

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH TIPPAAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Oscar Shannon Building
March 16, 2022
5:15 P.M.

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

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; & Elizabeth Elliott

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

The March 16, 2022 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda was approved on a motion by Kerry Cockrell, seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

There was no action required on Agenda Item 6: Public Comments. Elizabeth Elliott, teacher at Blue Mountain School, was introduced by the Superintendent and commended on her job performance.

The February 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, February 15, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes, & February 25, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Kevin Barefield and seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the Ripley Middle School Improvement Report presented by Superintendent Elliott. The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield.

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 \$2,099.95

Summary Statement of Fixed Assets

Additions of \$26,020.75

Donations

Ripley Elementary School

6Z5 Foundation, \$5,033.00 for plaque in memory of Mississippi Soldiers who lost their lives in the Korean War

Ripley High School

Baseball Boosters, \$1,416 for awning

Fund Raisers

Ripley Elementary School

Silent Auction, March 28 – April 4, 2022
“Snap N Roll” Photo Booth, February 28, 2022

Ripley High School

Self-Contained Classroom, sell Autism Awareness t-shirts, March 2022
Cheerleaders, sell chances on Louis Vuitton purse, cash, & gift card, March 5-May 2, 2022
Softball, sell sweatshirts & t-shirts, February 2022
Choir, sell chocolate bars, March 2022

Ripley Middle School

Football Boosters, Lift-a-thon, April 19, 2022

Field Trips

Pine Grove School

FFA Officers, Jackson, MS/Legislative Luncheon, March 1-2, 2022

Ripley Elementary School

Kindergarten, Blue Mountain College/Literacy on the Lawn, April 13, 2022

Ripley High School

Choir, Ford Theatre/Oxford, March 25, 2022

Choir, Ripley Elementary, March 4, 2022

Choir, Blue Mountain, March 18, 2022

Choir, Pine Grove, March 25, 2022

Request for Release

John Greyson Pharr Booneville City

Additions to the Substitute List:

Brianna Baggett

Sydney Flake

Melisa Brady

Additions to the Bus Driver Substitute List:

Brady Cox

Administration of Medication to Students:

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

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

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the Pine Grove School Activity Fund Claims

to The Locker Room for \$3,184.00, The Locker Room for \$3,237.00, & Scholastic for \$5,158.00. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

The Claims Docket, claims #93041 - #93396, was approved on a motion by Kerry Cockrell and seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. 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, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to accept the resignations from the following licensed personnel: Samantha Knight, Pine Grove School; Parthenia Geanes, Ripley Middle School; T.J. Seago, Ripley High School; & Cindy Hunsucker, Ripley High School. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to employ the following licensed personnel for SY22-23:

Ripley High School

Laura Booth, Teacher/Coach

Ripley Middle School

Suzanne Rolison, Band Director

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

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to employ the following non-licensed personnel for

SY21-22:

Ripley High School

Bart Adams, Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach

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

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the tuition price increase for the South Tippah School District Pre-Kindergarten and to cut back to only one Pre-K classroom at Pine Grove School for SY22-23. The motion was seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the Fortenberry & Ballard, PC Proposal for Audit Services to South Tippah School District for FY22. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Tim Clark made the motion to accept the Worsham Brothers bid for the Ripley Middle School Classroom Addition project with the add alternates included as recommended by Justin Zahner, AIA, for a contract amount of \$1,240,7000.00. The bids were as follows:

<u>General Contractor</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Worsham Brothers Construction, LLC	\$1,240,700.00
Roberts Builders, Inc.	\$1,245,000.00
Hooker Construction, Inc.	\$1,455,800.00
Flagstar Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,500,400.00

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

Kevin Barefield made the motion approve the budget amendments for FY21-22. The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne

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

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the revisions to the following board policies: JBDE, JCA, JCBA, JCBF-P, JCDAE. The motion was seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

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

There was no action required on Agenda Item 23: Deletions or Additions to Annual Agenda Calendar.

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Jumper entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Kerry Cockrell, seconded by Kevin Barefield, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Wayne Jumper, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield 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 2022, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 16th day of March 2022.

Chairman, South Tippah School Board

Secretary, South Tippah School Board