



# JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of February 13, 2024

**Regular Business Meeting** of the Jefferson County Board of Education held at VanHoose Education Center Stewart Auditorium, Louisville, Kentucky, on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Corrie Shull

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Ms. Gail Logan Strange

Vice-Chairman James Craig

Dr. Chris Kolb

Mr. Joseph Marshall

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ms. Sarah McIntosh

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.

Kevin Brown, General Counsel

Caroline Callahan, Chief of Communications and Community Relations

Dr. Rob Fulk, Chief Operations Officer

Aimee Green-Webb, Chief of Human Resources

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 MEETING**

Chair Shull called the February 13, 2024, Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **I. Moment of Silence**

#### **II. The Pledge of Allegiance**

##### **A. Vision Statement**

Mr. Marshall read the Vision Statement.

### III. Recognitions and Resolutions

- A. Recognition of duPont Manual High School Teacher Kara Young on Being Named One of the SHAPE America 2024 Health Education District Teachers of the Year
- B. Recognition of Carrithers Middle School Director of Bands Adam Bullock on Being Named the Middle School Teacher of the Year by the Kentucky Music Educators Association
- C. Recognition of Eight JCPS Students Who Earned Every Point Possible on an Advanced Placement Exam
- D. Recognition of Central High School Students Who Jumped Into Action to Help During a Medical Emergency

**Order #2024-22 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Pollio recommends the Board receive the recognitions. 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
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Absent
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

### IV. Recommendation for Approval of Meeting Agenda

**Order #2024-23 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the agenda for February 13, 2024. 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
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Absent
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

### V. Recommendation for Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Order #2024-24 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024, and January 29, 2024, meetings. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Joseph Marshall.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Absent
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## VI. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pollio announced results from a Harvard and Stanford study that found JCPS students' recovery from the pandemic had exceeded the state average and is among the best of the nation's largest school districts.

## VII. Student Outcomes-Focused Governance Update

### A. Recommendation for Approval of Student Outcomes-Focused Governance Goals and Guardrails

Dr. Pollio presented the draft Student Outcomes-Focused Governance Goals and Guardrails. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment.

Dr. Kolb was hopeful that the Goal and Guardrails would be communicated efficiently and would be presented easily and understandably for families.

Mr. Marshall asked, "As we look at these goals with the knowledge that our students are growing and progressing, do you see these goals forward-reaching and pushing us to continued growth or are they something that may need to be tweaked to make sure that we're not getting in the way of growth that's already happening?" He agreed with Dr. Kolb's comments regarding clarity in communication to the public.

**Order #2024-25 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the Draft Student Outcomes-Focused Governance Goals and Guardrails. The recommendation 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
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Absent
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

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

The following students from W.E.B. DuBois Academy addressed the Board. They discussed the need for their school to continue receiving bus services as the Board considers options for next year's transportation plan.

- Gregory Collins
- Josiah Burton
- Louis Chavez Mora
- Nehemiah Clements

## IX. Action Items

## X. Information Items

### A. Transportation Update for 2024-25 School Year

Dr. Pollio introduced this item. Chief Operations Officer Rob Fulk, Chief Human Resources Officer Aimee Green-Webb, and Chief Communications and Community Relations Officer Caroline Callahan presented recruiting efforts and options for next year's transportation plan. Dr. Fulk's transportation team was available to answer questions.

Mr. Marshall asked, "Have we discussed - I know House Bill 447 would allow us to utilize District-owned vehicles to transport students - have we discussed that and what impact that might have and what opportunities that might present?"

Mrs. Duncan asked the following questions:

- Do we still have drivers who can drive more than one route?
- Do we have an idea about how many students are in our Magnet and Traditional schools that we are busing?
- If we do reach a point where we can reduce our riders, where we are about equal with our riders and our routes, is there any reason why we can't do two start times?
- Can schools be assured that we will have regular updates put into Infinite Campus so that our schools have up-to-date bus stops to tell students?
- Can we assure our parents that every student who's in a resides-area will have an opportunity to have a bus in that resides-area?
- Could the use of vans be an option for ECE students who are suspended from regular transportation?
- Can we consider using community centers as bus stops?
- Will we continue to fund gas cards for our early childhood transportation?
- Will we continue to fund ... gas cards for the McKenny Vento students and our multilingual students who have come in and don't have bus stops?
- Under a plan that does not transport Magnet or Traditional schools, will we consider using or funding transportation for parents or families using stipends? Would we consider doing that for our A5 schools that are not Magnet schools?
- Will the District provide extra support for Magnet and Traditional schools when it comes to traffic flow issues?
- Could shorter more regionalized routes help us reduce our start time so that we are not at nine start times?

