

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD Friday, May 30, 2025 (7:30 AM)

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#### ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Chris Johnson  
Tony Pumphrey  
Chephus Granberry  
Rex Torbett  
ABSENT – Michael “MJ” Jackson

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Hunter Nolen, Superintendent Schools; H. Matthew Fuqua, Board Attorney; Becky Hart, Deputy Superintendent; District Directors; and citizens

#### 1.0 Call to Order

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The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM by Chris Johnson, Chairman of the Board.

#### 2.0 Approval of Agenda

##### 2.1 Approval of the AGENDA

**Recommendation:** Approval of the AGENDA

##### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Chephus Granberry**) Moved, Member (**Rex Torbett**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of the AGENDA'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

#### 3.0 Citizen's Request

**3.1 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.**

#### 4.0 Just Cause Item

##### 4.1 Request for an Additional Assistant Principal at Marianna High School for the 2025-2026 Year

This is a continuation of a position that has been filled at Marianna High for several years. Mr. Granberry asked if the number of administrators at Marianna High would be the same as in previous years? Mr. Nolen stated yes, with this additional position they will have the same as last school year. Mr. Granberry asked if a whole position was needed or only a half position? Mr. Nolen explained the half position is used for a Teacher on Special Assignment with Administrative Duties and the additional requested Assistant Principal position will give the school the same number of administrators. (One Principal, two Assistant Principals, and one TSA) Mr. Johnson stated this request is not for a permanent position, but only for the upcoming school year. He stated he would like to see the schools use positions within the staffing allocation. Mr. Nolen agreed and stated he plans to work with the Director of Finance before next year's staffing season to address any concerns with the calculations.

**Recommendation:** Approval of Request for an Additional Assistant Principal at Marianna High School for the 2025-2026 Year

##### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Rex Torbett**) Moved, Member (**Chephus Granberry**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of Request for an Additional Assistant Principal at Marianna High School for the 2025-2026 Year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

#### 5.0 Personnel - Action

##### 5.1 Recommendation of Non-Instructional Employees for the 2025-2026 Year

The attachment includes additional Non-Instructional Personnel to be hired for the 2025-2026 year.

Mr. Granberry asked if this item takes care of all of the rehire of employees? Mr. Nolen stated 99% and there are a couple he is working with the direct supervisors on a recommendation for the June Board meeting.

**Recommendation:** Approval of Recommendation of Non-Instructional Employees for the 2025-2026 Year

##### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Chephus Granberry**) Moved, Member (**Rex Torbett**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of Recommendation of Non-Instructional Employees for the 2025-2026 Year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

##### 5.2 Recommendation of Instructional Employees for the 2025-2026 Year

The attachment includes additional Instructional Personnel to be hired for the 2025-2026 year.

**Recommendation:** Approval of Recommendation of Instructional Employees for the 2025-2026 Year

##### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Chephus Granberry**) Moved, Member (**Tony Pumphrey**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of Recommendation of Instructional Employees for the 2025-2026 Year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

##### 5.3 Recommendation of the 2025-2026 Administrative Team

Attached is the listing of the 2025-2026 Administrators.

Mr. Granberry noted the school assignment listed for Mr. Chris Franklin at Hope School is only for the Adults with Disabilities Program and not the entire Hope School. Mr. Nolen stated that is correct. Mr. Johnson asked when will the vacant administrative positions be filled? Mr. Nolen stated there are interviews set up next week and then he will move forward with recommendations. Mr. Johnson stated the individuals need to be placed quickly because time is of the essence during summer. Mr. Nolen stated yes, and the individuals will be placed as soon as possible.

**Recommendation:** Approval of the Recommendation of the 2025-2026 Administrative Team

##### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Chephus Granberry)** Moved, Member **(Rex Torbett)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of the Recommendation of the 2025-2026 Administrative Team'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

**6.0 Information**

Superintendent Nolen reminded the Board of anticipated School Grades by June 30<sup>th</sup> and stated we are very hopeful for improved grades. He stated Mr. Steve DeWitt and Mrs. Jennifer See are diligently working on the district-wide driver’s education program and the JROTC program for next year. Mr. Nolen also notified the Board of a request for him to serve on the FHSAA Board of Directors.

Mr. Granberry asked about news from Tallahassee regarding cell phones? Mr. Nolen stated there will be a lot of changes coming from Tallahassee and we are waiting on word from the Legislature about many things including the budget.

**7.0 Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:49 AM.

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Hunter Nolen, Superintendent of Schools

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Chris M. Johnson, Chairman of the Board