



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of February 02, 2021

Regular Business Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held via Video Teleconference, on Tuesday, February 02, 2021, at 6 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairwoman Diane Porter

Mr. James Craig

Mr. Joseph Marshall

Dr. Corrie Shull

Vice-Chair Chris Kolb

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Ms. Sarah McIntosh

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.

Kevin Brown, General Counsel

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.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Chair Porter called the February 02, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:02 p.m. this was followed by a brief moment of silence.

II. Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda

Order #2021-22 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the agenda for February 2, 2021. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Mr. James Craig.

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

III. Recommendation for Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Order #2021-23 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021, regular meeting. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Mr. James Craig.

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

IV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollio took a moment to recognize Black History Month. He then briefly reviewed the list of schools from the Council of the Great City Schools that are still in virtual learning. He gave an update on the vaccination process for JCPs staff and announced that Dr. Sarah Moyer, Louisville Metro's chief health strategist, and Dr. Connie White, deputy commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health, would be available during tonight's meeting to answer Board member questions. He gave a short update on NTI literacy and then concluded by thanking parents, schools, teachers, and students for working so hard during this unprecedented time.

V. Action Items

VI. Information Items

A. Acceptance of Update on District Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dr. Pollio presented the ongoing work of the District in collaboration with state and local public health officials for the vaccination of JCPs employees. He gave an update regarding the current level of COVID-19 infection in Louisville and discussed current thinking, based on available data and guidance, regarding the opening of schools for in-person learning.

Dr. Connie White, Kentucky Department of Public Health, Deputy Commissioner; and Dr. Sarah Moyer, Louisville Metro Department of Public Health and Wellness, Chief Health Strategist; were available to answer Board member questions about the pandemic, the vaccine, and other health-related issues.

The state and local health officials both agreed that they believe JCPS can safely reopen classrooms once employees are vaccinated against COVID-19 and public health guidance is followed inside schools. Dr. Moyer stated that the implementation of mitigation strategies is the most important thing. She advised a reminder to parents that schools are opening because it affects other health outcomes in our community - it is not because it is now safe to travel or go to a restaurant. Both health officials acknowledged that, even with the vaccination, you could still be infected which leads to the assumption that you could still transmit the virus. The vaccination is another preventative tool we have to add to the mitigation strategies that schools will have in place. Dr. Moyer stated that testing is another important piece of the COVID-fighting puzzle especially pre-vaccine. There must be protocols in place if there is a positive case in school or on a bus, and the most important thing is, that person goes home as soon as they think they might have COVID - even before they are tested. There must be a system for contact tracing and communication.

Dr. Pollio announced that he plans to present his back-to-school recommendations to the Board later this month. He told board members that his recommended reopening plan would be presented ahead of a vote.

The Board took a short recess at approximately 8:58 p.m.

Order #2021-24 - Motion Passed: A motion that the Board of Education take a five-minute recess passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

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

Dr. Kolb expressed doubt about reopening classrooms and cited multiple concerns regarding in-person learning. He discussed a recent report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He stated that the report found, in part, that the prevention of transmission in school sessions would require addressing and reducing levels of transmission in the surrounding community. Athletic practices and competitions as well as social gathering associated with team sports increases the risk and could jeopardize the safe return of and the safe operation of in-person education. He wanted Board members to be clear that the CDC is saying that if you allow sports, you are in their words, jeopardizing the safe operation of in-person education. He advised that if it is the Board's goal is to return to the safe operation of in-person education then they should not continue having sports. He then moved to suspend all winter sports immediately per CDC guidance with the exception of pod conditioning.

Order #2021-25 - Motion Failed: A motion to suspend all winter sports immediately per CDC guidance with the exception of pod conditioning failed with a motion by Dr. Christopher Kolb and a second by Dr. Corrie Shull.

Mr. James Craig	No
Mrs. Linda Duncan	No
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	No
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	No
Ms. Diane Porter	No
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

Order #2021-26 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive an update regarding the District response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The recommendation passed with a motion by Dr. Christopher Kolb and a second by Mr. James Craig.

