

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
**SOUTH TIPPAAH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Oscar Shannon Building  
March 16, 2020  
5:15 P.M.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tony Elliott, Assistant Superintendent; Price Elliott, Board Attorney & Guests

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Tim Clark 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. Tim Clark read the South Tippah School District Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Belief Statement.

The March 16, 2020 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda as amended was approved on a motion by Wayne Jumper, seconded by David Duncan. 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 6: Public Comments

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to consider the need for Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 7: Concerned Citizen to Address the Board. 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.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 7: Concerned Citizen to Address the Board. 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.

Board Chairman Clark immediately closed the session and cleared the room to consider

an Executive Session of the March 16, 2020 Regular Meeting of the South Tippah School District Board of Trustees.

Chairman Clark re-convened the open session and announced in the open meeting that the board had taken no action at this time. Administration is to review and report back by phone to the family.

David Duncan made the motion to approve the Blue Mountain School Improvement Report. 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 accept the Ripley Middle School Improvement Report. 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.

The February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, March 3, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes, & March 14, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by David Duncan 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.

Wayne Jumper made the motion to approve the consent agenda 11A items as follows:

Disposal of Fixed Assets

Disposal Amount of \$6,363.25

Summary Statement of Fixed Assets

Additions of \$14,444.49

Donations

Ripley High School

Ripley Gas System, \$500 for TSA

South Tippah Cafeterias  
Union County School District, 4 counter-top refrigerators

Fund Raisers

Blue Mountain School  
Softball, sell Boston Butts, March 2020  
Baseball, wait tables & clean up at McAlister's

Additions to the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Personnel List:  
Megan Dillard, Tutor @ \$20/hour

Additions to the Test Proctor List:

Jimmy Benefield  
Nancy Bailey  
Ally Trull  
Ginger Martin  
Sandy Eller  
Cindy Mauney  
Judy Morgan  
Morgan Childs  
Allie Ward

Request for Release

Mason Lessel	Alcorn County
Bellamie Roberts	Alcorn County

Administration of Medication to Students:

REM20-26 – REM20-34  
PGM20-31 – PGM20-40

David Duncan 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 was no action taken on Consent Agenda Item 11B: Field Trips

The Claims Docket, claims #86752 - #86975, was approved on a motion by Wayne Jumper and 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.

The Financial Statements were approved on a motion by Kerry Cockrell, seconded by David Duncan. 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 accept the resignation of the followed licensed personnel: Joyce Graddy, Ripley High School, effective February 21, 2020 & Samuel Hathorn, Ripley High School, effective May 22, 2020. 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 employ the following licensed personnel for SY19-20:

Lori Elliott, After School Special Education Services @ \$31.34/hour

Ripley High School

Chad White, Teacher/Assistant Head Football Coach for SY20-21

David Duncan 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.

David Duncan made the motion to employ the following non-licensed personnel for SY19-20:

Ripley Middle School

Belinda Williams, 504 Tutor @ \$10/hour

Lunchroom

Boyce Wilbanks, Cafeteria Worker

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.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to accept the sole bid for bank depository from The Peoples Bank for SY2020-2021. 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.

David Duncan made the motion to approve the Tippah Electric Power Association Right-Of-Way Easement. 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.

Wayne Jumper made the motion to approve the revisions to Board Policies: JCBF, JCBF-P, JCDAE, JCDAE(2), & JD. The motion was seconded by David Duncan. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

David Duncan made the motion to approve the Board Policy Review of Section J: Students (JAA-JDB). 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.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to uphold the decision of Ripley Middle School Principal, Jamey Wright regarding the expulsion of Ripley Middle School Student ST1247. 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.

There was no action taken on Agenda Item 22: Deletions or Additions to Annual Agenda Calendar.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to extend closure of South Tippah Schools for an

additional week beginning March 23, 2020 through March 27, 2020. 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.

David Duncan made the motion to approve up to ten (10) additional days of extended leave for all certified and non-certified employees of the South Tippah School District due to the declaration of State of Emergency from the COVID-19 spread. 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.

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Clark entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by David Duncan, seconded by Wayne Jumper, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, David Duncan, Wayne Jumper, and Kerry Cockrell, 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 13th day of April, 2020, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 16th day of March 2020.

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Chairman, South Tippah School Board

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Secretary, South Tippah School Board