
- G.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Bleacher Foundation Repair at Marion C. Moore School
- H.** Recommendation for Approval of Project Closeout and BG-5 Form for Phase I HVAC Renovation at Hite Elementary School
- I.** Recommendation for Approval of Project Closeout and BG-5 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Westport Middle School
- J.** Recommendation for Approval of Utility Easement for Hite Elementary School
- K.** Recommendation for Approval of Utility Easement for Kammerer Middle School
- L.** Recommendation for Approval of Construction Change Orders
- M.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendments.
- N.** Recommendation for Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$20,000 or More
- O.** Acceptance of Summary of Professional Services Contracts
- P.** Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer
 - 1.** Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Invoices
 - 2.** Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Purchase Orders
 - 3.** Acceptance of Orders of the Treasurer-Vouchers
- Q.** Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report for Period Ended August 31, 2020
- R.** Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report for Period Ended September 30, 2020
- S.** Acceptance of Quarterly Report of Investment Performance
- T.** Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Funding
 - 1.** Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants
 - 2.** Acceptance of Funding from Boys and Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana for a 21st Century Community Learning Center at Robert Frost Sixth-Grade Academy and Stuart Academy
 - 3.** Acceptance of Funding from The Food Literacy Project at Oxmoor Farm, Inc.
 - 4.** Acceptance of Title 1, Part D Funds from the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice
 - 5.** Acceptance of Funding from U.S. Department of Justice Office for a School Violence Prevention Program.
 - 6.** Acceptance of a Modification in Funding from The Greater Louisville Workforce Development Board, Inc., dba KentuckianaWorks - Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act for the Kentucky Youth Career Center (KYCC-WIOA)
- U.** Recommendation for Approval of Agreements
 - 1.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Sharing Agreement with Louisville Free Public Library

2. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Louisville Metro Community Services Foster Grandparent Program
3. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Kentucky State University
4. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with Voyager Sopris
5. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Jefferson County Teachers Association
6. Recommendation for Approval of Data Sharing Agreement with FEV Tutor Inc.
7. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Big Brother Big Sisters of Kentuckiana Services
8. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Hope Collaborative
- V. Recommendation of Approval of Revision to the JCPS Certified Personnel Evaluation Plan

Order #2020-163 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the consent calendar for October 27, 2020. 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

VIII. Board Planning Calendar

There was no discussion on the planning calendar.

Order #2020-164 - 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. Joseph Marshall and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

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

Mrs. Duncan reported a date change for the upcoming Policy Committee Meeting.

X. Board Reports

Mr. Marshall and Dr. Shull reported on recent groundbreaking ceremonies for new elementary schools.

Dr. Shull gave a shout-out to JCPS Principal of the Day Joseph Wood.

Mr. Brady reported on recent groundbreaking ceremonies and wished his wife a happy anniversary.

Mr. Craig expressed enthusiasm in the hope of winning the upcoming election and then having the ability to build more schools. He also expressed condolences for the recent passing of Douglas Radford of Middletown Elementary School.

Chair Porter reported on a recent community call with AMPED and gave a shout-out to Dave Christopher for his work. She also gave a shout-out to JCPS Alumni Darrell Griffith and discussed his recent comments regarding attending school in West Louisville.

XI. Executive Session (If Needed)

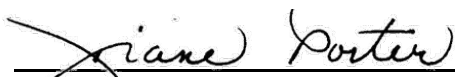
XII. Action Item (If Needed)

XIII. Adjournment


The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Order #2020-165 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn the October 27, 2020, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 7:44 p.m. passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan 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
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**



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Persons Requesting to Address the Board

(Deferred to Email Due to COVID Attendance Limitations)

Until meeting room capacity returns to normal, members of the public will have the opportunity to voice opinions or express concerns by submitting remarks via email. Remarks should be limited to 500 words or less and sent to the Assistant Secretary to the Board (angela.gilpin@jefferson.kyschools.us) for dissemination purposes prior to the meeting. Public remarks will be shared with each Board member and recorded in the Official Minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

