

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH TIPPAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Oscar Shannon Building
August 22, 2023
5:15 P.M.

Members Present: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Tim Clark

Members Absent: Nicole Bullock

Others Present: Tony Elliott, Superintendent; Price Elliott, Board Attorney; Ruby Bennett, Assistant Superintendent; Tonya Kuhl, Business Manager; Kelly Gates, Federal Programs/Curriculum Director; & Guests

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cockrell and commenced as an open meeting. The Invocation was led by Kevin Barefield. Tony Elliott led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Kerry Cockrell read the South Tippah School District Vision Statement and Mission Statement.

The August 22, 2023 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda was approved on a motion by Tim Clark, seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Tim Clark. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Nicole Bullock.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to accept the recognition of Blue Mountain School teachers and students who achievement perfect scores on the state test. Mr. Elliott presented these teachers and students with certificates. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Tim Clark. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Nicole Bullock.

There was no action taken on Agenda Item 7: Vaping Presentation

The July 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Arnold Witt and seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Tim Clark. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Nicole

Request for Release

Cadence Rolison	North Tippah
Molly-Kate Rolison	North Tippah
Izzybella Hall	Prentiss County
Isaiah Mullins	Prentiss County
Taraji Morgan	North Tippah
Taven Morgan	North Tippah
Grayden Driver	North Tippah
Jonathan Simmons	North Tippah
Micheal Simmons	North Tippah
Matti Mayo	North Tippah
Austin Thorson	North Tippah
Axton Thorson	North Tippah
Allison Thompson	Prentiss County
Kayston Lawson	Prentiss County
Hannah Yarbrough	Prentiss County
John Aydon Wilbanks	North Tippah
Lila Katherine Hall	Prentiss County
Madison Lindley	North Tippah
Bailey Boswell	North Tippah
Gavin Boswell	North Tippah
Michael Box	Prentiss County
Jackson Box	Prentiss County
Tripp Barnes	North Tippah
Tryson Barnes	North Tippah

Request for Transfer

Jack McMillin	Benton County
Sam McMillin	Benton County
Mary Catherine McMillin	Benton County
Mace Ormon	Benton County
Millie Ormon	Benton County
Madyson Ormon	Benton County
David Gray	Benton County
Jude Roberts	Pontotoc County
Joshua White	New Albany City
Anthony Chambers	Union County
Alexander Chambers	Union County
Raelyn Richardson	Union County
Kyleigh Sweezer	New Albany City
Gavin Rushing	New Albany City
Peyton Rushing	New Albany City
Weston Rushing	New Albany City
Jaxon Shelton	North Tippah
Lacey Shea Clark	North Tippah
Olivia Reese Smith	North Tippah

Anthony Bell	North Tippah
Kolby Wilburn	North Tippah
Stanley Horton III	North Tippah
Brinson Gay	North Tippah
Morgan Gay	North Tippah
Jensyn Chavez	Benton County
Jagger Chavez	Benton County

Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Tim Clark. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Nicole Bullock.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Superintendent's Report as presented by Superintendent Tony Elliott. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Tim Clark. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Nicole Bullock.

Ripley Elementary School Activity Fund Claim for \$9,235 to Quality Glass was approved on a motion by Tim Clark and seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Tim Clark. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Nicole Bullock.

The Claims Docket, claims #98394 - #98739, was approved on a motion by Arnold Witt and seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Tim Clark. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Nicole Bullock.

The Financial Statements were approved on a motion by Kevin Barefield and seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Tim Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Nicole Bullock.

Arnold Witt made the motion to employ the following licensed personnel for SY23-24:

Ripley Elementary School
 Lindsey McAlister, Teacher
 Anna Luster, Guidance Counselor

Ripley High School

Chelsea Hamilton, Teacher

Ripley Middle School

Sonya Adams, Teacher

District

Casey Cappleman, ESSER Afterschool tutor @ \$30/hour

Kristen Fortenberry, ESSER Afterschool tutor @ \$30/hour

The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin

Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Tim Clark. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting:

Nicole Bullock.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to employ the following non-licensed personnel for SY23-24:

Ripley Elementary School

Jessica Syms, Teacher Assistant

Ripley Middle School

Lou Vance, PE Assistant @ \$10/hour

District Office

Garrett Grisham, Maintenance Technician

Bus Drivers

Regular Route Driver:

