

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

Oscar Shannon Building

July 18, 2023

5:15 P.M.

Members Present: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock

Members Absent: Tim Clark

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cockrell and commenced as an open meeting. The Invocation was led by Arnold Witt. 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 and Mission Statement.

The July 18, 2023 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda was approved on a motion by Kevin Barefield, seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

The June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, June 22, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes, and June 29, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Arnold Witt and seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Fund Raisers

Blue Mountain School

Cross Country, sell Chick-fil-a tickets, July 2023

Cross Country, sell t-shirts, July 2023

Ripley High School

Band, Chicken Supper, August 18, 2023
Pom, sell baked goods, September 2023
Pom, sell coffee, July 2023

Field Trips

Ripley High School

Golf Team, Golf Tournament/Mountain Home, AR, July 18, 2023

Request for Release

Cassidy Pope	North Tippah
Loki McCoy	Alcorn County
Lenton McCoy	Alcorn County
John Talen Braddock	North Tippah
Maddox Bourg	North Tippah
Colee Stroupe	North Tippah
Asa Childs	North Tippah
Layla Childs	North Tippah
Lincoln Bates	North Tippah
Elijah Mauney	North Tippah
Ella Mauney	North Tippah
Emma Mauney	North Tippah

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

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the Superintendent's Report as presented by Superintendent Tony Elliott. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

The Claims Docket, claims #98279 - #98393, was approved on a motion by Arnold Witt and seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

The Financial Statements were approved on a motion by Nicole Bullock and seconded by

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

Kevin Barefield made the motion to accept the following resignation from licensed personnel: Katina Hill, Ripley Middle School. The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Arnold Witt made the motion to employ the following licensed personnel for SY23-24:

Blue Mountain School

Cheryl Bass, Counselor
Elizabeth Elliott, Assistant Principal

Tippah Career & Technology Center

Amanda Paseur, Work Based Learning Coordinator

District

Pam Simelton, EL Tutor @ \$20/hr.
Debbie Flake, EL Tutor @ \$20/hr.
Kathy Hatcher, EL Tutor @ \$20/hr.
Lynda Orman, EL Tutor @ \$20/hr.
Barbara Graddy, EL Tutor @ \$20/hr.
Rhonda Bailey, Part-time Interventionist @ \$20/hr.
Taylor Bain, EL Tutor @ \$20/hr.
Sandra Cole, EL Tutor @ \$20/hr.
Barbara Baylis, Part-time Interventionist
Beverly Moffitt, EL Tutor @ \$20/hr.
Beverly Stubbs, EL Tutor @ \$20/hr.
Brande Shackelford, EL Tutor @ \$20/hr.
Judy Norton, Learning Loss Tutor @ \$10/hr.
Helen Chapman, Learning Loss Tutor @ \$10/hr.
Jo Beth Akins, District-Wide Interventionist @ \$20/hr.
Paige McMillin, Part-time Math Coach @ \$25/hr.
Kelly Ward, Summer Academy Director @ \$35/hr.
Anna Luster, Summer Worker @ \$10/hr.

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

Nicole Bullock made the motion to employ the following non-licensed personnel for

SY23-24:

Blue Mountain School

Allyson Knox, Full-time Substitute/Coach

Pine Grove School

Natalie Downs, Full-time Substitute

Courtney Akins, Teacher Assistant

Anna Hopper, School Nurse

Ripley Elementary School

Rufus Crum, Substitute Janitor @ \$13.61/hr.

Dexter Cheairs, Teacher Assistant

Ripley Middle School

Yusset Ruedas, Full-time Substitute

District Office

Cindi Mauney, SPED Secretary

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

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the pay request for South Tippah School District non-licensed employee STNL1. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Board, Superintendent, & Principals Duty-Related Travel for 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the Salary Schedule Revision for FY23-24. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the South Tippah School District Personnel Handbook Revisions for SY23-24. The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the revisions to the South Tippah School District Crisis Response Plan for SY23-24. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & 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 Dropout Prevention-Restructuring Plan 2023-2024. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the Collaborative Agreement between South Tippah School District & Millcreek of Pontotoc for SY23-24. The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the South Tippah School District Memorandum of Agreement with The Excellence Group, LLC for FY23-24. Nicole Bullock seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & 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 Contract Agreement with Northeast Mississippi Educators and Consultants, LLC for FY23-24. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the Child Nutrition Procurement Plan for SY23-24. The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and

not voting: Tim Clark.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the Intermediate Resolution (Attached). Nicole Bullock seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the disciplinary recommendation of limited expulsion for student ST1255. Nicole Bullock seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Tim Clark.

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

There was no action required on Agenda Item 27: Annual Agenda Calendar

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Cockrell entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Arnold Witt, seconded by Nicole Bullock, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, & 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 22nd day of August 2023, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 18th day of July 2023.

Chairman, South Tippah School Board

Secretary, South Tippah School Board