

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH TIPPAAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Oscar Shannon Building

February 9, 2022

5:15 P.M.

Members Present: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield

Members Absent: Kerry Cockrell

Others Present: Tony Elliott, Superintendent; Price Elliott, Board Attorney; Ruby Bennett, Assistant Superintendent; Tonya Kuhl, Business Manager; Kelly Gates, Federal Programs Director; Clint Stroupe, & David Byrd, J.E. Vance Representative

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Wayne Jumper and commenced as an open meeting. The Invocation was led by Kevin Barefield. Tony Elliott led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Kevin Barefield read the South Tippah School District Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Belief Statement.

The February 9, 2022 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda was approved on a motion by Kevin Barefield, seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kerry Cockrell.

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

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the report of the FY20-21 audit from J.E. Vance & Company, P.A. presented by David Byrd. The audit report showed no deficiencies and it was stated that South Tippah School District was in very good shape financially. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kerry Cockrell.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the Special Recognitions. Mr. Elliott presented each board member with a certificate in honor of School Board Member Recognition

Cockrell.

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

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Ripley High School Activity Fund Claims to Herff Jones for \$5,170.28 and Chickasaw Equipment Company for \$5,582.11. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kerry Cockrell.

The Claims Docket, claims #92838 - #93040, was approved on a motion by Tim Clark and seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kerry Cockrell.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to employ Chris Killough as principal at Blue Mountain School for SY22-23. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kerry Cockrell.

Arnold Witt made the motion to employ Tommy Ozbirn as principal at Pine Grove School for SY22-23. The motion was seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kerry Cockrell.

Tim Clark made the motion to employ George Buchanan as principal at Ripley High School for SY22-23. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kerry Cockrell.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to employ Damon Ladner as principal at Ripley Middle School for SY22-23. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Wayne

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

Arnold Witt made the motion to employ Kevin Williams as the Director at the Tippah Career & Technology Center for SY22-23. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kerry Cockrell.

Arnold Witt made the motion to employ Ruby Bennett as Director at the South Tippah Pre-Kindergarten, Assistant Superintendent, and Testing Coordinator for SY22-23. The motion was seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kerry Cockrell.

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

Kevin Barefield made the motion to employ the following licensed personnel for SY21-22:

Pine Grove School

Nancy Hudson, Part-time Teacher @ \$25/hour

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

Arnold Witt made the motion to employ the following non-licensed personnel for SY21-22:

Ripley Elementary School

Skyla Johnston, Full-time Substitute
Kylie Henry, Teacher Assistant

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

Tim Clark made the motion to accept the sole bid for bank depository from The Peoples Bank for SY2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kerry Cockrell.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to grant administrative leave day for certified and non-certified personnel for January 6, 2022. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kerry Cockrell.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the South Tippah School District SY22-23 School Calendar. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kerry Cockrell.

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

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

There was no action required on Agenda Item 29: Deletions or Additions to Annual Agenda Calendar.

The Financial Statements were approved on a motion by Kevin Barefield and seconded

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

Tim Clark made the motion approve the budget amendments for FY21-22. The motion was seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kerry Cockrell.

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Jumper entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Arnold Witt, seconded by Tim Clark, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Tim Clark, Wayne Jumper, 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 16th day of March 2022, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 9th day of February 2022.

Chairman, South Tippah School Board

Secretary, South Tippah School Board