



JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of August 15, 2023

Regular Business Meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at VanHoose Education Center, Louisville, Kentucky, on Tuesday, August 15, 2023.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairwoman Diane Porter

Mr. James Craig

Dr. Chris Kolb

Ms. Sarah McIntosh

Vice-Chair Corrie Shull

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Mr. Joseph Marshall

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.

Kevin Brown, General Counsel

Chris Perkins, Chief of Operations

This meeting was conducted via videoconference pursuant to KRS 61.823 and KRS 61.826. The primary location for this meeting and where all members could be seen and heard by the public was the VanHoose Education Center. Members of the Board were permitted to attend in-person or via video-teleconference pursuant to KRS 61.826. Members of the public were permitted to attend in person or watch the live-stream of the meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Chair Porter called the August 15, 2023, Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:03 p.m. This was followed by a traditional moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Member Sarah McIntosh read the District Vision Statement.

III. Recognitions and Resolutions

A. Recognition of Pleasure Ridge Park High School Welding Teacher David McCoy for Being Named a Finalist in the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence

B. Recognition of the Newly Appointed Principals for the 2023-24 School Year

~~**C.** Recognition of Atherton Students, Eisa Nasim, Addi Lawson, Julianna Hayes, Bailey Cole, and Austin Wilburn for Winning the State Student Technology Leadership Program Technical Award and Representing Kentucky at the International Society for Technology Education Conference~~

IV. Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda

Order #2023-134 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the agenda for August 15, 2023. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

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| 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 |

V. Recommendation for Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Order #2023-135 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the July 25, 2023, and August 7, 2023, meetings. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

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| 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 |

VI. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollio consolidated his report with the Transportation Update.

VII. Persons Requesting to Address the Board on Action Items or Consent Calendar Items to be Voted Upon Separately at Board Member Request

There were no speakers at this time.

VIII. Action Items

IX. Information Items

A. Transportation Update

Dr. Pollio and Chris Perkins, chief operations officer, reported on first-day challenges around transportation.

Dr. Pollio began his report by apologizing, "I apologize to all of those who were negatively impacted which includes just about every family in JCPS because if they were not impacted by the transportation issues, they have not been able to go to school. And then we have families and students who have been significantly impacted by those transportation issues and for those that are here, we apologize for that and those that aren't here, we apologize for that, and if you're watching as well. I apologize once again to our bus drivers, our teachers, and our school personnel for having to deal with all of these issues as well. And to this board of education, I know you've had to take a lot of feedback as well and once again as I told you before, I think this is squarely on our shoulders and something we need to do better, and we will do better. Our purpose tonight is to detail what went wrong on day one. We want to demonstrate how we could have done better and how we're going to correct those issues."

Dr. Pollio and Mr. Perkins detailed significant and growing challenges with transportation and provided a plan for both short-term and long-term solutions. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mr. Marshall read a prepared statement regarding trust, honesty, transparency, and accountability as he talked about how the District and the Board can grow from this situation.

Mrs. Duncan said, "I just want to ask a few questions to make sure we get some clarification on some of these delays. We added I guess 5000 stops, and Dr. Pollio, are you telling us that not all of these stops will remain? She then asked, "One of the things about the depots and the support that we're going to provide, can you give us an idea of how sustainable this is to have people in vans meeting at the depots to take care of kids who arrive late on those buses - do you see this as a sustainable system?" She questioned, "Is there any incentive to get our most experienced drivers, the senior drivers to take the longest routes or the most difficult routes?" She acknowledged the backups/traffic caused by car rider lines and asked, "What can we do to help our schools design some way to get those cars off the road?" She expressed concern with subs and asked, "How in the world can we keep our subs updated about these routes and the things that that they have to do to make this plan work well?" She questioned the security of an app that would track buses. She then said, "I had reports of middle, high school, and elementary on the same bus; was that the plan, or was that an accident?" She concluded by discussing the lack of sidewalks for some bus stops and the safety issues that will become worse when students will soon have to walk in the dark.

Mr. Craig said, "I don't think we need to be here for several hours pointing fingers; I'm mostly interested in making sure that we're up and running smoothly on Friday. Is there anything that you need from us to make sure that happens? Is there anything that the Board of Education can do to empower you to make sure that we do not miss any more school?" He acknowledged the importance of transparency and accountability and asked Dr. Pollio to make sure the newly hired internal auditor reaches out to Board members soon.

Ms. McIntosh said, "Moving forward, I think we want to hear more about the audit and what the internal accountability plan is going to be. I think that's something that is being demanded of us. And so, I want to be very clear that the next time we convene we would, I think, probably all appreciate an update on what that part looks like." She asked if there is a system in place for bus drivers and support staff to escalate any issues/problems as they arise. She concluded by requesting that any calendar revision be made quickly so families and staff can plan accordingly.

