

**Jackson County School District**

**Special Bond Meeting**

**Thursday, March 4, 2021 - 5:00 PM**

**District Office Board Room**

**4700 Colonel Vickrey**

**VANCLEAVE, MS 39565**

*Jackson County School District*

*Strategic Plan Goals*

- 1. Decreased Safety Incidents 2. Increased Student Achievement 3. Sound Financial Management  
4. Improved Facilities and Infrastructure  
5. Positive Educational Experience 6. Effective Leadership**

FINAL

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge
4. **Approve Agenda**
5. **Dr. John Strycker, Superintendent of Education**
  - A. **Adopt and Pass Resolution Declaring Necessity to Borrow a  
Maximum of \$67,000,000 and to Issue Bonds as Evidence of Such  
Indebtedness** **2**
  - B. **Adopt and Pass Resolution Calling and Holding a Special Election  
for Purpose of Whether District Should Issue its Bonds** **6**
  - C. **Approve Official Ballot** **13**
6. **Executive Session TBD**

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF BORROWING MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, PURCHASING, ERECTING, EQUIPPING, REMODELING AND ENLARGING SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND RELATED FACILITIES, PURCHASING LAND THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING NECESSARY WATER, LIGHT, HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF \$67,000,000, DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BORROW A MAXIMUM OF \$67,000,000 AND TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AS EVIDENCE OF SUCH INDEBTEDNESS

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Jackson County School District, Jackson County, Mississippi (the "District"), does hereby find, determine, resolve, adjudicate and declare that:

1. It is necessary for the District to borrow a maximum of Sixty-Seven Million and No/100 Dollars (\$67,000,000.00) to pay the costs, including the costs of such borrowing, of purchasing, erecting, repairing, equipping, remodeling and enlarging school buildings and related facilities, establishing and equipping school athletic fields and necessary facilities connected therewith, and providing necessary water, light, heating, air conditioning and sewerage facilities for such school buildings and related facilities, with the \$67,000,000 in bonds, net of architect and engineering fees, costs of issuance and related costs, to be allocated generally as follows:

A. Approximately \$17,300,000 shall be allocated to the East Central Attendance Center for construction, equipping, renovation and repairs, security upgrades and athletic facility improvements at schools in the East Central Attendance Center, including but not limited to constructing a new gymnasium at East Central Lower Elementary, constructing classrooms and other facilities at East Central Upper Elementary, making various repairs and improvements at East Central Middle School, constructing a multipurpose building, an auditorium and administrative offices at East Central High School;

B. Approximately \$25,100,000 shall be allocated to the St. Martin Attendance Center for construction, equipping, renovation and repairs, security upgrades and athletic facility improvements at schools in the St. Martin Attendance Center, including but not limited to making various repairs and improvements at St. Martin North Elementary and St. Martin East Elementary, expanding classrooms at St. Martin Upper Elementary, constructing a band hall and choir room at St. Martin Middle School, constructing a performing arts center, a multipurpose gym and related facilities at St. Martin High School;

C. Approximately \$17,300,000 shall be allocated to the Vancleave Attendance Center for construction, equipping, renovation and repairs, security upgrades and athletic facility improvements at schools in the Vancleave Attendance Center, including but not limited to constructing classrooms and expanding the cafeteria at Vancleave Lower Elementary, constructing classrooms at Vancleave Middle School, constructing a band hall at Vancleave High School, and constructing a multipurpose building for the Vancleave Attendance Center.

D. Approximately \$2,400,000 shall be allocated to security upgrades to school facilities throughout the District and to the Jackson County Technology Center for construction, equipping, renovations and repairs, including but not limited to constructing vocational classrooms at the Jackson County FabLab.

