

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH TIPPAAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Oscar Shannon Building
March 22, 2023
5:15 P.M.

Members Present: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & 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/Curriculum Director; & Guests

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

The March 22, 2023 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda was approved on a motion by Arnold Witt, seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the special recognitions. Mr. Elliott presented certificates to Pine Grove and Blue Mountain students who had perfect scores on state tests and to Blue Mountain students who received honors in Sociology from Arizona State University. Nicole Bullock seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Ripley Middle School Improvement Plan Report. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and

not voting: None.

The February 16, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, February 16, 2023 Executive Session of the Regular Meeting Minutes, & February 27, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Nicole Bullock and seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & 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 \$568.39

Summary Statement of Fixed Assets

Additions of \$19,797.27

Donations

Pine Grove School

Baseball Booster Club, proceeds from gun raffle, \$6,775.25

Softball Booster Club, proceeds from gun raffle, \$3,035.45

Ripley High School

The Peoples Bank, \$200 for ACT Boot Camp snacks

Enrichment, \$600 for ACT student meals

Fund Raisers

Pine Grove School

Baseball, Yeti Cooler raffle, March 2023

FFA, sell pretzel rods, March-May 2023

Ripley High School

Cheer, Purse, Cash, & Pottery Raffle, March 2023

Pom, sell Chicken/Fish plates, April 2023

Band, Auction, April 28, 2023

Field Trips

Blue Mountain School

Seniors, Ole Miss Campus Tour, April 27, 2023
Economics Class, Big M Facility Tour, April 24, 2023

Pine Grove School

FFA, ICC Campus/Belden, March 10, 2023

Ripley Elementary School

3rd Grade, New Albany/Magnolia Theater, May 15, 2023

Ripley High School

Seniors, Big M & Toyota Mfg. Tour, April 11, 2023
Seniors, ICC/Legal Studies Day, February 24 & April 14, 2023

Ripley Middle School

Gifted, Huntsville/Space Center, April 19, 2023

Administration of Medication to Students:

RMM23-17 – RMM23-19
PGM23-29

Request for Release

John Greyson Pharr Booneville City

Additions to the Substitute List:

Marilyn Colyer
Skylar Flake
Bonnie Rowland

Additions to the Cafeteria Substitute List:

Ashley Barkley @ \$8.00/hour

Additions to the After-School Tutoring Program Personnel:

Brent Grisham, ESSER After-School Tutor @ \$30/hour
Charlie Meeks, ESSER After-School Tutor @ \$30/hour
Sarah Taylor, ESSER After-School Tutor @ \$30/hour

Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark,

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

The Claims Docket, claims #96853 - #97155, was approved on a motion by Kevin Barefield and seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & 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 Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to accept the following resignations from licensed personnel: Kim Fryar, Blue Mountain School; Beth Gaillard, Pine Grove School; Kelly Stevens, Ripley Elementary School; Katie Gaillard, Ripley Elementary School; Jennifer Lambert, Ripley Middle School; & Kelby Johnson, Ripley Middle School. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to grant administrative leave day for certified and non-certified personnel for February 1, 2023. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to award the bid for the Ripley Elementary Cafeteria Flooring Replacement project to lowest bidder – Roberts Builders. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the revisions to Board Policies: JBC, JCBE, & JCDAE. The motion was seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to rescind Board Policy JD: Student Discipline. Nicole Bullock seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

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

There was no action required on Agenda Item 19: Deletions or Additions to Annual Agenda Calendar.

Arnold Witt made the motion to consider the need for an Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 20: Limited Expulsion of student – ST1254. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 20: Limited Expulsion of student – ST1254. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Board Chairman Cockrell immediately closed the session and cleared the room to consider an Executive Session of the March 22, 2023 Regular Meeting of the South Tippah School District Board of Trustees.

Chairman Cockrell re-convened the open session and announced in the open meeting that the Board had discussed and had voted to uphold the principal's disciplinary action for student –

ST1254.

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Cockrell entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Arnold Witt, seconded by Nicole Bullock, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & 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 11th day of April 2023, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 22nd day of March 2023.

Chairman, South Tippah School Board

Secretary, South Tippah School Board