Dr. Kolb questioned the District's relationship/partnership with Tarc. He wondered if focusing on providing transportation to a smaller number of magnets could help alleviate the bus driver shortage. He wanted to clarify some of the hiring challenges such as the break in the middle of the day. He wanted to ensure that Option 1 would continue to transport A5 schools including Dubois Academy and Grace James Academy. He concluded by asking, "Is there anything we can do to mitigate the issue with non-native English speakers?"

Ms. Logan Strange questioned the possibility of Tarc providing buses dedicated solely to JCPS students.

Mr. Craig said, "I know we're not here to talk about start times, but I have to reiterate on behalf of the families in the East End, especially Bowen, Norton, and Middletown Elementary Schools, significant opposition to any elementary school start time that starts after 9 a.m. I have to repeat that every time we have this conversation it's not good for kids, not good for families, and when we can get to an operations position that allows us to change those times, we need to evaluate it." He then asked Dr. Fulk, "Can you just briefly summarize again, why 474 [routes] is the magic number?" He then asked, "If Option 1 is presented at our next meeting and if it is approved, how many schools will not have transportation?" He wanted to know the specific names of schools that would be affected and asked how their start time could potentially get recalibrated. He wanted to ensure that affected schools near each other would have consideration with start times. He questioned the possibility of too many students ending up in resides-schools and expressed concern that a new plan might not alleviate pressure on the system to bring the number of routes down to 474. He asked, "Is it possible that we're just going to have removed access without having solved the problem?"

Chair Shull requested the Racial Equity Analysis Protocol (REAP) findings for Options 1 and 2. He said, "I think this district has made the commitment that we wouldn't move forward with any measure without it positively passing the REAP process. And so if there are complications or concerns around racial equity - that means we need to be more creative with our approach. I want to say openly in a full-throated way, we don't need to move forward with any option that has concerns around racial equity that undermines our commitment as a district." He encouraged an individualized meeting with Metro Louisville to see how they can partner with the District. He then asked, "How will Options 1 and 2 impact students who attend before- and after-school care with the YMCA?" He requested data showing how many students would be impacted by Option 1 and the demographic breakdown of those students. He then asked, "How are we including ... parents in correcting student behavior on buses?" He wanted more information regarding the effectiveness of bus suspensions and requested the number of students that have been impacted. He expressed concern about the delay in decision-making and the impact on Student Assignment. He asked Marcus Dobbs, Executive Administrator of Transportation Services, what is needed from the Board to ensure students are not negatively impacted and are not missing out on instructional time because of delays. He confirmed that Mr. Dobbs would recommend Option 1.

Dr Kolb requested the REAP for Option 3, to be used as the baseline.

Mrs. Duncan asked, "If we are able to have shortened, more regionalized routes, can we assume and assure families that buses will be at the school at dismissal?" She then asked, "If we are able to have more regionalized service, will schools have fewer buses to deal with?" She concluded by asking, "Next year, can we hope and look forward to a more equally shared burden of after-school supervision?"

**Order #2024-26 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive an update on Jcps transportation. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mrs. Linda Duncan.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Absent
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## **XI. Consent Calendar**