2. The total approximate cost of the proposed project to be financed with bond proceeds is \$67,000,000;

3. To pay the anticipated costs of the Project it shall be necessary for the Board to borrow on behalf of the District a maximum amount of \$67,000,000 and said indebtedness shall be evidenced by bonds issued in one or more series in the maximum aggregate amount of \$67,000,000, payable in a maximum of twenty (20) annual installments or such longer period as may be allowed by law, including but not limited to the Bank Act (as defined below), and such bonds shall not bear a greater overall maximum interest rate to maturity than the rates now or hereafter authorized under the provisions of Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended;

4. It is necessary, advisable, and in the public interest that the sum not to exceed \$67,000,000 be obtained through this method, as herein proposed;

5. The assessed value of all taxable property within the District is Five Hundred Fifty-Two Million Nine Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$552,939,228) according to the last completed assessment for taxation; the District presently has no outstanding bonded indebtedness subject to the fifteen percent (15%) debt limit prescribed by Section 37-59-5 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended;

6. The issuance of the final amount of the bonds to be authorized and issued by the Board will not result in bonded indebtedness of the District, exclusive of indebtedness not subject to the aforesaid fifteen percent (15%) debt limit, in excess of fifteen percent of the assessed value of the taxable property within the District according to the last completed assessment for taxation at the time such bonds are issued, and will not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation upon indebtedness which may be incurred by the District;

7. The Board does hereby declare its intention to authorize, pursuant to Sections 37-59-1 through 37-59-45 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the issuance of the bonds hereinafter proposed to be issued in one or more series, for the purposes hereinafter set forth, for which purposes there are no funds available in the school funds of the District or from any other source;

8. The Board may, by subsequent resolution, determine to issue some or all of the bonds described herein to be sold to the Mississippi Development Bank pursuant to Sections 31-25-1, *et seq.* of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (the "Bank Act") for the purposes set forth herein and in the Bank Act. The aggregate principal amount of any bonds issued and sold to the Development Bank will not exceed Sixty-Seven Million Dollars (\$67,000,000); and

9. The District reasonably expects that it may incur expenditures prior to the issuance of the proposed bonds, which it intends to reimburse with the proceeds of the proposed bonds upon the issuance thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Jackson County School District as follows:

SECTION 1. That all recitations hereinabove made are found and adjudicated to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. That the Board does hereby declare that it is necessary to borrow a sum not to exceed \$67,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of the proposed project, including capitalized interest, if any, and to pay the cost of borrowing such funds, and that there are no funds available in the school funds of the District or from any other source to pay the costs of the proposed project.

SECTION 3. That the Board does hereby declare its intention to borrow such money and to authorize the issuance of bonds of the District in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$67,000,000 for the purposes of paying the costs of the proposed project, including capitalized interest, if any, and to pay the cost of issuing such bonds.

SECTION 4. Said bonds shall be issued in one or more series in the maximum principal amount of \$67,000,000 and such bonds shall not bear a greater overall maximum interest rate to maturity than the rates now or hereafter authorized under the provisions of Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972. Said bonds shall mature in annual installments over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date of issuance thereof, or such longer period as may be allowed by law, including but not limited to the Bank Act.

SECTION 5. The District reasonably expects that it may incur expenditures prior to the issuance of the bonds, which it intends to reimburse with the proceeds of the proposed bonds upon the issuance thereof. This declaration of official intent to reimburse expenditures made prior to the issuance of the proposed bonds in anticipation of the issuance of proposed bonds is made pursuant to Department of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 6. Subsequent to the adoption of this resolution, the Board shall adopt a resolution calling an election to be held in the District for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question of the issuance of bonds in the aforesaid amount and for the aforesaid purposes and designating the date upon which said election shall be held and the place or places within the District at which such election shall be held.

