



# **JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **Minutes of November 10, 2020**

Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held via  
Video Teleconference, on Tuesday, November 10, 2020,

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairwoman Diane Porter  
Mr. Chris Brady  
Mr. Joseph Marshall

Vice-Chair Chris Kolb  
Mr. James Craig  
Dr. Corrie Shull

### **BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:**

Mrs. Linda Duncan

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.  
Kevin Brown, General Counsel  
Cordelia Hardin, Chief Financial Officer  
Abby Piper, Executive Administrator

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.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

6 p.m. Closed session as permitted by KRS 61.810(1)(c) and KRS 61.810(1)(k) of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of discussions relating to pending litigation and formative discussions of the Superintendent's Professional Growth Plan

### I. Call to Order

Chair Porter called the special meeting to order at approximately 6 p.m. and the Board went into closed session.

### II. Enter into Executive Session per KRS 61.810(1)(c) and KRS 61.810(1)(k) of the Open Meetings Act

**Order #2020-166 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education conduct a closed session as permitted by KRS 61.810(1)(c) and KRS 61.810(1)(k) of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of discussions relating to pending litigation and formative discussions of the Superintendent's Professional Growth Plan 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	Absent
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

### III. Adjourn from Executive Session

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

**Order #2020-167 - Motion Passed:** A motion that the Board of Education adjourn from Executive Session and return to Open Session passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mr. Joseph Marshall.

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

Chair Porter made the following announcement:

"The Board of Education met in Executive Session as permitted by KRS 61.810(1)(k) of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of formative discussions relating to the Superintendent's Professional Growth Plan. The Board also discussed pending litigation as permitted by KRS 61.810(1)(c). Public discussion of this matter, and identification of the specific matter, would disclose litigation strategy and have an adverse impact upon the legal and financial interests of the District. No action was taken while in closed session. I will now entertain a motion to authorize Board Counsel to effectuate a settlement in the matter identified in closed session and pursuant to the terms discussed in closed session."

#### **IV. Possible Consideration of a Motion on Pending Litigation**

**Order #2020-168 - Motion Passed:** A motion to authorize Board Counsel to effectuate a settlement in the matter identified in closed session and pursuant to the terms discussed in closed 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	Absent
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

#### **V. Adjournment**

**Order #2020-169 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn the 6 p.m. special meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Dr. Corrie Shull.

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

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

##### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Porter called the November 10, 2020, Work Session to order at approximately 7 p.m.

##### **II. Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda**

**Order #2020-170 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the agenda for November 10, 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	Absent
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 #2020-171 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 27, 2020, Special 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	Absent
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

### IV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollio congratulated Dr. Kolb, Mr. Marshall, and Ms. Sarah McIntosh for their recent wins in the general election. He then briefly reported on implementation plans for the Future State of JCPS and highlighted the virtual Showcase of Schools. He concluded by discussing the increasing rate of COVID-19 cases.

### V. Work Sessions

#### A. Work Session: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Year Ended June 30, 2020

Cordelia Hardin, chief financial officer; James Rose, ARMAC chairperson; Jim Tencza, director, Dean Dorton; and Simon Keemer, director, Dean Dorton; presented a brief overview of the report. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mr. Brady questioned FEMA reimbursement. He then thanked the audit team and acknowledged the advantages of rotating audit firms.

Mr. Craig thanked the audit team and the JCPS leadership team. He expressed anxiety regarding the financial future and requested ongoing conversations at future Board meetings.

#### B. Work Session: 2021 Legislative Agenda

Abby Piper, executive administrator for government and community relations, presented the draft agenda. Each Board member had an opportunity to provide feedback.

Dr. Kolb discussed the need for more funding at the state level and questioned options for potential increases to revenue.

Mr. Craig expressed budget concerns and stated that legislators need to focus on COVID-19 relief and do everything they can in order to get children back in schools.

Mr. Brady discussed the possibility of having a student representative on the Board of Education. He acknowledged that the Board still supports local control of student assignment plans and wondered if it should be included in this year's agenda. He then discussed the need for JCPS to have greater control over personnel benefits; he suggested adding it to the agenda in the future. He stated that he would like to see the same language as last year regarding banning the sale of flavored vaping items and taxing alternative nicotine and vaping products.

Chair Porter discussed the possibility of including a student on the Board and stated that she would like to have a future conversation on this topic. She requested clarification regarding *Reducing Board Member Burden*.

## **VI. Consent Calendar**

### **A. Report of Certified Leaves**

### **B. Report of Personnel Actions**

### **C. Recommendation for Approval of Job Descriptions**

### **D. Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts**

### **E. Recommendation for Approval of Project Closeout and BG-5 Forms**

#### **1. Partial Roof Replacement at Pleasure Ridge Park High School**

#### **2. Partial Roof Replacement at Stuart Academy**

#### **3. Partial Roof Replacement at Valley High School**

#### **4. Full Roof Replacement at Wilt Elementary School**

### **F. Recommendation for Approval of Construction Change Orders**

### **G. Recommendation for Approval of Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendments.**

### **H. Recommendation for Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$20,000 or More**

### **I. Acceptance of Summary of Professional Services Contracts**

### **J. 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**

### **K. Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Funding**

#### **1. Acceptance of Funding for Title I Part A, Project 310G**

#### **2. Acceptance of Funding from KDE for Digital Learning Coach Stipend Match Program**

#### **3. Acceptance of Donation of Materials and Labor to Construct a New Fence at Whitney Young Elementary**

#### **4. Acceptance of Modification in Funding from The Greater Louisville Workforce Development Board, Inc., dba Kentucky Youth Career Center (KYCC-Metro)**

#### **5. Acceptance of Student Re-Engagement Mini-Grant from the Kentucky Department of Education**

#### **6. Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants**

### **L. Recommendation for Approval of Agreements**

#### **1. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with ExploreLearning**

#### **2. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with Smart Technologies**

#### **3. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for Greater Louisville Education Cooperative**

**4. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with LEE Initiative**

**M. Recommendation for Approval of Regular Board Meeting Schedule for 2021**

**Order #2020-172 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the consent calendar for November 10, 2020. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

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

Tie Bids were awarded as follows:

**Bid ID# 7893 – Controls for Heating & A/C**

Item 26. S.W.H. Supply Company, Inc.

**Bid ID # 7899 – Electrical Supplies & Lighting (Line Item)**

Item 214. Richards Electric

Item 269. Richards Electric

**Bid ID# 7903 - Bus Body Parts & Accessories**

Item 7. Central States Bus Sales, Inc.

Items 22 & 157. American Bus and Accessories

Item 78. Uhl Truck Sales

## VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Order #2020-173 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn the November 10, 2020, meeting at 8:15 p.m. 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	Absent
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

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Diane Porter  
Chairwoman

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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](mailto: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

You thieves should be ashamed raising taxes on the poor in the middle of a pandemic... What goes around will come around.

Alex Baldwin

[https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/22/health/coronavirus-schools-children.html?fbclid=IwAR11MUBRoHBSLSvd10C2PG1mZ51C-IXVyuuwKm\\_L7kolxxayurgFAbPIYHY](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/22/health/coronavirus-schools-children.html?fbclid=IwAR11MUBRoHBSLSvd10C2PG1mZ51C-IXVyuuwKm_L7kolxxayurgFAbPIYHY)

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 26, 2020, at 9:40 AM, Claudine Geoghegan <bgeoghegan4@gmail.com> wrote:

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