Call to Order: The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District was called to order at 1:05 P.M. by Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Board President, on February 22, 2018.

Establishment of Quorum: A quorum was established as all six (6) members were present, namely: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett.

Adoption of Agenda: Dr. Robert Luckett moved that the Board adopt the agenda as presented; Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

Information/Action Items:

a. Approval of Revisions and Edits to the Corrective Action Plan: The Board voted to amend the CAP regarding the organizational chart and strategic plan as recommended by Dr. Hairston. Dr. Ed Sivak motioned, Mrs. Letitia Johnson second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

The Board voted to approve the acceptance of the Amended Corrective Action Plan. Mrs. Barbara Hilliard motioned; Dr. Robert Luckett second; Votes cast for the motion: Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Dr. Ed Sivak, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Mrs. Andrea Jones, Mrs. Letitia Johnson and Dr. Robert Luckett; Votes cast against the motion: none. PASSED

b. Update and Approval of Make-up Days for Staff: Mrs. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer of the Jackson Public School District, updated the Board about the opinion of the Attorney General’s Office regarding the classified staff. The Board discussed the Make-up Days for Staff and took no action.

V. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session: Dr. Ed Sivak moved, and Dr. Robert Luckett seconded the motion, to enter into executive session to discuss a settlement of the Drodriguez Williams et al v. JPS (the handcuffing cases) and to receive an update regarding the E. Cornell Malone construction dispute. All 6 board members voted in favor of the motion.
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Subject: JPS Board of Trustees to Host Special Meeting

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The Board of Trustees will host a special meeting regarding the Corrective Action Plan and make up days for staff on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 1 p.m. in the School Board Meeting Room located at 621 South State Street.

The Board also will take into consideration any other matter properly coming before the Board.
I. Call to Order

II. Establishment of Quorum

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Information / Action Items:
   a. Approval of Revisions and Edits to the Corrective Action Plan
      Dr. William Merritt, IV Executive Director of School Improvement
   b. Update and Approval of Make-up Days for Staff
      Ms. Sharolyn Miller, Chief Financial Officer

V. Consideration to Hold an Executive Session

VI. Adjourn
In executive session, Attorney Shepherd updated the board on the status of the bodily injury claims of Drodiguez Williams, Jacobia Carey, Rodrigus Carey, Monterius Griffin, Larry Johnson, Octavius Taylor, Justin Tillman (now deceased), Barry Wallace, Anthony Willis and Anthony Murray. The parties have reached a proposed settlement of $15,000.00 per person for a total of $150,000.00. The district’s insurer, Trident Insurance, will cover $120,000.00 of the settlement, to be paid to eight of the claimants, and the district is responsible for the remaining $30,000, which will be paid to the two remaining claimants. Attorney Shepherd recommended that the board approve the settlement of $15,000.00 per claimant, for a total of $150,000, with the district paying its share of $30,000.00 to be paid to claimants, Anthony Murray and the Estate of Justin Tillman. After discussing the matter, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard moved, and Mrs. Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to approve Attorney Shepherd’s recommendation. All 6 board members voted in favor of the motion.

Next, Attorney Shepherd updated the board on the status of the E. Cornell Malone construction dispute and recommended that the board authorize the employment of Robert Gibbs as mediator. After discussion, Mrs. Barbara Hilliard moved, and Mrs. Letitia Johnson seconded the motion, to approve the employment of Robert Gibbs as mediator in the E. Cornell Malone construction dispute. All 6 board members voted in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to discuss in executive session, Dr. Robert Luckett moved, and Mrs. Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to exit executive session. All 6 board members voted in favor of the motion.

Back in open session, Dr. Robert Luckett moved, and Mrs. Barbara Hilliard seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. All 6 board members voted in favor of the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Jeanne Hairston, Board President

Mrs. Barbara Hilliard, Board Secretary

Date