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Upon motion of Board Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted at the meeting of the Board of Education of the Jackson County School District, Jackson County, Mississippi, on March 4, 2021, by the following vote:

Board Member Troy E. Frisbie	voted: _____
Board Member Amy M. Dobson	voted: _____
Board Member Glenn A. Dickerson	voted: _____
Board Member J. Keith Lee	voted: _____
Board Member Jory Howell	voted: _____

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CALLING AND HOLDING A SPECIAL ELECTION WITHIN AND FOR THE JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT WHETHER THE DISTRICT SHOULD ISSUE ITS BONDS, AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Jackson County School District (the "District"), acting for and on the behalf of the District, does hereby find, resolve, determine and adjudicate as follows:

1. On March 4, 2021, the Board of the District adopted a resolution stating the need to borrow money to pay the costs of making certain improvements described in said resolution at an approximate cost of \$67,000,000, and declaring the Board's intention to issue bonds as evidence of such indebtedness in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of the proposed project stated therein if the ballot proposition obtains the necessary voter approval, and finding that the District does not have sufficient school funds of the District or funds from any other source with which to pay the costs of the proposed project;

2. Pursuant to such resolution and under the laws of the State of Mississippi, the Board is authorized and directed to call a special election on the proposition hereinafter set forth, and, in the event that the proposition for the issuance of such bonds be assented to by at least three-fifths (3/5) of the qualified electors of the District voting on such proposition at the election thereon, the Board shall be authorized and empowered to issue the bonds for the purposes stated in the ballot proposition; and

3. The Board does now determine that a special election shall be called and that the proposition hereinafter set forth shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. All recitations hereinabove made are found and adjudicated to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. A special election shall be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held within the District on May 18, 2021, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the proposition set forth in the form of Notice of Election as set out in Section 4 of this resolution.

SECTION 3. The said special election shall be held at the polling places designated and set forth in the form of Notice of Election contained in Section 4 of this resolution. The polling places for said election shall open at 7:00 a.m. and shall be kept open until 7:00 p.m. on the aforesaid date, and all qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote in said election.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of the Board shall cause notice of said election to be published once a week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in *The Mississippi Press*, a newspaper having general circulation in the District and qualified under the provisions of Section 13-3-31 of the

Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. The District is further authorized to publish the notice of election in any additional newspaper(s) deemed appropriate. The first publication of such notice shall be made not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date fixed for such election, and the last publication shall be made not more than seven (7) days prior to said date. The said notice shall be in substantially the following form, to-wit:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND ELECTION  
JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Jackson County School District of Jackson County, Mississippi, that a special election will be held in said District on

**Tuesday, the 18th day of May, 2021**

for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District the following proposition, to-wit:

Shall the Jackson County School District issue its bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$67,000,000 to raise money for the purpose of paying the costs, including the costs of borrowing, of purchasing, erecting, repairing, equipping, remodeling and enlarging school buildings and related facilities, establishing and equipping school athletic fields and necessary facilities connected therewith, and providing necessary water, light, heating, air conditioning and sewerage facilities for such school buildings and related facilities, with the \$67,000,000 in bonds, net of architect and engineering fees, costs of issuance and related costs, to be allocated generally as follows:

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2. Approximately \$25,100,000 shall be allocated to the St. Martin Attendance Center for construction, equipping, renovation and repairs, security upgrades and athletic facility improvements at schools in the St. Martin Attendance Center, including but not limited to making various repairs and improvements at St. Martin North Elementary and St. Martin East Elementary, expanding classrooms at St. Martin Upper Elementary, constructing a band hall and choir room at St. Martin Middle School, constructing a performing arts center, a multipurpose gym and related facilities at St. Martin High School;
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4. Approximately \$2,400,000 shall be allocated to security upgrades to school facilities throughout the District and to the Jackson County Technology Center for construction, equipping, renovations and repairs, including but not limited to constructing vocational classrooms at the Jackson County FabLab?

FOR THE BOND ISSUE ( )

AGAINST THE BOND ISSUE ( )

(Place a cross (✕) or check (✓) mark opposite your choice on the proposition.)