I encourage the board to allow football to continue as it has unless there is direct evidence through contact tracking, linking football practice or games to the spread of COVID in Jefferson county. The players and coaching staffs have been exemplary in following the guidelines set out for them in reducing the spread of COVID-19. To punish them because so many others in Jefferson county have not is unfair and a not positive teaching moment. So many of the students need the structure and discipline of athletics to encourage their academics. Please do not take this away from them due to a state metrics that makes no sense. Keep what's important to students. Thank you Art Lalumandier
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Art Lalumandier art.lalumandier@gmail.com

Dear Dr. Pollio and Board Members,

I am curious how our homeless students (over 5000) are doing with NTI. I am wondering how our ESL population (over 8000) are navigating the complicated and ever-changing system. I am concerned for our students who are living in poverty (67% on free and reduced lunch) whose parents/guardians struggle in "normal" times. I weep for the 11 juveniles who have been killed in Louisville this year (some during school hours). I pray for the 46 juveniles who have been shot due to gang violence or random violence in our city this year. I hope for intervention in the life of the 6 juveniles who have been arrested in relation to murders in our community. Of the 68 suicides and 295 drug overdoses in Louisville, I cannot say how many are juveniles, but I am certain many of our students have been affected by both.

As a district that touts equity at its core, NTI may very well be one of the most inequitable programs ever implemented.

Regards,

Claudine Geoghegan

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<https://www.npr.org/2020/10/21/925794511/were-the-risks-of-reopening-schools-exaggerated?fbclid=IwAR05XT0gPqO91R8oVbxxt7eQhXDNVwvHpQrJAygCNIMxww6t2p6bcutbjOM>

On Oct 20, 2020, at 10:55 AM, Claudine Geoghegan <bgeoghegan4@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Dr. Pollio and Board Members,

As the parent of two college-age and two high school-age students, I implore you to open up the schools for elementary students. That may sound strange, but I've seen firsthand the negative impact NTI has had on our youngest students and our oldest students. The little ones need to go back first. One argument I've heard from the board for not returning to the classroom is discipline and unruly behavior. That is not as much of a problem (though still present, unfortunately) in the elementary grades. The other argument is insufficient staffing. Again, I don't have the data, but would be willing to guess that it's in the middle and high schools more than elementary.

The number one focus of our schools should be our students. Period. The risk to our students is minimal (see chart) and those who are at a greater risk could still have the option of eschool (think students with long term health issues in the past). The average age of our teachers is 41, so even our teachers are not in the high risk age group.

Something else to consider is the fact that no other group of essential workers were given a survey to see if they would return to work. Doctors, nurses, police officers, grocery store employees, nursing home staff, pilots, etc. all went to work because they had to. Why should teachers be any different?

Parents realize schools are not daycares as some have accused, but for many, having their children in school is the only way they can work to care for their families. Allowing elementary students to go back the classroom would relieve a heavy burden from so many struggling families right now.

In closing, I would encourage you to find a solution that allows our youngest students to go to school where they can learn in the way that is most beneficial to them. If we don't teach them to love school when they're young (and most aren't loving it), we don't stand a chance when they're in the more challenging years of middle and high school. Thank you.

Regards,
Claudine Geoghegan

I'm a JCPS Graduate, Jefferson County resident, and father of 2 JCPS graduates-I am writing to ask that you let Fall sports to continue since most are outside and all schools are practicing social distancing.

My main request is stop using kids to set a statement. I'm in business world and the stats being used by our state government is not what the CDC has said plus they keep moving the end results for political gain

Please don't use our kids anymore let them play!!!

Greg Holman

Seriously stopping Fall sports for a virus that affects.00025% of the people!!! How stupid do you have to be to know that this is all politics!!!!

Greg Holman

Greg Holman <greg.holman11@outlook.com>

Please let these kids continue to play. They have put in such hard work and are the safest segment of society from the inflated COVID-19 numbers. Thank you.

Lee Mercker imercker@gmail.com

Dear Mrs Gilpin

In my opinion the students need fall sports, if for nothing more than it enables students to possibly attain a scholarship for a high education, that otherwise might not be able to afford a higher education that so important in helping succeed in a student's personal goals for life.

Thank you for your time

Robert Sparkman

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PLEASE keep fall sports going

Steve Dickerson

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