

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
**SOUTH TIPPAAH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Oscar Shannon Building  
July 21, 2020  
5:15 P.M.

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

Members Absent: Wayne Jumper

Others Present: Tony Elliott, Superintendent; Twila Goolsby, Assistant Superintendent; Price Elliott, Board Attorney & Guests

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-Chairman David Duncan and commenced as an open meeting. The Invocation was led by Kerry Cockrell. Tony Elliott led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Arnold Witt read the South Tippah School District Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Belief Statement.

The July 21, 2020 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda was approved on a motion by Kerry Cockrell, seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper & Tim Clark.

There was no action required on Agenda Item 6: Public Comments  
Pastor Jeanes and various citizens addressed the Board in regards to the return to school policy.  
There was no action required on Agenda Item 7: Concerned Citizen to Address the Board.

The June 16, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, June 30, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes, & July 14, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Arnold Witt and seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

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

Fund Raisers

Blue Mountain School

Basketball Boosters, sell chances on Gift Card, June 2020

Pine Grove School

FFA, school supply fund raiser, June 2020

Ripley High School

Football Boosters, sell hamburger steak plates, June 2020

Band Boosters, sell chicken plates, August 2020

Ripley Middle School

Cheer & Pom Boosters, sell chances on \$1,000, July 2020

Request for Release from South Tippah

Madison Lindley	North Tippah
Bailey Boswell	North Tippah
Gavin Boswell	North Tippah
Nadia Brackey	North Tippah
Jonathan Simmons	North Tippah
Micheal Simmons	North Tippah
Easton Gates	North Tippah
Everly Gates	North Tippah
William Cael Hearn	New Albany City

Request for Transfer to South Tippah

Brinson Gay	North Tippah
Morgan Gay	North Tippah
Laken Neal	North Tippah
Haleigh Burton	North Tippah
Brenlee Walker	North Tippah
Bentley Walker	North Tippah
Hannah Horton	North Tippah
Stan Horton	North Tippah
Lacey Clark	North Tippah
Jamya High	North Tippah
Anthony Bell	North Tippah
Savannah Clemmer	North Tippah
Bryson Dains	New Albany City
Eli Davis	New Albany City
Noah Davis	New Albany City
Ava Martindale	North Tippah
Kylie Martindale	North Tippah
Destiny Howell	North Tippah

Gabriel Ayers  
Jackson Wilburn  
Kolby Wilburn

North Tippah  
North Tippah  
North Tippah

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

The Claims Docket, claims #87466- #87565, was approved on a motion by Kerry Cockrell and seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

The Financial Statements were approved on a motion by Arnold Witt, seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Tim Clark made the motion to accept the resignation of the following licensed personnel: Emily Lira, Ripley Middle School and Haley Brackey, Ripley Middle School. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to employ the following licensed personnel for SY20-21:

Blue Mountain School

Catriece Braddock, Teacher

Pine Grove School

Bryana Gaillard, Teacher

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

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

SY20-21:

Blue Mountain School

Jamie Bryant, Teacher Assistant  
Teresa Bullock, Teacher Assistant  
Janice Chills, Teacher Assistant  
Shekva Johnson, Teacher Assistant  
Rhonda Jones, Teacher Assistant  
Glenda Thrasher, Teacher Assistant  
Shellye Wilson, Teacher Assistant  
Fred Ketchum, Full-time Substitute  
Robin Merritt, Literacy Coach

Pine Grove School

Chelsea Alsup, Full-time Substitute  
John Ferrell, Teacher Assistant  
Karen Shelby, Teacher Assistant  
Pam Bullock, Teacher Assistant  
Amanda Herman, Teacher Assistant  
Stacy Pannell, Teacher Assistant/Coach  
Debra Stroupe, Teacher Assistant  
Wanda Bryant, Teacher Assistant  
Lori Mims, 504 Assistant  
Brandie Spencer, Teacher Assistant  
Chasity Street, Teacher Assistant  
Kristian Mullins, Teacher Assistant