The said election will be held at the following polling places within the Jackson County School District:

<u>Precinct Name/Code</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>
Hwy 57 (0101)	Volunteer Fire Dept Station #28	17400 Highway 57 Vancleave, MS
North Vancleave (0102)	Vancleave Methodist Church	13620 Highway 57 Vancleave, MS
Red Hill (0103)	Red Hill Methodist Church	20800 Old River Road Vancleave, MS
East Central (0105)	East Central Community Center	4300 Highway 614 Moss Point, MS
Big Point (0108)	Big Point Community Shelter	18413 Highway 613 Moss Point, MS
Carterville (0111)	Daisy Vestry Community Center	25900 Schoolhouse Road Vancleave, MS
Hickory Hills (0311)	Martin Bluff Baptist Church	7417 Martin Bluff Road Gautier, MS
St. Martin (0406)	St. Martin Community Center	15008 Lemoyne Boulevard Biloxi, MS

Latimer (0407)	Latimer Community House	10908 Tucker Road Vanceleave, MS
Larue (0408)	Larue Community Center	19400 Larue Road Vanceleave, MS
West Jackson (0409)	West Jackson Co Safe Room	13000 Walker Road Ocean Springs, MS
Fontainebleau (0503)	Fontainebleau Community House	3901 Highway 57 Ocean Springs, MS
South Vanceleave (0507)	Central JC Community Safe Room	5500 Ball Park Road Vanceleave, MS
Grace Baptist Church (0508)	Grace Baptist Church	3707 Bienville Boulevard Ocean Springs, MS

The said polling places will be open from the hour of 7:00 A.M. until the hour of 7:00 P.M. on the day of said election.

Said election shall be held and conducted, as far as practicable, in the same manner as other elections are held in Jackson County, Mississippi, in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi. All qualified electors of the Jackson County School District will be entitled to vote in said election.

The bonds described in the foregoing proposition shall be issued if, and only if, at least three-fifths (3/5) of those qualified electors who vote on said proposition in the election shall vote in favor of the issuance of bonds for the purpose set forth in the proposition.

The Board may, by subsequent resolution, determine to issue some or all of the bonds described herein to be sold to the Mississippi Development Bank pursuant to Sections 31-25-1, *et seq.* of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (the “Bank Act”) for the purposes set forth herein.

Done by order of the Board of Education of the Jackson County School District of Jackson County, Mississippi, March 4, 2021.

/s/ Troy E. Frisbie  
Chairman, Board of Education  
Jackson County School District

*End of Form of Notice*

SECTION 5. The said special election shall be held and conducted by the Election Commissioners within and for Jackson County, Mississippi, and shall be conducted, as far as practicable, in accordance with the laws regulating other elections in Jackson County, Mississippi. When the said Election Commissioners shall have received the returns of said election and ascertained the results thereof, they shall, after having canvassed the same, forthwith make return thereof to the Board by filing therewith a report setting forth their action in the holding of said election and the certified results thereof.

SECTION 6. The ballots used in said special election shall be in substantially the following form, subject to any revisions authorized by the Superintendent or the Chairman of the Jackson County, Mississippi Election Commission, to-wit:

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOND ELECTION  
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*End of Ballot Form*

SECTION 7. The absentee and affidavit ballots to be used in said special election shall be in substantially the same form as the official ballot, with any notations necessary to designate them as an absentee or affidavit ballot.

SECTION 8. The bonds described in the foregoing proposition shall be issued if and only if three-fifths (3/5) of those qualified electors who vote on said proposition in the election shall vote in favor of the issuance of bonds for the purposes set forth in the proposition.

SECTION 9. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed forthwith to prepare a true and correct copy of this resolution and to transmit the same to the Election Commissioners within and for Jackson County, Mississippi, as and for their warrant, direction and authority for the holding of said special election as herein provided and as required by the laws of the State of Mississippi, and the Chairman of the Jackson County Election Commission, or his designee, is hereby designated to have the ballots for the election prepared.

Upon motion of Board Member \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing resolution calling a special bond election was passed and adopted at the meeting of the Board of Education of the Jackson County School District, Jackson County, Mississippi, on March 4, 2021 by the following vote:

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

ATTEST:

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Secretary

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