

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
**SOUTH TIPPAAH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Oscar Shannon Building  
September 14, 2022  
5:15 P.M.

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

Members Absent: Wayne Jumper

Others Present: Tony Elliott, Superintendent; Price Elliott, Board Attorney; Ruby Bennett, Assistant Superintendent; Tonya Kuhl, Business Manager; Kelly Gates, Federal Programs Director; & Guests

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-Chairman Kerry Cockrell and commenced as an open meeting. The Invocation was led by Price Elliott. 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 and Mission Statement.

The September 14, 2022 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda was approved on a motion by Tim Clark, seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

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

Kevin Barefield made the motion to accept the recognition of Blue Mountain High School U.S. History students. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper. Blue Mountain High School U.S. History students were honored. Each student was presented a certificate by Mrs. Ruby Bennett and Mr. Tony Elliott. Mr. Brent Grisham, teacher, was also presented a certificate. Others attending were Mr. Chris Killough, principal, and Mr. Lee Holt, assistant principal. Other guests were also present. Blue Mountain U.S. History class for the 2021-2022 school year attained the highest grade in the state

was honored to be named number “one” in the state.

The August 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Tim Clark and seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

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

Disposal of Fixed Assets

Disposal Amount of \$5,274.84

Summary Statement of Fixed Assets

Additions of \$74,230.78

Fund Raisers

Blue Mountain School

Senior Class, sell Hawaiian Leis, October 2022  
Fowler Festival Silent Auction, October 2022  
Basketball Boosters, sell chances on \$250 VISA Card, September 2022

Pine Grove School

FFA, sell meat sticks, 2022-2023 school year  
K-6<sup>th</sup> Grades, sell popcorn, October 2022  
Boys & Girls Basketball, 30 Day Cash Giveaway, September 2022

Ripley Elementary School

Gift Card/Magazines for Classrooms Sale, September 2022

Ripley High School

Pom Squad, sell t-shirts, September 2022  
Yearbook, sell homecoming t-shirts, August 2022  
Baseball Booster, 30 Day Gun Giveaway, October 2022  
FCCLA, sell candy bars, September 2022

Tippah Career & Technology Center

Sell student built projects, 2022-2023 school year

Field Trips

Pine Grove School

FFA, National Convention/Indianapolis, IN, October 25-29, 2022

Ripley Elementary School

Kindergarten, Blue Springs Safari Park, October 21, 2022

Kindergarten, Cinemark/Tupelo, December 2, 2022

Ripley Middle School

Quest, NASA Space Center/Huntsville, AL, November 2, 2022

Choir, Ripley Veterans Park, November 11, 2022

South Tippah Pre-Kindergarten

Wise Farm/Pontotoc, October 20, 2022

Administration of Medication to Students:

REM23-1 – REM23-17

RHM23-1 – RHM23-5

BMM23-1 – RMM23-10

PKM23-1

RMM23-5 – RMM23-9

Request for Release

Isaiah Mullins

Lincoln Bates

Prentiss County

North Tippah

Additions to the Substitute List:

Cole Childs

Becky Montgomery

Additions to the Substitute Bus Monitor List:

Becky Montgomery

Shania Otts

Judith Edwards

Rondia Nance

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

Kevin Barefield 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. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Pine Grove School Activity Fund Claim for Milestones Brand for \$5,035. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

The Claims Docket, claims #94981 - #95324, 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. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

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. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Arnold Witt made the motion to accept the resignation from the following licensed personnel: Haley Wilson, Ripley High School. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Tim Clark made the motion to employ the following licensed personnel for ESSER After-School Tutoring Program for SY22-23:

Blue Mountain School

- Elizabeth Elliott, Program Director @ \$36/hour
- Laura Elliott, Tutor @ \$30/hour
- Nicole Decanter, Tutor @ \$30/hour
- Beatrice Mitchell, Tutor @ \$30/hour
- Kim Fryar, Tutor @ \$30/hour
- Audri Russell, Tutor @ \$30/hour
- Emily West, Tutor @ \$30/hour

Mallory Hurt, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Melissa Moore, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Jessica Paseur-Drewery, Tutor @ \$30/hour

Ripley Elementary School

Amy Johnson, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Tiffany Gates, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Ann Holmes, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Brittany Davis, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Samantha Walton, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Mindy Alexander, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Carla Liles, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Suzanne Wooley, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Lou Price, Tutor @ \$30/hour

Pine Grove School

Caitlyn Raines, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Paris Moreland, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Heather Christian, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Randa Bennett, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Karen Pannell, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Erica Gates, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Andrew Mauney, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Christy Hurt, Tutor @ \$30/hour

Ripley High School

Kristen Fortenberry, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Marie Hamilton, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Randy Hamilton, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Casey Cappleman, Tutor @ \$30/hour

Ripley Middle School

Jennifer Shockley, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Melissa Criswell, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Katina Hill, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Johnnie Smith, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Courtney Cappleman, Tutor @ \$30/hour  
Taylor Garner, Tutor @ \$30/hour

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

Arnold Witt made the motion to employ the following non-licensed personnel for SY22-23:

Ripley High School

Osheuna Prather, Full-time Substitute

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

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the South Tippah School District Wellness Policy for 2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the revision to the 2022-2023 Crisis Response Plan. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the revised Resolution Requesting Tax Levy for Operations. The motion was seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the FY22-23 Budget Certification. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the Resolution of the South Tippah School District Board of Trustees regarding the effect of student transfers on desegregation. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Quote Proposal. The motion was seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion:

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

Arnold Witt made the motion to award the bid for the Pine Grove Auditorium HVAC to Conditioned Air Inc., the lowest and best bid as recommended by Justin Zahner with Shafer Zahner Zahner Office of Architecture. The bids were as follows:

<u>General Contractor</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Conditioned Air, Inc.	\$322,980.00
S.M. Lawrence Company, Inc.	\$419,000.00

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

Kevin Barefield made the motion to Rescind Board Policy IAAA: Distance/Online Learning. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the first adoption of Board Policy INC: Extended Learning Opportunity. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the revision to Board Policy: DJEC-Federal Purchasing and Procurement. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the Board Policy Review of Section I: Curriculum & Instruction. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

There was no action required on Agenda Item 28: Deletions or Additions to Annual Agenda Calendar.

Arnold Witt made the motion to increase substitute pay for South Tippah employees as follows:

No Degree Substitutes	\$70/day
Degree Substitutes	\$80/day
Long Term Substitutes (Certified 20 days or more)	\$110/day

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

Kevin Barefield made the motion to uphold the decision of Pine Grove School Principal, Tommy Ozbirn regarding the disciplinary action of Pine Grove School Student ST1252. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Discussion of MSBA's Legislative Survey. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

There being no further action to come before the Board, Vice-Chairman Cockrell entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Arnold Witt, seconded by Kevin Barefield, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, 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 18th day of October 2022, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.



ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 14th day of September 2022.

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Chairman, South Tippah School Board

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Secretary, South Tippah School Board