

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 – 5:00 P.M.
JCHS MEDIA CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Emily Fox who then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence. Board members in attendance were Emily Fox, Bill Jarnigan, Annette Loy, Michael Phagan, Jim Vines and Maurice Solomon. Anne Marie Potts came in after the meeting started. Connie Campbell, Director of Schools and Secretary to the Board, was also present.

The election of chairperson and vice chairperson for the 2009-2010 school year was moved until after board member Potts arrived.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Emily Fox led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chris Cogdill, JCHS faculty member, introduced Tanyr Seay, Tyler Cameron and Austin Olive as new student representatives to the Board. Judge Ben Strand conducted the swearing-in ceremony for each student representative for the 2009-2010 school year.

Director Connie Campbell introduced Dr. LaDonna Meade as the new Director of Assessment and Curriculum for grades 6-12.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Jim Vines and second by Annette Loy, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as submitted. (see attached)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Upon motion by Michael Phagan and second by Maurice Solomon, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda items as submitted.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Eric Greer, concerned parent and citizen, addressed the Board regarding the building and urging them not to take "Plan Y" off the table.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION – DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

1. Each board member received a copy of the new updated financial report.
2. Director Campbell asked if the Board had any other information they wanted her to present to County Commission regarding the recent forensic audit other than what was in the report and given to the County Mayor and Chairman of the County Commission. Mike Long, County Finance Director, went over e-mail information from Bill Acuff, auditor from Decosimo who conducted the service, regarding the final invoice amount. Mr. Acuff requested that the board consider approving the final invoice for \$17,500 which was \$2,500 higher than previously estimated. The previous estimate was to be no more than \$15,000.

Bill Jarnigan made the motion to pay \$15,000 as originally estimated to Decosimo for their services. Board member Solomon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Director Campbell reminded the Board of the upcoming Fall District Meeting on September 22 to be held at Grainger County High School.
4. Bill Nolen, Director of Facilities, updated the board on roofing and skylight problems at Jefferson County High School. He pointed out that Pods 1 & 2 and the Media Center connector 2-4 were still under warranty and that the company was coming tomorrow to check on leaks in those areas. He also mentioned that cost to replace the skylights would be \$35,000 each.
5. Director Campbell updated the Board on school population growth, absenteeism percentages by school, number of flu cases, the school building program teacher survey, and the meeting with the Public Housing Authority regarding the demographic study. She invited everyone to attend the Public Housing Authority meetings which will be held the second Thursday of each month at the Health Department and encouraged everyone to visit the website in order to keep up with the study.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON – 2009-2010
SCHOOL YEAR**

Emily Fox opened the floor for nominations for chairperson. Board member Jarnigan nominated Anne Marie Potts. With no further nominations, the Board voted 4-2-1 to elect Anne Marie Potts as chair for the 2009-2010 school year. Board members Vines and Phagan voted no. Anne Marie Potts abstained.

Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson - continued

Board member Fox then turned the floor over to Chair Potts who then opened the floor for nominations for vice chairperson. Board member Jarnigan nominated Emily Fox. With no further nominations, the Board voted 4-2-1 to elect Emily Fox as vice chair for the 2009-2010 school year. Board members Vines and Phagan voted no. Emily Fox abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Delegates to TSBA Convention (4)

Anne Marie Potts and Michael Phagan were appointed as delegates to the TSBA Convention.

2. Appointment of TLN (Tennessee Legislative Network) Representative

Annette Loy was appointed as the TLN representative.

3. Appointment of School Commissioners to 2009-2010 Committees

The following school commissioners were appointed to fill positions on the following committees for the 2009-2010 school year.

Professional Negotiations – Jim Vines

Board Policy Committee – Michael Phagan and Bill Jarnigan

Insurance Advisory Committee – Maurice Solomon, Jim Vines, and Anne Marie Potts

4. Kingswood School Contract- 2009-2010 School Year

Director Campbell commented that the contract had been reviewed and approved by legal counsel with some minor changes. She recommended that it be approved as submitted.

Upon motion by Michael Phagan and second by Maurice Solomon, the board approved the Kingswood School Contract for the 2009-2010 school year. Vice Chair Fox abstained. (see attached)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Board Policies for Review and Adoption (Second Reading) **5.115 Assignment And Transfer, 2.804 Expenses and Reimbursements, 3.600 Insurance**

Unfinished Business – continued

**Management, 6.304 Student Discrimination/Harassment and Bullying/
Intimidating/Cyber Bullying, 6.709 Student Fees and Fines, 6.313 Discipline
Procedures, 4.605 Graduation Requirements**

Chair Potts requested that Board Policy 4.605 Graduation Requirements be removed for further review by the Board Policy Committee.

Upon motion by Michael Phagan and second by Vice Chair Fox, the Board unanimously approved the remaining policies on second reading.

2. Building Program
 - Bonds – QZAB

Director Campbell commented that they are still waiting to hear information regarding the bond application. She went over the Quality Zone Academy Bonds and the Building America Bonds. She pointed out that the \$8.5 requested in the last bond application would not take care of all the HVAC issues at the high school. She mentioned that the Board might want to consider approaching county commission about allowing them to apply for those bonds if and when they become available in order to replace the whole unit.

Chair Potts requested that the finance department gather additional information on the bonds for the next board meeting in October.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Anne Marie Potts, Chair

Connie Campbell, Director of Schools &
Secretary to the Board

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