

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH TIPPAAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Oscar Shannon Building
October 13, 2021
5:15 P.M.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tony Elliott, Superintendent; Price Elliott, Board Attorney; Tonya Kuhl, Business Manager; Ruby Bennett, Assistant Superintendent; Kelly Gates, Federal Programs Director; Dr. Damon Ladner, Thomas Heavener, Shannon Gamblin, & Oliver Heavener

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

The October 13, 2021 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda was approved on a motion by Wayne Jumper, seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: David Duncan.

There was no action required 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: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: David Duncan.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Student issue ST1251. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent

and not voting: David Duncan.

Attorney Price Elliott immediately closed the session and cleared the room to consider an Executive Session of the October 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of the South Tippah School District Board of Trustees.

Price Elliott re-convened the open session and announced in the open meeting that the board had taken no action on student issue.

The September 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Wayne Jumper and 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 approve the Ripley Middle School Improvement Report presented by Dr. Damon Ladner. 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.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Disposal of Fixed Assets

Disposal Amount of \$68,175.74

Summary Statement of Fixed Assets

Additions of \$26,907.04

Donations

Pine Grove School

Judy Kirkland, \$200 for Teacher Appreciation

Ripley High School

The Peoples Bank, \$3,000 for Attaboy Assembly
Oil Dri Production, \$500 for gym

Ripley Middle School

Freddie Fortier, \$771 for RMS football

Fund Raisers

Blue Mountain School

Senior Class, sell leis, October 2021

Cheerleaders, sell candy bars, October 2021

Pine Grove School

Yearbook, sell candy grams, October 2021

FFA, sell biscuits, October 2021

Ripley High School

Yearbook Staff, sell Homecoming T-shirts, October 2021

Cross Country, Buckets for Benefit, October 2021

Girls Basketball, \$4,000 VISA Gift Card, November 2021

FCCLA, sell candy sticks, October 2021

Field Trips

Blue Mountain School

Senior Class, NEMCC/Orientation, October 8, 2021

Ripley High School

Self-Contained Class, Wise Family Farms, October 4, 2021

Government Class, Tippah County Courthouse, October 6, 2021

Choir, Pine Grove School, October 5, 2021

Choir, Ripley Square, October 28, 2021

Pre-K, Wise Family Farms, October 25, 2021

Additions to the Substitute List:

Debbie McAlister

Mary Lynn Carter

Michael Story

Additions to the Cafeteria Substitute List:

Melissa Lindsey

Angela McKenzie

Michelle Bass

Additions to the Bus Driver Substitute List:

Jose Moreno
Chris Killough
Bernard Hatch
Chris Byrd
Tommy Ozbirn
Maria Lauderdale
Scott Kuhl, Bus Monitor

Administration of Medication to Students:

BMM221-1 – BMM22-9
REM22-16 – REM22-20
RHM22-3
RMM22-7 – RMM22-8
PGM22-5 – PGM22-12

Request for Release

Josiah McCrary	North Tippah
Maylie McCrary	North Tippah
Manna McCrary	North Tippah
Madynn McCrary	North Tippah
Asa Childs	North Tippah
Layla Childs	North Tippah
John Talen Braddock	North Tippah
Maddox Bourg	North Tippah
Nataleigh Pannell	North Tippah
Landon Ketchum	North Tippah
Mallory Ketchum	North Tippah

Request for Transfer

Jackson Wilburn	North Tippah
Kolby Wilburn	North Tippah
Destiny Howell	North Tippah
Gabrielle Ayers	North Tippah
Nace Clark	North Tippah

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

Pine Grove Activity Fund Claim for \$6,073 to The Elson Company, LLC was 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.

The Claims Docket, claims #91595 - #91913, was approved on a motion by Arnold Witt and 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.

The Financial Statements were 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.

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

District

Melinda Marsalis, ESSER Fiscal Consultant @ \$75/hour

Ripley Elementary School

Jo Beth Akins, ELL Part-time Tutor @ \$20/hour

Blue Mountain School

Melissa Moore, Boys High School Basketball Assistant

Ripley Middle School

Melissa Criswell, Site Coordinator @ \$25/hour

Johnnie Smith, Tutor @ \$22/hour

Molly Marino, Tutor @ \$22/hour

Meghan McKnight, Tutor @ \$22/hour

Laura Green, Tutor @ \$22/hour

Tara Bryant, Tutor @ \$22/hour

Taylor Bain, Tutor @ \$22/hour

Hillary Henderson, Tutor @ \$22/hour

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.

Tim Clark made the motion to employ the following non-licensed personnel for SY21-22:

Blue Mountain School

Randy Hamilton, Mentor/Interventionist @ \$25/hour

District Office

Amanda Childs, ESSER Payroll/Accounts Payable Clark (beginning November 1, 2021)

Cafeteria

Cindy Moffitt, 7 hr. worker

Sharon Pounds, 5 hr. worker

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 deem Catastrophic Illness to licensed personnel 1RCI2022. 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 approve the South Tippah School District contract for specified services with Vance Smith, SLP for SY21-22. 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 Revision to the South Tippah School District Maintenance Salary Schedule for FY21-22. 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.

David Duncan made the motion to approve the Consolidated Federal Programs

Amendment for FY22. 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 FY20-21 Amended Budget. 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.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the 2021-2022 Test Security Plan. 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.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the SY21-22 Wellness Plan. 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 approve the FY22 Comparability Report. 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 approve the First Adoption of Board Policy JQO – Foster Care Plan. 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 Final Adoption of Board Policy IDDFAA– District Assurance for Children with Disabilities. 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.

David Duncan made the motion to approve the Final Adoption of Board Policy IHAA – Policy Statement on Grading for Students with Disabilities. 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 revisions to Board Policies: BCBK, CI, DH, FB, EBBABB, EDA, EDAE, EFA. 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 Board Policy Review of Section E: Business Management & Section A: School District Organization. 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 approve the 2022 MSBA Legislative Survey. 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.

David Duncan made the motion for approval of Shafer, Zahner, Zahner to complete design and advertise for bids on Ripley Middle School Classrooms. 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 required on Agenda Item 32: Deletions or Additions to Annual Agenda Calendar.

There being no further action to come before the Board, Price Elliott 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: David Duncan, Tim Clark, 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 5:15 o'clock p.m., on the 9th day of November 2021, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 13th day of October 2021.

Chairman, South Tippah School Board

Secretary, South Tippah School Board