

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH TIPPAAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Oscar Shannon Building
June 15, 2021
5:15 P.M.

Members Present: Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, David Duncan, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tony Elliott, Superintendent; Twila Goolsy, Assistant Superintendent; Price Elliott, Board Attorney; Clint Stubbs, Business Manager; Buck Buchanan, Kevin Wells, Ruby Bennett, Tonya Kuhl, & Judd Chapman

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Duncan and commenced as an open meeting. The Invocation was led by Wayne Jumper. 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, Mission Statement, and Belief Statement.

The June 15, 2021 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda as amended was approved on a motion by Kerry Cockrell, seconded by Wayne Jumper. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

There was no action required on Agenda Item 6: Public Comments.

The May 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 11, 2021 Executive Session of the Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Wayne Jumper and seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

There was no action taken on Agenda Item 8: Ripley Insurance Proposal for Property, General Liability, & Student Accident.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Disposal of Fixed Assets

Disposal Amount of \$61,760.48

Summary Statement of Fixed Assets

Additions of \$2,164.90

Donations

Pine Grove School

Booster Club, \$300 each to Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Archery, Baseball, & Cheer
Anonymous, \$136 for Archery

Ripley High School

Get2College, \$500
Richard & Emily Rust, \$50 in memory of Stan Horton for Band
Cheer Boosters, \$1,814.55 for uniforms
Cheer Boosters, \$4,814.65

Fund Raisers

Ripley High School

Boys Basketball, Car Wash, June 19, 2021
Boys Basketball, Basketball Camp, June 17-19, 2021
Softball, sell bed sheets, August 2021
Band, Chicken Supper, August 13, 2021

Ripley Middle School

Boys Basketball, Shoot-A-Thon, June 18, 2021

Administration of Medication to Students

BMM21-19

Request for Release

Easton Gates	North Tippah
Everly Gates	North Tippah
Mercy Newsome	Tupelo City

Additions to the Summer Academy Personnel List:

Connie Baker, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Johnny Smith, Teacher @ \$30/hour

Laura Green, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Martina Morfin, Assistant @ \$22/hour
Robert Lovett, Bus Driver @ \$44/day
Mark Morton, Bus Driver @ \$44/day
Raiford Bullock, Bus Driver @ \$44/day
Candi Sparkman, Bus Driver @ \$66/day (PG)
Alecia Sanderson, Bus Driver @ \$66/day (PG)
Molly Palmer, Bus Driver @ \$44/day
Keith Fox, Bus Driver @ \$44/day
Jase Stroupe, Bus Driver @ \$44/day

Additions to the Summer Workers List:

Blue Mountain School

Cheryl Bass, Mentor @ \$25/hour
Rodney Morgan @ \$10/hour
Mark Morton @ \$10/hour
Robert Lovett @ \$10/hour

Pine Grove School

Allison Ralph, Librarian @ \$20/hour
Jack Hudson @ \$10/hour

Ripley Elementary School

Lamont Peterson @ \$10/hour

Ripley High School

Lessie Stroupe @ \$10/hour
Vicente Balderas @ \$10/hour

Ripley Middle School

Yusset Ruedas @ \$10/hour
Karly Spires @ \$10/hour
Lee Holt @ \$10/hour

District Office

Tonya Kuhl @ \$10/hour
Laura Roberts @ 28.69/hour
Lynda Orman @ \$25/hour

Bus Shop

Mallory Bullock @ \$10/hour
Micah Johnston @ \$10/hour
Dalton Reeves @ \$10/hour
Hayden Reeves @ \$10/hour

Kerry Cockrell seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Wayne Jumper 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: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Student Handbook Revisions for SY21-22. The motion was seconded by Wayne Jumper. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

There was no action taken on Agenda Item 12: Discussion of Senior Rank Policy.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the Blue Mountain School Improvement Report. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Wayne Jumper made the motion to approve the Ripley Middle School Improvement Report. The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

The Claims Docket, claims #90392 - #90701, was approved on a motion by Tim Clark and seconded by Wayne Jumper. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

The Financial Statements were approved on a motion by Kerry Cockrell, seconded by

Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Tim Clark made the motion to accept the resignations of the following licensed Personnel: Riley Bennett, Blue Mountain School; Brad Pounders, Pine Grove School; Dustin McMillin, Pine Grove School; Taylor Wells, Ripley Elementary School; April Pounders, Ripley Middle School; Hunter Brown, Ripley Middle School; Logan Walker, Ripley Middle School; Alex Chambers, Ripley Middle School; Will Gossett, Pre-K SpEd; & Clinton Stubbs, Business Manager. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Wayne Jumper made motion to employ the following licensed personnel for SY21-22:

Blue Mountain School

Emily West, Teacher
April Hudson, Teacher
Beth Ann Crum, Teacher

Pine Grove School

Samantha Campbell, Teacher
Kate Killough, Teacher

Ripley Elementary School

Julie Hatcher, Teacher
Hailey Gann, Teacher

Pre-K

Paige Cook, SpEd Teacher

District Office

Chris Killough, Blue Mountain Principal
Tonya Kuhl, Business Manager
Lisa Leatherman, Ripley Elementary Principal

The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Wayne Jumper made the motion to employ the following non-licensed personnel for SY21-22:

Blue Mountain School

Cheyenne Harrison, Full-time Substitute

Ripley Elementary School

Bailey Blanchard, Teacher Assistant
Lauren Boyd, Teacher Assistant
Melissa Robertson, Teacher Assistant

Ripley High School

Mally Rangel, EL Tutor

District Office

Colby Stroupe, Computer Technician

Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the South Tippah School District Gifted Report for SY20-21. The motion was seconded by Wayne Jumper. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the disposal of used textbooks from Blue Mountain School. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the Contract for Professional Services between South Tippah School District and J.E. Vance & Company, P.A. The motion was seconded by Wayne Jumper. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Collaborative Agreement between South Tippah School District & Millcreek of Pontotoc. The motion was seconded by Wayne Jumper. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the New Albany/South Tippah/Union County Alternative Education Agreement for 2021-2022. Kerry Cockrell seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Wayne Jumper made the motion to approve the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services of Vocational Rehabilitation Agreement of Cooperation for Transition Services with South Tippah School District. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Wayne Jumper made the motion to approve the Interagency Agreement between The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and South Tippah School District regarding employee, Mark Morton. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Wayne Jumper made the motion to approve the Interagency Agreement between The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and South Tippah School District regarding employee, Rhonda Horton. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Wayne Jumper made the motion to approve the Interagency Agreement between The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and South Tippah School District regarding employee, Liza Pannell. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David

Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to declare Renaissance Learning, Inc. sole source for purchase of STAR Early Literacy, STAR Reading, STAR Math, Accelerated Reading, Freckle Language Arts and Math, and myON Reader. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Wayne Jumper made the motion to approve the English Learning, Immigrant and Migrant Policy and Plan for SY21-22. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth Policy for SY21-22. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Foster Care Plan for SY21-22. The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Wayne Jumper made the motion to approve the Parent and Family Engagement Plan for SY21-22. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Salary Schedule Revision for FY21-22. Kerry Cockrell seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the First Adoption of the South Tippah School District Online Learning Policy for SY21-22. The motion was seconded by Wayne Jumper. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement between the South Tippah School District and The Excellence Group, PLLC. Wayne Jumper seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the recommendation from Shafer Zahner Zahner, to accept the lowest and best bid from CIG Contractors for the Pine Grove High School Additions Project. The bids are as follows:

CIG Contractors, Inc.	\$462,600.00
Worsham Brothers Construction, LLC	\$489,800.00
Roberts Builders, Inc.	\$498,000.00
Hooker Construction, Inc.	\$539,000.00

Kerry Cockrell seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the final adoption of Board Policy DJEJA: Bill Payment Authorization. The motion was seconded by Wayne Jumper. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Agenda Item 39: Revision to Board Policy JDE: Expulsion, died for lack of motion.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the revisions to Board Policies: GBA-E, GBD, GBQ, GBR, GBR-P, & IHA. The motion was seconded by Wayne Jumper. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the Board Policy Review of Section G: Personnel (GBAAB-GBR-P). Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Wayne Jumper made the motion to add Valedictorian and Salutatorian discussion for the month of May on the Annual Agenda Calendar. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Duncan entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Kerry Cockrell, seconded by Wayne Jumper, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Tim Clark, David Duncan, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, and Arnold Witt, the Board adjourned until the next regular meeting of the South Tippah School District Board to be held at 4:30 o'clock p.m., on the 21st day of July 2021, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 15th day of June 2021.

Chairman, South Tippah School Board

Secretary, South Tippah School Board