Ripley Elementary School

Freddie Rainer, Teacher Assistant  
Brittany Strong, Teacher Assistant  
Abba Edgeston, Teacher Assistant  
Lisa Rucker, Teacher Assistant  
Penny Streff, Teacher Assistant  
Veronica Hoyle, Teacher Assistant  
Sonya Adams, Teacher Assistant  
Shalon Smith, Teacher Assistant  
Sharon Kubish, Teacher Assistant  
Ashleigh Nabors, Teacher Assistant  
Karla Mazariego, Teacher Assistant  
Vanessa Williams, Teacher Assistant  
Sheena Storey, Teacher Assistant  
Nakeita Selmon, Teacher Assistant  
Tony Black, Teacher Assistant  
Johna Hopper, Teacher Assistant

Keith Storey, Teacher Assistant  
Dexter Cheairs, Teacher Assistant  
Danielle McKinney, Full-time Substitute

Ripley High School

Rico McDonald, Teacher Assistant/Coach  
Tonya Simpson, Full-time Substitute  
Andrea Steele, Teacher Assistant  
Elizabeth Castro, Teacher Assistant  
Tiana Castillo, Softball Volunteer

Ripley Middle School

Beverly Akins, Teacher Assistant  
Taylor Bain, EL Tutor  
Olivia Ann Carmack, Teacher Assistant  
Sandra Cole, EL Tutor  
Keith Fox, Teacher Assistant  
Connie Koon, Teacher Assistant  
Beverly Moffitt, EL Tutor  
Briana Rucker, Teacher Assistant  
Yusset Ruedas, Full-time Substitute  
Belinda Williams, 504 Tutor

Pre-Kindergarten

Lauren Carroll, Teacher Assistant  
Laura Elliott, Teacher Assistant  
Mandy Waldrop, Teacher Assistant  
Becki Alsup, Teacher Assistant  
Richard Kent, Custodian

Bus Shop

Nathan Wooley, Reg. Route Bus Driver  
Andrew Mauney, Reg. Route Bus Driver  
Scotty Hancock, Mechanic  
Chris Robbins, Bus Driver Trainer/Shop Hand @ \$10/hour

The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark,

Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting:

Wayne Jumper.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the Child Nutrition Procurement Plan. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry

Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the SY20-21 Foster Care Plan. The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Supplement Not Supplant Methodology. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the Independent Contracting Agreement for Occupational Therapy Services with David Pryce-Jones. The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between South Tippah School District and Region IV Mental Health Services. Kerry Cockrell seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the Rayco Rental Agreement with Ripley High School. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Collaborative Agreement between South Tippah School District and Millcreek of Pontotoc. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the Interagency Agreement between The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and South Tippah School District regarding

employee, Rhonda Horton. The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the Interagency Agreement between The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and South Tippah School District regarding employee, Liza Pannell. Kerry Cockrell seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the Interagency Agreement between The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and South Tippah School District regarding employee, Mark Morton. The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the revisions to the South Tippah School District Crisis Response Plan for SY20-21. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Board, Superintendent, & Principals Duty-Related Travel. Kerry Cockrell seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the request for a one-year emergency license for the following personnel: Robert Allen, Ripley High School & Bryana Gaillard, Pine Grove School. The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the Loan Resolution (Attached). Kerry Cockrell

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

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the Intermediate Resolution. The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell (Attached). Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the Employment Resolution (Attached). The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the first adoption of new Board Policy GBRMB: Vaping Policy. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the revisions to the following Board Policies: GBRC, GBRHC, & GCD. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the adoption of the following COVID-19 policies: IAAA – Distance/Online Learning, IAAB – Staff Conduct on Virtual Meetings, & IJBD – Responsible Use of District Issued Technology. The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the Board Policy Review of Section G: Personnel (GBRB-GDI). The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: David Duncan, Tim Clark, Kerry Cockrell, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Wayne Jumper.



There was no action required on Agenda Item 35: Deletions or Additions to Annual Agenda Calendar.

There being no further action to come before the Board, Vice-Chairman Duncan entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion made by Kerry Cockrell, seconded by Arnold Witt, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, David Duncan, and Kerry Cockrell, 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 11th day of August, 2020, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 21st day of July 2020.

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Chairman, South Tippah School Board

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Secretary, South Tippah School Board