

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
**SOUTH TIPPAAH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Oscar Shannon Building  
February 9, 2021  
5:15 P.M.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tony Elliott, Superintendent; Twila Goolsby, Assistant Superintendent; Price Elliott, Board Attorney; Clint Stroupe; & Clint Stubbs, Business Manager (virtual)

The meeting was called to order by Board 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. Kerry Cockrell read the South Tippah School District Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Belief Statement.

The February 9, 2021 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda was approved on a motion by Wayne Jumper, 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.

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

Wayne Jumper made the motion to approve the Special Recognitions. Mr. Elliott read the proclamation from Governor Tate Reeves declaring February 8-12, 2021 as School Board Member Recognition Week. All board members were presented a certificate. 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.

The January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and January 12, 2021 Executive Session of the Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Arnold Witt 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.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Disposal of Fixed Assets

Disposal Amount of \$10,328.75

Summary Statement of Fixed Assets

Additions of \$1,040,125.55

Fund Raisers

Pine Grove School

FFA, sell strawberries, January 2021  
FFA, sell meat sticks/pretzel rods, January 2021  
Baseball, sell apparel, January 2021  
Softball, sell chances on gift certificates

Ripley High School

Special Needs Class, sell candy grams, February 2021  
Volleyball, sell retractable key chains, February 2021

Additions to the Cafeteria Substitute List:

Shirley Hancock

Additions to the Substitute Bus Monitor List:

Elizabeth Castro  
Shirley Hancock

Administration of Medication to Students

BMM21-16 – BMM21-18  
RMM21-19 – RMM21-20

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.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Superintendent's Report as presented by Superintendent Tony Elliott. 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.

The Pine Grove Activity Fund Claims Docket, claim 20/21-5, was approved on a motion by Kerry Cockrell 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 #89335 - #89609, was approved on a motion by Wayne Jumper 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 Financial Statements were approved on a motion by Kerry Cockrell, 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 employ Kelly Gates as principal at Blue Mountain School for SY21-22. 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.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to employ Brad Pounders as principal at Pine Grove School for SY21-22. 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 employ Ruby Bennett as principal at Ripley Elementary School for SY21-22. 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.

Wayne Jumper made the motion to employ Damon Ladner as principal at Ripley Middle School 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.

Arnold Witt made the motion to employ Buck Buchanan as principal at Ripley High School for SY21-22. 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 Kevin Williams as Director of the Tippah Career & Technology Center for SY21-22. 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 Twila Goolsby as the Pre-Kindergarten Director and Assistant Superintendent for SY21-22. 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 accept the resignations of the following licensed personnel: Sherie McDowell, Blue Mountain School; Chad White, Ripley High School; and Andy Childs, Tippah Career & Technology Center. 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 non-licensed personnel for SY20-21:

Ripley Elementary School

Samantha Walton, Teacher Assistant

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.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the South Tippah School District SY21-22 School Calendar. 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 request for catastrophic illness for licensed personnel, 1RCI2021. 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 accept the sole bid for bank depository from The Peoples Bank for SY2021-2022. 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 revision to the South Tippah School District organizational chart. The motion was 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 rescind Board Policy GACN-P Sexual Harassment Procedures. 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.

Wayne Jumper made the motion to approve the revisions to Board Policies: GAG, GAA, & GAH. 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 Board Policy Review of Section G: Personnel (GAA-GBA-E). The motion was seconded by Wayne Jumper. Voting for the motion:

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 proceed and advertise for bids for the Pine Grove Building Project. 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 31: 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 Kerry Cockrell, seconded by Arnold Witt, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Tim Clark, David Duncan, Wayne Jumper, Kerry Cockrell, 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 16th day of March, 2021, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 9th day of February 2021.

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Chairman, South Tippah School Board

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Secretary, South Tippah School Board