

# Big Jackson Public Schools

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES February 13, 2024 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Sue Jones, Lynn Ulman, Laura Johnson, Charlotte Lockerby  
Visitor present: Rebecca Jackson

**I. CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by Sue Jones at 7:08

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** motion by Ulman, supported by Lockerby to approve agenda.

Ayes - 4

Nays - 0

Motion carried

**IV. ACCEPT BRAD'S RESIGNATION** motion by by Johnson, supported by Ulman to accept Brad's resignation.

Ayes - 4

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

**V. ELECT/APPOINT NEW BOARD MEMBER** motion to elect/appoint new board member Jones nominated Michelle Ruelle, Lockerby supported.

Ayes - 4

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

**VI. ELECT BOARD PRESIDENT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY** motion to elect Michelle Ruelle President by Ulman, supported by Johnson.

Ayes - 4

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

**VII. MOTION TO HIRE LEGAL REPRESENTATION** motion to hire legal representation by Johnson, supported by Jones.

Ayes - 5

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

**VIII. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CONTACT PERSON(S) TO CONSULT ATTORNEY ON SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS** motion to authorize contact person(s): School Board President Ruelle, Vice President Jones, and Tom Ruelle to consult attorney by Jones, supported by Lockerby.

Ayes - 5

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

**IX. MOTION TO ASK ATTORNEY TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS AS NEEDED BY BOARD, IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM** motion to ask attorney to be present as needed by board in person or via zoom by Johnson, supported by Jones.

Ayes - 5

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY SUPERINTENDENT BLAKE PREWITT**

a. Financial Reports (December 2023 and January 2024)

**Motion to table by Johnson, supported by Jones.**

Ayes- 5

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

b. Approve payment of checks and payroll from January 2024.

**Motion to table payment of checks except to pay payroll and operating costs only by Johnson, supported by Jones.**

Ayes- 5

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

c. Approve to participate in Schools of Choice Section 105(c) (Cross County) for the 2024-25 school year.

**Motion to table approval to participate in schools of Choice Section 105(c) (Cross County) for 2024-25 school year by Jones, supported by Ulman**

Ayes - 5

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

d. Approve the Cooperative Agreement with NC RESA Schools of Choice.

**Motion to approve the Cooperative Agreement with NC RESA Schools of Choice by Jones, supported by Ulman.**

Ayes - 5

Nays -0

**Motion carried.**

- e. Approve the Superintendent to negotiate a contract with an architect for renovations to the building.

**Motion to approve the Superintendent to negotiate a contract with an architect for renovations to the building by Jones, supported by Johnson.**

**Ayes - 0**

**Nays - 5**

**Motion denied.**

- f. Approve the Superintendent to post an RFP for demolition of main building and storage portable.

**Motion to approve the Superintendent to post an RFP for demolition of main building and storage portable by Johnson, supported by Jones.**

**Ayes - 0**

**Nays - 5**

**Motion denied.**

- g. Approve the Superintendent to enter negotiations with White Cloud School District to expand the cooperative agreement to K-12

**Motion to approve the Superintendent to enter negotiations with White Cloud School District to expand the cooperative agreement to K-12 by Johnson, supported by Jones.**

**Ayes - 0**

**Nays - 5**

**Motion denied.**

#### **XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 9, 2024 Organizational Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to table approval of January 9, 2024 organizational meeting minutes by Johnson not supported.**

**Motion died.**

#### **XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The unanimous outrage of the attendees was expressed by great displeasure with the superintendent's blatant disregard for the school board and their lack of approval regarding the following:

- Safety and Education of the students
- The displacement of students
- Finances
- State law
- All decisions regarding the school

#### **IX. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

- a. Student & Community Awards: April 30, 2024 at Dogwood Center for Performing Arts Ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m.

**Motion to nominate Carl Jordan to be recognized at award ceremony by Johnson, supported by Ulman.**

Ayes - 5

Nays - 0

**Motion carried.**

b. b. NCASB Spring Dinner Meeting: March 19, 2024

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**


Motion by Johnson to adjourn meeting at 8:40 p.m. supported by Jones.

Ayes - 5

Nays - 0

Motion carried.

  
Michelle Ruelle, President

  
Laura M. Johnson, Secretary