

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH TIPPDAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Oscar Shannon Building
February 21, 2024
5:15 P.M.

Members Present: Corey Hargett, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock

Members Absent: Tim Clark

Others Present: 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 Chairman Arnold Witt and commenced as an open meeting. The Invocation was led by Price Elliott. Ruby Bennett led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Nicole Bullock read the South Tippah School District Vision Statement and Mission Statement.

The February 21, 2024 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda was approved on a motion by Kevin Barefield, seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Corey Hargett made the motion to approve the following recognitions: Administrator of the Year, Teacher of the Year, & School Board Member Recognition Week. Each individual was presented a certificate. The motion was seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the Ripley Middle School Improvement Plan Report presented by Dr. Damon Ladner. The motion was seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

The January 29, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Corey Hargett and seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Summary Statement of Fixed Assets

Additions of \$62,937.38

Fund Raisers

Pine Grove School

Diamond Girls, sell merchandise, February 2024

Ripley High School

Pom & Cheer Squads, Beauty Review, April 13, 2024

Digital Journalism Class, sell candy-grams, February 1-14, 2024

Softball, sell chances on mower, February 2024

Field Trips

Ripley High School

Seniors, ICC – Tupelo & Belden Campus, April 12, 2024

Seniors, ICC Tupelo Campus/Health Science Program, April 5, 2024

Seniors, NEMCC, April 19, 2024

Seniors, Base Camp Coding Academy, January 31, 2024

Choir, Diversicare, February 14, 2024

Choir, Tupelo Civic Auditorium, February 23, 2024

Ripley Middle School

Choir, Magnolia Nursing Home/New Albany, February 13, 2024

Ripley Elementary School

4th Grade, Corinth Bowling Alley, March 22, 2024

Additions to the Substitute List:

Steve Bass

Jonah Baker

Additions to the Substitute Bus Driver List:

Bruce Alt
Atoyia Jackson
Rita Witt

Additions to the Substitute Cafeteria List:

Brooke Hanson
Andreina Rodriguez
Jennifer Kennedy
Chelsea Brock
Brooke Hanson
Myra Fryar
Tatyana Gibbs
Dean Lumpkin
Destiny Pannell

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

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the Superintendent's Report as presented by Assistant Superintendent Ruby Bennett. The motion was seconded by Corey Hargett. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the Pine Grove Activity Fund Claim for Jostens in the amount of \$9,033.00. Nicole Bullock seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

The Claims Docket, Claims #100115 – 100399 was approved on a motion by Corey Hargett and seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

The Financial Statements were approved on a motion by Kevin Barefield and seconded by Corey Hargett. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, &

Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to accept the following resignations from licensed personnel: Chris Shinall, Pine Grove School & Bill McCain, Tippah Career & Technology Center. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to employ the following licensed personnel for SY23-24:

Pine Grove School
Owen Hill, Boys Track Coach
Alecia Sanderson, Assistant Principal for SY24-25

The motion was seconded by Corey Hargett. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Corey Hargett made the motion to employ the following non-licensed personnel for SY23-24:

Ripley Elementary School
Nick Barkley, Janitor

Blue Mountain School
Rhonda Jones, ESSER Afterschool Tutor @ \$30/hr.
Jennifer Guyton, ESSER Afterschool Tutor @ \$30/hr.

The motion was seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the South Tippah School District SY2024-2025 School Calendar. The motion was seconded by Corey Hargett. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to accept the sole bid for bank depository from The Peoples Bank for SY24-25. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark. Corey Hargett recused himself from the vote and left the room.

Corey Hargett made the motion to approve the Tippah Career and Technology Center (TCTC) under the South Tippah School District received proposals to procure an architect for a building project at the TCTC. An administration team rated each proposal as follows: Allen and Hoshall 356 points, DSI Creative Designs 285 points, and Pryor and Morrow 393 points. Pryor and Morrow was awarded. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the Revision to Board Policy GAHB – Political Activity of Staff Members. Corey Hargett seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the Board Policy Review of Section G (GAA – GBA-E): Personnel. Nicole Bullock seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Corey Hargett made the motion to approve the Annual Agenda Calendar. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Corey Hargett, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Witt entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Kevin Barefield, seconded by Nicole Bullock, and

unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Corey Hargett, 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 19th day of March 2024, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 21st day of February 2024.

Chairman, South Tippah School Board

Secretary, South Tippah School Board