

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SOUTH TIPPDAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Oscar Shannon Building

March 27, 2023

11:00 A.M.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tony Elliott, Superintendent, Ruby Bennett, Assistant Superintendent, and Price Elliott, Board Attorney, and other citizens

The meeting was called to order by Kerry Cockrell and commenced as an open meeting. The invocation was led by Price Elliott.

The March 27, 2023 South Tippah School District meeting agenda was approved upon the motion by Trustee Arnold Witt, seconded by Trustee Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Nicole Bullock, Tim Clark and Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None

**ORDER IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON
REDISTRICTING OF WARDS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the South Tippah School District previously declared its intention to hold the required public hearing on the new proposed voting district lines under the redistricting plans as drafted and prepared by Northeast Mississippi Planning and Development District; and

WHEREAS, legal notice of the public hearing was run in the Southern Sentinel, Inc., a weekly newspaper having a general circulation in the City of Ripley, Tippah County, Mississippi area, for the time and manner required by law; and

WHEREAS, as directed in the Notice of Hearing, the Chairman, Kerry Cockrell, duly called the public hearing convened for the Board of Trustees of the South Tippah School District to hear any comments on the proposed redistricting plan for the South Tippah School District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James Storey, Mrs. Brenda Storey, Mr. Willie Johnson, Mr. Sammy Lee Rutherford and other citizens appeared before the Board to offer comments on the proposed redistricting plan. No negative comments were made. Chairman Cockrell thanked each person for

their attendance and comments.

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made by Trustee Nicole Bullock, seconded by Trustee Tim Clark and unanimously adopted, it is hereby ordered as follows:

(1) The public hearing of the proposed redistricting plan of the South Tippah School District pursuant to the 2020 Census of the United States of America, as proposed and drafted by the Northeast Mississippi Planning and Development District, was held, after legal notice to the general public, in the time and manner required by law, with all comments being noted and no objections to the proposed redistricting plan being presented.

(2) The Northeast Mississippi Planning and Development District, Superintendent, and Attorney for the Board, are further authorized and directed to take other steps, as necessary, at this time to proceed with the finalization of the proposed redistricting plan for the South Tippah School District.

WHEREAS, Chairman Cockrell then closed the public hearing.

**ORDER IN RE: FINAL ADOPTION OF
REDISTRICTING PLAN OF THE
SOUTH TIPP AH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to law and pursuant to the required legal notice being given in the Southern Sentinel, Inc., a weekly newspaper having a general circulation in Tippah County, Mississippi area and for the time and manner as required by law, a public hearing was held on March 27, 2023 for the proposed redistricting plan for the South Tippah School District; and

WHEREAS, after hearing comments from the general public, no opposition was noted of the proposed redistricting plan by the South Tippah School District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made by Trustee Arnold Witt, seconded by Trustee

Kevin Barefield, and unanimously adopted, it is hereby ordered that the redistricting plan of the South Tippah School District attached hereto as Exhibit "A" be hereby adopted and approved.

**ORDER IN RE: APPROVAL OF PUBLIC
NOTICE OF RE-APPORTIONING OF
TRUSTEE VOTING DISTRICT LINES
OF THE SOUTH TIPPAH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Tim Clark, seconded by Trustee Nicole Bullock and unanimously adopted, it is hereby ordered that the Public Notice of Re-apportioning of Trustee Voting District Lines of the South Tippah School District attached hereto as Exhibit "B" be hereby approved.

ORDER IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, upon motion duly made by Trustee Tim Clark, seconded by Trustee Arnold Witt, and unanimously adopted, it is hereby ordered that the meeting be adjourned.

CHAIRPERSON, KERRY COCKRELL,
SOUTH TIPPAH SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:

SECRETARY, TIM CLARK,
SOUTH TIPPAH SCHOOL BOARD