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

Due to the amount of time that was spent discussing the District Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, it was decided that the following Information Items would be deferred to a future meeting.

- VI.B. Acceptance of Report on Organizational Coherence
- VI.C. Discussion of 2021-22 Budget Priorities

Order #2021-27 - Motion Passed: A motion to amend the agenda to defer items VI.B. Acceptance of Report on Organizational Coherence; and VI.C. Discussion of 2021-22 Budget Priorities; to a future meeting of the Board passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

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

VII. Consent Calendar

A. Report of Certified Leaves

B. Report of Personnel Actions

C. Recommendation for Approval of Project, Assignment of Architect/Engineer, and BG-1 Form for Kitchen Classroom Renovation at W.E.B. DuBois Academy

D. Recommendation for Approval of Bids and Revised BG-1 Forms

1. Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Carrithers Middle School
2. Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Doss High School
3. Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Eastern High School
4. Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Fern Creek Elementary School
5. Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Meyzeek Middle School
- E. Recommendation for Approval of Construction Change Orders
- F. Recommendation for Approval of Competitive Negotiation, Bid Tabulations, and Amendment.
- G. Recommendation for Approval of Professional Services Contracts of \$20,000 or More
- H. 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
- I. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report for Period Ended December 31, 2020
- J. Acceptance of Quarterly Report of Investment Performance
- K. Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Funding
 1. Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants
 2. Acceptance of Donation from Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government
- L. Recommendation for Approval of Agreements
 1. Recommendation for Approval of Gift Agreement with Norton Hospitals, Inc. for Athletic Trainers
 2. Recommendation for Approval of Amended Agreement with the University of Louisville
 3. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Westat
 4. Recommendation for Approval of JCPS Data Sharing Agreement with Riverside Assessments
 5. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Evolve 502
- M. Recommendation for Approval of CSI Plans of ATSI Schools and Review of Gap Goals
- N. Adoption of Board Policies 03.11 Hiring (Certified) and 03.21 Hiring (Classified) (Second Reading)
- O. Adoption of Set #2 of Board Policies as Part of the District Policy Review Cycle (Second Reading)

Order #2021-28 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the consent calendar for February 2, 2021. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Mr. James Craig.

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

VIII. Board Planning Calendar

There was no discussion on the Planning Calendar.

Order #2021-29 - 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. James Craig.

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

IX. Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports

X. Board Reports

Chair Porter thanked the Shelby Sharks who invited her to a morning meeting as they celebrated Black History Month. She then thanks Christopher 2X Game Changers for donating facemasks, hand sanitizer, and refill bottles.

Mr. Craig thanked the principals of Phoenix School of Discovery, Ballard, and Eastern High Schools who facilitated student discussions with him over the last week and a half.

Chair Porter concluded the meeting by advising the community that the Board is looking for feedback. The Board must hear all voices in this diverse school district – every voice matters.

XI. Executive Session (If Needed)

XII. Action Item (If Needed)

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Order #2021-30 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn the February 2, 2021, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 9:36 p.m. passed with a motion by Dr. Corrie Shull and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	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**



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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.



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 02, 2021, 6 p.m. Regular Business Meeting

Public Speaker Comments

What is the JCPS district doing to prepare the schools for a possible return to in person instruction?

JCPS board member Chris Kolb stated to me in an email that because JCPS has larger class sizes than most private schools, that "short of building new schools and hiring many more staff... JCPS will run up against limitations" in regards to reopening for in person instruction. If the only plan is to build more schools in order to social distance, it will take years to do so. If this is the case, the district should inform parents now so we can explore other in-person options for our children's education.

Also, many private elementary schools have an average of 20-28 students per class. This is not much different than a typical JCPS class size. Has the district taken into account that JCPS class sizes will be smaller if many parents choose the virtual option, making social distancing and Covid guidelines achievable?

Thank you.

Laura Everett