

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Thursday, June 13, 2024 (4:00 PM)

ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS: Stacey Goodson
Chris Johnson
Tony Pumphrey
Michael "MJ" Jackson
Chephus Granberry

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Steve R. Benton, Sr., Superintendent of Schools; H. Matthew Fuqua, Board Attorney; District Directors; and members of the public

1.0 Call to Order

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The Special Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Tony Pumphrey, Chairman of the Board.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

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Recommendation: Approval of the AGENDA
ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Chris Johnson) Moved, Member (Stacey Goodson) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of the AGENDA'.
Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

3.0 Presentations

4.0 Citizen's Request

4.1 Citizens Request: This time is set aside for the Citizens of Jackson County to address the School Board. This is not a question and answer period, nor a political forum. Personal accusations and/or derogatory remarks will not be tolerated. Comments should be limited to three minutes or less. In the interest of time, the Chairman reserves the right to limit the number of speakers on a single topic to two individuals. Please arrive prior to the meeting to complete a "Request to Speak" card. In order to adhere to CDC social distance guidelines, building and or board room access may be limited to the speaker.

The following individuals spoke to the Board:
Missy Mitchell
Ann Brunner

5.0 Other Agenda Items - Action

5.1 Recommendation to Relocate Jackson Alternative School (#0212) to the Campus of Hope School (#0202), Creating Two Schools on One Campus

The Hope School HVAC/Renovation Project has provided HVAC updates to the campus on Cherokee Street, and renovation of the classrooms in buildings 1 North, 1 East, 2, 4, and 5. The campus has previously served 700-800 students. The Principals and district staff have worked on the logistics of serving both Hope School and Jackson Alternative School students on this campus, completely separate from each other's program. The request is to move Jackson Alternative School to the campus of Hope School (2958 Cherokee Street). This relocation will create two schools on one campus. With this relocation all students will be served in a safe and updated facility and the costs savings to the district will be substantial.

The Chairman gave each Board Member an opportunity to speak about the item:

Mr. Goodson stated he appreciated the workshop that was held at Hope School and he is impressed with the renovation. Mr. Goodson said parents and teachers continue to call with questions and/or concerns they feel were not answered. He recommended a committee should be formed to address the concerns before the board can move forward with the issue.

Mr. Johnson stated this has been a 2-year project and there has been a lot of discussion. We have \$5 million dollars invested in the project. He stated the students already ride the bus together, some with only a driver onboard. The campus is laid out such that with some planning the two schools could operate separately and securely.

Mr. Jackson stated he wish there was time for more discussion and specific answers on how separation will be handled.

Mr. Pumphrey stated he is not prepared enough and feels there is more assessment needed.

Recommendation: Recommendation to Relocate Jackson Alternative School (#0212) to the Campus of Hope School (#0202), Creating Two Schools on One Campus
ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Chris Johnson) Moved, Member (Stacey Goodson) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Recommendation to Relocate Jackson Alternative School (#0212) to the Campus of Hope School (#0202), Creating Two Schools on One Campus'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 1 Nay: 4. The motion (**Failed**). 1 - 4

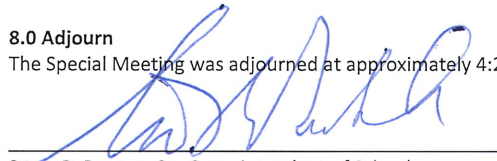
Stacey Goodson	No
Chris Johnson	Yes
Tony Pumphrey	No
Michael "MJ" Jackson	No
Chephus Granberry	No

6.0 Just Cause Item

7.0 Information

8.0 Adjourn

The Special Meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:20 PM.


Steve R. Benton, Sr., Superintendent of Schools


Tony Pumphrey, Chairman of the Board