

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH TIPPAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Oscar Shannon Building
March 19, 2024
5:15 P.M.

Members Present: Corey Hargett, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Nicole Bullock, & Tim Clark

Members Absent: None

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

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Arnold Witt 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. Arnold Witt read the South Tippah School District Vision Statement and Mission Statement.

The March 19, 2024 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda was approved on a motion by Kevin Barefield, seconded by Corey Hargett. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the following recognitions: Ripley Elementary School Teacher of the Year & Ripley Middle School State Test Perfect Score Recipients. Each individual was presented a certificate. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Corey Hargett made the motion to approve the Ripley Middle School Improvement Plan Report presented by Dr. Damon Ladner. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

The February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Kevin Barefield and seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Disposal of Fixed Assets

Disposal Amount: of \$1,004.52

Summary Statement of Fixed Assets

Additions of \$37,178.00

Donations

Pine Grove School

\$700 in Memory of Charles Hodges

Fund Raisers

Ripley High School

POM, sell fish/chicken plates, April 2024
Choir, sell chocolate bars, March 2024
Band, Auction, April 2024
Football, Donation a Day Fundraiser, March 2024
Girls Basketball, Cash Giveaway, April 2024
Football, Krispy Kreme Donut Sale, May 2024

Field Trips

Blue Mountain School

Seniors, ICC/Tupelo, Code Blue & Red Event, April 5, 2024

Pine Grove School

Gifted Art, Clay Canvas/Oxford, MS, March 20, 2024
FFA, ICC/Belden, District Contest, March 8, 2024
4th Grade, Buffalo Park/Tupelo, March 22, 2024
Jr. Beta Officers, Good Samaritan Center/Ripley, March 4, 2024

Ripley Elementary School

Special Needs Classroom, Tupelo Special Olympics, March 22, 2024

Administration of Medication to Students
REM24-41 – REM24-45

Request for Release

Izzybella Hall	Prentiss County
John Greyson Pharr	Booneville City

Request for Transfer

Averie Bullock	Union County
Benjamin Bullock	Union County
Josiah Bullock	Union County

Additions to the Substitute List:

Jennifer Hutcheson
Beth Wilbanks

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

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

Corey Hargett made the motion to approve the Pine Grove Activity Fund Claim for Jostens in the amount of \$5,649.00. Nicole Bullock seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

The Claims Docket, Claims #100400 – 100629 was approved on a motion by Kevin Barefield and seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

The Financial Statements were approved on a motion by Nicole Bullock and seconded by

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

Tim Clark made the motion to accept the following resignations from licensed personnel: Kayla Herron, Ripley High School & Laura Booth, Ripley High School. The motion was seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Corey Hargett made the motion to employ the following licensed personnel for SY23-24:

Pine Grove School

Skye Benson, ESSER After-School Tutor @ \$30/hour

Bus Driver

Rainer Jumper, Blue Mountain Route Driver

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

Kevin Barefield made the motion to employ the following licensed personnel for SY24-25:

Ripley Middle School

Ross Gay, Teacher

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

Nicole Bullock made the motion to employ the following non-licensed personnel for SY23-24:

Cafeteria Workers

Brooke Hanson
Jennifer Kennedy
Myra Fryar
Kadie Hopkins

Chelsea Brock
McKenzie Mauney
Tatyana Gibbs
Destiny Pannell

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

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the resignation of contracted provider, Melissa Terry COTA/L effective April 8, 2024. The motion was seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Corey Hargett made the motion to approve the E-Rate Category 2 Bid Award to Endeavor IT. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to rescind Board Policy JBAB: Home Schooling/Transfer Student Testing. The motion was seconded by Corey Hargett. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the revisions to Board Policies: JBC & JCA. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the Board Policy Review of Section J (JAA-JDB): Students. Corey Hargett seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

There was no action required on Agenda Item 23: Annual Agenda Calendar.

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Witt entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Nicole Bullock, seconded by Corey Hargett, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, 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 16th day of April 2024, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 19th day of March 2024.

Chairman, South Tippah School Board

Secretary, South Tippah School Board