

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL WORKSHOP OF THE JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD Monday, June 10, 2024 (5:00 PM)

At Hope School, 2958 Cherokee St., Marianna, FL

#### 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; Clay Milton, Board Attorney; District Directors; School Administrators; Teachers; School Staff; and Citizens

#### 1.0 Call to Order

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Tony Pumphrey, Chairman of the Board, called the Special Workshop to order at 5:00 PM. Mr. Pumphrey noted the workshop is being at Hope School for the purpose of discussion and community input regarding locating Jackson Alternative School on the campus with Hope School, creating two schools on one campus. Mr. Pumphrey asked for anyone wanting to speak to the board during this workshop, to please complete a speaking card.

#### 2.0 Citizens Request

**2.1 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.

#### 3.0 Discussion of Hope School and Jackson Alternative School

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Superintendent Benton provide information about the location of Hope School to the Riverside Elementary campus and the HVAC Renovation/Remodel of part of the campus. This renovation/remodel was funded through grant funds and no general funds were used. Mr. Benton stated the Board of County Commission owns the Jackson Alternative School property. Mr. Benton stated if the relocation of JAS is approved, plans will be in place to operate two separate schools on the one campus. The JAS students are not allowed to move around campus like students at a traditional school. Students are never without a teacher or staff member. The only time Hope School students and JAS students would interact would be on the school bus, which already occurs.

JAS Principal, Rex Suggs, provided an overview of the programs that operate through JAS. He stated the three programs are ACE, CACL, and Short-Term. Mr. Suggs stated the students at JAS are always with an adult, they do not walk anywhere on campus alone.

The chairman encouraged anyone wanting to speak to the Board to come forward.

The following individuals completed a request to speak card and were recognized by the chairman.

Mike Robertson, Mr. Johnson, Michelle Thomason, Aundrea Johnson, Elizabeth Raiford, Todd Woodall, Kelly Parmer, Tim Whitford, Vanessa Perkins, Alana Allen, and Paige Cavanaugh

Superintendent Benton stated he and the Board wants what is best for all students and the students at JAS deserve a quality learning location. Mr. Goodson thanked everyone for attending and thanked Mr. Benton for setting up the workshop. He also thanked the parents and teachers for their input tonight. Mr. Granberry thanked everyone for attending and stated he has concerns about keeping the students divided, safety is always a concern, and he has concerns about students possibly eating lunch in their classroom. Mr. Granberry stated he doesn't want to rush into something that is not required to happen this school year. Mr. Jackson thanked everyone for attending and promised to help provide a good place for all students. Mr. Johnson stated there are good kids at Jackson Alternative and the renovations here at Hope School have provided enough usable classrooms to add more students to the campus. He stated everything is increasing in our world today, except funding. Mr. Pumphrey thanked everyone for coming out tonight, and he thanked the speakers for being cordial to each other.

#### 4.0 Walkthrough of HVAC/Remodel and Tour of Campus

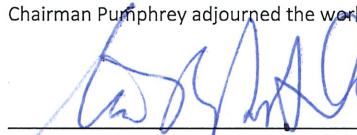
##### 4.1 Walkthrough of HVAC/Remodel and Tour of Campus

Chairman Pumphrey invited everyone to join in the walkthrough of the classroom renovation/remodel. Several classrooms on each wing of the campus were open for the tour.

#### 5.0 School Board Member / Superintendent Announcements

#### 6.0 Adjourn

Chairman Pumphrey adjourned the workshop and tour at approximately 6:21 PM.

  
Steve R. Benton, Sr., Superintendent of Schools

  
Tony Pumphrey, Chairman of the Board