Dr. Kolb agreed with Mr. Marshall's statements. He also agreed with Ms. McIntosh's recommendation to obtain and listen to employee feedback. He then recommended the Board increase the attractiveness of the bus driver compensation.

Dr. Shull suggested the District hire an external auditor to look at what went wrong. He later questioned, "What must we do in order to ensure that there are more crossing guards in those problematic areas?" He then asked, "How many district vehicles do we plan to assign to depots? ... When can we expect the most up-to-date technology to be placed on our buses to Aid our bus drivers?" He questioned potential partnerships to help with transportation.

Chair Porter asked, "As we looked at this new plan, when did we actually start the work with working with our bus drivers, who deserved to be talked to in the beginning and as we went along the way, ... when did this work start?" She also supported the suggestion of using an external auditor to find out what went wrong.

There was no action taken on the Transportation Update.

X. Consent Calendar

A. Report of Certified Leaves

B. Report of Personnel Actions

C. Recommendation for Approval of Organizational Charts and/or Job Descriptions

D. Recommendation for Approval of Field Trip Request and Receipt of Report of Field Trips Approved by the Superintendent

E. Recommendation for Approval of BG-1 Form for Purchase 4931 Poplar Level Road

F. Recommendation for Approval of Revised BG-1 Forms

1. Recommendation for Approval of Revised BG-1 Form for Front Entrance Parking at Highland Middle School

2. Recommendation for Approval of Revised BG-1 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Jeffersontown Elementary School

G. Recommendation of Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Phase I HVAC Renovation at duPont Manual High School

H. Recommendation for Approval of Construction Change Orders

I. Recommendation for Approval of Bid Tabulations and Contract Renewals

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

K. 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

L. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Report for Period Ended June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

M. Acceptance of Quarterly Report of Investment Performance

N. Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Funding

1. Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants

2. Acceptance of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant from the Kentucky Department of Education

O. Recommendation for Approval of Agreements

1. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement Amendment with Backside Learning Center,

2. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with JCTC for Dual Credit
3. Recommendation for Approval of Sale and Purchase Agreement for the Purchase of 4931 Poplar Level Rd
4. Recommendation for Approval of Student Placement Agreement Amendment with Bellarmine University
5. Recommendation for Approval of Student Placement Agreement Amendment with the University of KY
6. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandums of Understanding with Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority and Kentucky Campus Compact on Behalf of Iroquois, Southern, and Valley High Schools
7. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Business U
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9. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Franklin Covey Client Sales, Inc.
10. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Frontline Technologies Group
11. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Gammon Applications
12. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Newsela, Inc.
13. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement Amendment with Paper Education
14. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Rise Vision, Inc.
15. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Snap Mobile, Inc.
16. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Overseas Cowboy Films
- P. Acceptance of Report on Required Kentucky Administrative Regulation Board Notification of Data Security
- Q. Revision of Board Policies–2023 Annual KSBA Board Policy Update (Second Reading)

Order #2023-136 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the consent calendar for August 15, 2023. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

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| Mr. Joseph Marshall | Yes |
| Ms. Sarah McIntosh | Yes |
| Ms. Diane Porter | Yes |
| Dr. Corrie Shull | Yes |

XI. Board Planning Calendar

Mrs. Duncan stated, "I've talked to Ms. McIntosh about this, we would like to have, at some point, a presentation on our alternative schools. We have a variety of alternative schools, not all disciplinary alternative schools, but we would like to have a work session somewhere in there to better inform everybody about what's going on."

Order #2023-137 - Motion Passed: Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive the attached planning calendar outlining discussion agenda items. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Ms. Sarah McIntosh.

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| Mr. Joseph Marshall | No |
| Ms. Sarah McIntosh | Yes |
| Ms. Diane Porter | Yes |
| Dr. Corrie Shull | Yes |

XII. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

XIII. Board Reports

Mr. Craig stated, "I just wanted to follow up on the recommendation from Dr. Shull for an independent review. I think that probably does make sense on the operations failure, he echoed that concern or that sentiment and I just want to use this opportunity to say that I agree with it. I don't know that that requires a vote this evening, but I would perhaps use this opportunity to ask maybe Mr. Brown to make a recommendation to us as to what that might look like."

Mr. Marshall briefly reported on a meeting with the Jefferson County League of Cities on Saturday as part of the Board's listening session governance work.

XIV. Persons Requesting to Address the Board (If Necessary)

The following speakers addressed the Board regarding transportation issues.

- Bailey Kaiser
- Patricia Mathison
- Lyndon Pryor
- Daniel Cobble
- Rob Mattheu
- Maureen Worden
- Shayla Porter
- Will Mitchell

XV. Executive Session (If Necessary)

XVI. Action Item (If Necessary)

XVII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Order #2023-138 - Motion Passed: A motion to adjourn the August 15, 2023, meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education at 8:14 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

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| 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**