- A.** Report of Certified Leaves
- B.** Report of Personnel Actions
- C.** Recommendation for Approval of Field Trip Request and Receipt of Report of Field Trips Approved by the Superintendent
- D.** Recommendation for Approval of the Project, Assignment of Architects/Engineers, and BG-1 Form for 2024 Stadium Concession and Restroom Buildings at Various Schools
- E.** Recommendation for Approval of BG-1 Form for Purchase 4925 Poplar Level Road
- F.** Recommendation for Approval of Sale and Purchase Agreement for the Purchase of 4925 Poplar Level Road
- G.** Recommendation for Approval of Revised BG-1 Form for Partial Roof Replacement at Jeffersontown Elementary School
- H.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Phase I HVAC Renovation at Byck Elementary School
- I.** Recommendation for Approval of Bid and Revised BG-1 Form for Stage Floor Replacement at Youth Performing Arts School
- J.** Recommendation for Approval of Contract Completion and BG-4 Form for Phase I HVAC Renovation at Ahrens Educational Resource Center/J. Graham Brown School
- K.** Recommendation for Approval of Construction Change Orders
- L.** Notification of Various Utility Easements
- M.** Recommendation for Approval of Competitive Negotiation, Bid Tabulations, Contract Renewals, and Amendment.
- 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 December 31, 2023
- R.** Acceptance of Quarterly Report of Investment Performance
- S.** Acceptance of Donations, Grants, and Funding
  - 1.** Acceptance of Donations and Small Grants
  - 2.** Acceptance of Funding from the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation
- T.** Recommendation for Approval of Agreements
  - 1.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Chemours Company
  - 2.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Exploited Children's Help Organization
  - 3.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Fund for the Arts
  - 4.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with JB Speed Art Museum
  - 5.** Recommendation for Approval of Lease Agreement with Konica Minolta Premier Finance
  - 6.** Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Maryhurst, Inc
  - 7.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Care Solace, Inc.
  - 8.** Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with LDS Photography

- 9. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement with Notable Inc. for Kami Software
- 10. Recommendation for Approval of Data Privacy Agreement Amendment with PowerSchool Group - United Home
- 11. Recommendation for Approval of Agreement with the YMCA of Greater Louisville
- 12. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Louisville Free Public Library
- 13. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Data Sharing with the Hanover Research Council LLC
- 14. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Metro United Way - UniteUS
- 15. Recommendation for Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Jefferson County Public Education Foundation, Inc.
- U. Recommendation for Approval of Comprehensive School Improvement Plans of TSI Schools and Review of Gap Goals
- V. Recommendation for Approval of KDE for the Turnaround Team at Seneca High School
- W. Recommendation for Approval of Payment of Out-of-District Expenses for Board Member
- X. Recommendation for Approval of Shortened School Day for Three Exceptional Child Education Students
- Y. Recommendation for Approval to Name Eastern High School's Large Gym Floor the Joe Rogers' Court After Former Athletic Director, Coach Joe Rogers
- Z. Recommendation for Approval of 2024-2025 School Calendar Amendment(s)
- AA. Recommendation for Appointment of Audit and Risk Management Advisory Committee Member

**TIE BID**

Vice-Chair James Craig drew for Tie Bids.

BID ID #8306 – HVAC-R Supplies & Equipment

Item No. 15 was awarded to Progress Supply Inc.

**Order #2024-27 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education approve the Consent Calendar for February 13, 2024. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Joseph Marshall.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Absent
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## **XII. Board Planning Calendar**

**Order #2024-28 - 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 Mr. Joseph Marshall and a second by Dr. Christopher Kolb.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Absent
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

## **XIII. Committee Reports**

Mr. Craig gave an update on the Facilities Committee.

Mr. Marshall announced the next steps for the Board's Student Outcomes-Focused Governance work.

## **XIV. Board Reports**

Dr. Kolb discussed the Black History read-in at Dunn Elementary School and thanked the kindergarten class at Klondike Elementary School for making a very nice Board Appreciation Month gift.

## **XV. Persons Requesting to Address the Board (If Necessary)**

Rev. Eric French addressed the Board regarding Senate Bill 93.

The following speakers addressed the Board regarding Transportation: Frances Sowell, Christopher Brown, and Ellen Neihoff.

Amina Shale discussed equity for the Somali Bantu Community.

Dr. Alexis Crook discussed the systematic failures of JCPS to protect students from misconduct by some JCPS staff and coaches.

## **XVI. Executive Session (If Necessary)**

## **XVII. Action Item (If Necessary)**





**XVIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8 p.m.

**Order #2024-29 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Education passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Duncan and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Ms. Gail Logan Strange	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Sarah McIntosh	Absent
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

  
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Dr. Corrie Shull  
Chairman

  
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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**