

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH TIPPAAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Oscar Shannon Building
October 18, 2023
4:45 P.M.

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

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

The October 18, 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, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to accept the recognition of the Ripley High School Golf team for winning the Class4A Championship. Mr. Elliott presented these students with certificates. 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.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to accept the report of the FY22-23 Audit from Fortenberry & Ballard PC. 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.

Tim Clark made the motion to accept the Accountability Report and adoption of new goals. 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.

The September 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes and October 13, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Kevin Barefield and 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 consent agenda as follows:

Disposal of Fixed Assets

Disposal Amount: of \$53,432.67

Summary Statement of Fixed Assets

Additions of \$27,382.99

Donations

Blue Mountain School

Big M, \$3,128.00, Obtained from "Crawfish for a Cause"

Fund Raisers

Blue Mountain School

Hamburger plates, October 5, 2023
Chocolate Bars, October-December 2023

Pine Grove School

PTO, Gift Card Wreath, November 2023
PTO, sell blankets, February 2024
PTO, sell sweatshirts, January 2024
PTO, BBQ plates, April 5, 2024
PTO, sell snacks during break, October 2023
PTO, Once monthly Baseball Cap Day
PTO, sell turkey feathers, November 2023
Annual, sell candy grams, October 2023
Softball, sell baked goods, November 4, 2023
Softball, door hangers, December 2023
Baseball & Softball, Gun Give-a-way, November 2023

Ripley High School

Pom Squad, sell t-shirts, October 2023

Field Trips

Blue Mountain School

Juniors & Seniors, Ripley Event Center/College & Career Fair, October 26, 2023
Oxford Premier Lanes, October 13, 2023

Pine Grove School

Seniors, Northeast MS Community College, October 27, 2023
Juniors & Seniors, Ripley Event Center/College & Career Fair, October 26, 2023
5th Grade, Toyota Plant/Blue Springs, October 31, 2023
Softball, Gulf Shores, AL, March 10-13, 2024

Ripley Elementary School

2nd Grade, Pumpkin Patch Farms, October 30, 2023
3rd Grade, Magnolia Theatre/New Albany, December 13, 2023
3rd Grade Gifted, Heartbeat/Booneville, October 27, 2023
Kindergarten, Pumpkin Patch Farms, October 23, 2023
Kindergarten, Magnolia Theatre/New Albany, December 4, 2023
1st Grade, Pumpkin Patch Farms, October 31, 2023

Ripley High School

Government Class, Tippah County Courthouse, October 4, 2023
Seniors, Big M Transportation, October 24, 2023
Seniors, Toyota Excellence Center, November 14, 2023
Seniors, Northeast MS Community College, October 13, 2023
Seniors, Mississippi State University, November 8, 2023
Choir, Veterans Park, November 10, 2023
Music Appreciation Classes, Tupelo Civic Auditorium, December 1, 2023

Ripley Middle School

Choir, Veterans Park, November 10, 2023

Administration of Medication to Students

BMM21-1 – BMM24-14
RMM24-6 – RMM24-7
REM24-25 – REM24-32

Additions to the Substitute List:

Alyssa Ragin
Caleb McMillin
LaShay Bryan
Tammie Chills Clemmer

Additions to the Substitute Bus Driver List:

Ryan Simpson
Belinda Williams, Monitor
Cindy Moffitt, Monitor

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 Superintendent's Report as presented by Superintendent Tony Elliott. 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.

Ripley Elementary School Activity Fund Claims for \$9,180 to Howard Technology and \$11,450 to Barrett Ash Landscaping were approved on a motion by Arnold Witt and 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.

The Claims Docket, claims #99055- #99334, was approved on a motion by Kevin Barefield and 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.

The Financial Statements were approved on a motion by Arnold Witt and 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.

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

Taylor Brooke Lindsey, ESSER afterschool tutor @ \$30/hr.

Elizabeth Elliott, ESSER afterschool director @ \$36/hr.
Sandie Eller, ESSER afterschool tutor @ \$30/hr.
Emily Raines, ESSER afterschool tutor @ \$30/hr.

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 employ the following non-licensed personnel for SY23-24:

Pine Grove School

Kayla Bullock, Pre-K Assistant Teacher

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.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the South Tippah School District 2023-2024 Test Security Plan. 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 Ripley High School Rental Agreement with Pitney Bowes, Inc. 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 approve the revision to board policy: IK – Limited English Proficiency Instruction. 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 rescind board policies: IJ-E(1), IJ-E(2), & IKA. 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 Board Policy Review of Section E: Business Management & Section A: School District Organization. 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 22: Annual Agenda Calendar

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Cockrell entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Tim Clark, seconded by Arnold Witt, 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 5:00 o'clock p.m., on the 15th day of November 2023, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 18th day of October 2023.

Chairman, South Tippah School Board

Secretary, South Tippah School Board