

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

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

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; Kevin Barefield, & Frank Campbell

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

The December 15, 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, David Duncan, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

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

Wayne Jumper made the motion to approve the Resolution Honoring David Duncan, which was read by Frank Campbell. Kerry Cockrell seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, David Duncan, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

The November 9, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Tim Clark 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.

Wayne Jumper made the motion to approve the Ripley Middle School Improvement Report. 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.

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

Disposal of Fixed Assets

Disposal Amount of \$9,331.20

Summary Statement of Fixed Assets

Additions of \$15,420.00

Donations

Ripley High School

Ashley Charitable Foundation, \$7,998.00 for Robotics  
Baseball Boosters, \$20,345.40 for batting cage  
New Site Baseball Boosters, \$500 for batting cage

South Tippah

Anonymous, \$1,000 for special projects

Fund Raisers

Blue Mountain School

Archery, sell Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, January 2022  
Pancakes with Santa, December 13, 2021  
Student Council, sell Homecoming T-shirts, December 2021  
Student Council, sell Hot Chocolate, December 10, 2021  
Student Council, sell stickers, December 10, 2021  
Student Council, sell candy-grams, December 2021

Ripley Elementary School

Decorate Christmas Tree, December 16, 2021

Ripley High School

Soccer, sell chances on Buddy Heater, December 2021  
Powerlifting, Lift-a-thon, December 9, 2021

Field Trips

Blue Mountain School

6<sup>th</sup> Grade & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Plaza Lanes Corinth, December 2, 2021

Ripley High School

Government Class, Jackson, MS Capital, November 29, 2021

Transition Class, Ole Miss Women's Basketball Game, December 1, 2021

Administration of Medication to Students:

RHM22-4

PGM22-13 – PGM22-18

REM22-21 – REM22-24

RMM22-12

Request for Release

Hallie Schorfheide

Prentiss County

Additions to the Substitute List:

Jo Beth Akins

Ashley Wommack

Additions to the Cafeteria Substitute List:

Ethel Simmons

Additions to the Bus Driver/Bus Monitor Substitute List:

Lisa Lewis

Scott Kuhl

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 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.

Ripley High Activity Fund Claims for \$6,141.04 to The Soccer Factory and \$20,345.40 to Richardson Athletics was 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.

Pine Grove Activity Fund Claims for \$9,884 to Jostens and \$11,670 to Pine Grove Booster Club were approved on a motion by Arnold Witt 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 Claims Docket, claims #92220 - #92556, 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 Financial Statements were approved on a motion by Wayne Jumper, 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.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Amended Budget for FY22 Grants. 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 accept the resignations from the following licensed personnel: Jonah Knight, Pine Grove School; Ambra Childers, Ripley Elementary School; & Tim Jackson, Ripley Middle School. 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.

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

Blue Mountain School

Laura Elliott, Teacher

Pine Grove School

Addie Grace Ferguson, Teacher (pending certification)

Ripley Elementary School

Carrie Hunt, Teacher (pending certification)

South Tippah District

Kathy Volking, Part-time Speech Therapist (45 days)

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.

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

Blue Mountain School

Allyson Hand, Assistant Softball Coach

Ripley Elementary School

Hillary Henderson, Teacher Assistant  
Taylor Garner, Teacher Assistant  
Lou Price, Teacher Assistant  
Kylie Henry, Full-time Substitute

Ripley High School

Brande Shackelford, EL Tutor

Pre-Kindergarten

Rickey Flake, Substitute Custodian @ \$12.83/hour

Bus Shop

Keith Fox, Vo-Tech Route  
Mark Morton, Bus Driver

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 Tim Clark as the new board member joining

Kerry Cockrell and Arnold Witt for the 2022 calendar year at the Tippah Career & Technology Center as representatives for the South Tippah School District. 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

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to Advertise for Bank Depository Bids. Tim Clark 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 Resolution of the South Tippah School District Board of Trustees regarding the effect of student transfers on desegregation (Attached). 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.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the revisions to the following board policies: BCAAF, BCBG, & BCBH. 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 Board Policy Review of Section B: School Board Operations. Tim Clark 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 required on Agenda Item 25: Deletions or Additions to Annual Agenda Calendar.

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Duncan entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Arnold Witt, 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 19th

day of January 2022, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 15th day of December 2021.

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Chairman, South Tippah School Board

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Secretary, South Tippah School Board