Bruce Alt

Nancy Bailey

Raiford Bullock

Chad Cook

Carol Cooper

Lane Finley

Atoyia Jackson

Paula Johnson

Justin Jordan

Mike Kent

Scott Kuhl

Lisa Lewis

Britt Lindley

Glen Michael

Jim Miller

Mark Morton

Liza Pannell

Patrick Pounds
Kym Reno
Joe Dan Roberts
Bonnie Rowland
Jason Scott
Chris Shinall
Candi Sparkman
Genia Thomas
Scott White
Roman Doty – ½ route
Andrew Mauney – ½ route
Megan Dillard – ½ route
Titus Tyer – ½ route
Karrie Beth Kent – ½ route
Carla Cole – regular plus RES bring over
Al Graves – regular plus RES bring over
Penny Hill – regular plus RES bring over
Justin Moffitt – regular plus RES bring over
Molly Palmer – regular minus RES
Jessica Prather – regular minus RES
Nathan Wooley – regular minus RES
Jase Stroupe – ½ route minus RES
Dallas Hill – ½ route minus RES
Janna Labarreare – ½ route plus RES bring over
Anita Lindsey – regular plus 2 Votech routes
Mike Hill – regular, plus RES bring over, & 3.5 Votech routes
Keith Fox – regular, NASTUC, minus RES, & 2 Votech routes
David Wooley, regular, minus RES, & ½ Votech route
Wendy Lopez, PG NASTUC driver
Phyllis Russell, Bus Monitor
Elizabeth Castro, Bus Monitor
Judy Hopper, Bus Monitor
Kathy Dixon, Bus Monitor
Earline Benefield, Bus Monitor
Alma Nance, Bus Monitor

Substitute/Coach Drivers:

Robert Allen
Steavan Ball
Steve Bass
Katie Bates
Jamal Braddock
Donald Brock
Buck Buchanan
Chris Byrd
Josh Davis
Elizabeth Elliott

Fancy Fowler
Joel Gafford
Kelly Gates
Stacy Givens
Vivian Hall
Bernard Hatch
Lee Holt
Mike Hudson
Joe Hunsucker
Matt King
Allyson Knox
Carla Kuhl
Damon Ladner
Maria Lauderdale
Adam Mauney
Millie McKinney
Charlie Meeks
Lori Mims
Jose Moreno
Carol Ormon
Tommy Ozbirn
Josh Palmer
Russell Pannell
Tyler Pittman
Alecia Sanderson
TJ Seago
Mary Kansas Sullivan
Sam Vaughan
Jake Walker
Kelly Ward
Nik Wilcher
Kevin Williams
Rita Witt
Greg Yates
Eli Beaty
Ashley Reno, Sub Bus Monitor
Tammy Miller, Sub Bus Monitor
Rondia Nance, Sub Bus Monitor

The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, & Tim Clark. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Nicole Bullock. Arnold Witt recused himself from the vote.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the employment of the following substitutes for

SY23-24:

Shelia Mason
Gabby Bass
Jo Beth Akins
Carlynn Smith
Zamirah Garner
Lonette Cappleman
Kayla Bullock
Angie Burks
Jenna Bullock
Belinda Williams
Jessica Mardis
Ashley Presley
Ellis McBride
Breanna Chavez
Debbie McAlister
Brice Lindley
Bridget Fox
Linda Tipler
Stacy Hurt
Mary Lynn Carter

Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Tim Clark. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Nicole Bullock.

Nicole Bullock arrived at the meeting.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the following cafeteria substitutes for SY23-24:

Shaina Otts
Ethelene Jackson
Thomasina Farrell
Joyce Mauney

The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the MHSAA Fee Schedule & Officials Budget. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield,

Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the revision to the South Tippah School District Salary Schedule for FY23-24 (Attached). The motion was seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 South Tippah School District Supplements (Attached). The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between South Tippah School District and Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration concerning HB603 Funding CTE Program. Nicole Bullock seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the South Tippah School District Independent Contracting Agreement for Speech-Language Pathology Services with Olivia Thompson, M.S., CCC-SLP for SY23-24. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the purchase of three regular route buses and one special needs bus. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the 2023-2024 Consolidated Federal Programs Grants & Assurances. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None.

Absent and not voting: None.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to award the bid for Ripley High Math/Science Complex Skylight repairs to the sole bidder, Roberts Builders, Inc. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the Loan Resolution (Attached). Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Board Policy Review of Section F: Facilities. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

There was no action required on Agenda Item 28: Annual Agenda Calendar

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Cockrell entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Arnold Witt, seconded by Tim Clark, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock, the Board adjourned until the next regular meeting of the South Tippah School District Board to be held at 5:15 o'clock p.m., on the 18th day of September 2023, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 22nd day of August 2023.

Chairman, South Tippah School Board

Secretary, South Tippah School Board