

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

Oscar Shannon Building

May 16, 2023

5:15 P.M.

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

Members Absent: Kevin Barefield

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

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. Nicole Bullock read the South Tippah School District Vision Statement and Mission Statement.

The May 16, 2023 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda was approved on a motion by Tim Clark, seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

The April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, and April 21, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Arnold Witt and seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

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

Disposal of Fixed Assets

Disposal Amount of \$73,894.36

Summary Statement of Fixed Assets

Additions of \$1,255,133.32

Donations

Ripley High School

Class of 1978, \$823.55

Fund Raisers

Blue Mountain High School

Basketball, sell Krispy Kreme Donuts, April 2023

Ripley High School

Cheer, Mini Camp, June 9, 2023

Football, sell Krispy Kreme Donuts, May, 2023

Field Trips

Blue Mountain School

Beta Club, Old Mountain Adventures/Winona, MS, May 9, 2023

Pine Grove School

2nd Grade, Movie Reel/New Albany, May 11, 2023

3rd Grade, Booneville City Park, May 5, 2023

FFA, Jackson, MS/State Contest, April 27-28, 2023

Ripley Elementary School

4th Grade, tour Ripley Middle School, May 10, 2023

Self-Contained Classroom, Tupelo Buffalo Park, May 16, 2023

4th Grade, Malco/Corinth, MS, May 9, 2023

4th Grade, RMS/Business Day, May 12, 2023

2nd Grade, Chuck E. Cheese, May 5, 2023

Ripley High School

Career Coaching, Base Camp Coding Academy/Water Valley, MS, April 25, 2023

Administration of Medication to Students:

REM 23-35 – REM23-45

PGM23-30 – PGM23-31

Request for Release

Easton Gates

Everly Gates

Elliott Gates

North Tippah

North Tippah

North Tippah

Additions to the Substitute List:

Tammy Chills
Stacy Hurt

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

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Ripley Middle School Improvement Plan Report. Nicole Bullock seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

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

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the Pine Grove School Activity Fund Claim to Jostens for \$8,543. The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

The Claims Docket, claims #97412 - #97743, was approved on a motion by Arnold Witt and seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

The Financial Statements were approved on a motion by Nicole Bullock and seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Arnold Witt made the motion to accept the following resignations from licensed personnel: Margaret James, Blue Mountain School; Shane Hayles, Blue Mountain School; Chris Killough, Blue Mountain School; Kate Killough, Pine Grove School; Candace Hopper, Pine

Grove School; Erica Gates, Pine Grove School; Kelly Fryar, Pine Grove School; Evanglina Stanford, Ripley Elementary School; Sara Roberts, Ripley Elementary School; Chris Moore, Ripley Elementary School; Kristy McBryde, Ripley Elementary School; & Suzette Haynes, Ripley Middle School. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to employ the following summer workers:

Blue Mountain School

Rainer Jumper @ \$10/hr.
Clayton Thurmond @ \$10/hr.
Malachi Knox @ \$10/hr.

Pine Grove School

Amanda Wright @ \$10/hr.
Matt King @ \$10/hr.
Jacob King @ \$10/hr.
Kolin Derrick @ \$10/hr.
Tanner Pannell @ \$10/hr.
Brittan Fryar @ \$10/hr.

Ripley High School

Eli Beaty @ \$10/hr.
Brian Dowdy @ \$10/hr.
Antonio Chambers @ \$10/hr.
Vincent Belarus @ \$10/hr.
Elliott Brown @ \$10/hr.
Weston Gates @ \$10/hr.

Ripley Middle School

Karly Spires @ \$10/hr.
Carte Locke @ \$10/hr.
Landon Smith @ \$10/hr.
Jack Fortune @ \$10/hr.
Carter Ladner @ \$10/hr.
Jaylen Brooks @ \$10/hr.

Lunchroom Workers

Becky Bellew @ \$22/hr.
Cindy Moffitt @ \$22/hr.
LaQuinda Pace @ \$22/hr.

Paula Studdard @ \$22/hr.
Wanette Lindsey @ \$22/hr.
Teresa Waldon @ \$22/hr.
Kaili Gibson @ \$22/hr.
Shirley Hancock @ \$22/hr.
Sheila Crum @ \$22/hr.
Patsy Glisson @ \$22/hr.
Linda Smith @ \$22/hr.
Lora Cox @ \$22/hr.
Geraldine Carruth @ \$22/hr.
Amber Graves @ \$22/hr.
Kristen Willis @ \$22/hr.

District

Mary Leise McBride @ \$10/hr.
Melissa Willingham @ \$31.72/hr.
Jayna McBride @ \$39.11/hr.
Lisa Mauney @ \$36.54/hr.
Loren Lindsey @ \$35.00/hr.
Megan Dillard @ \$35.83/hr.
Erin Kuykendall @ \$31.00/hr.

Extended School Year

Grace Ann Brown @ \$29.14/hr.
Shelby Swinford @ \$32.07/hr.

Tippah Career & Technology Center

Dana Chapman, Skills Camp Instructor @ \$22/hr.
Chris Colucci, Skills Camp Instructor @ \$22/hr.
Matt Graves, Skills Camp Instructor @ \$22/hr.

Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark,

Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting:

Kevin Barefield.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to employ the following Summer Academy Personnel
@ \$30/hr.:

Laura Elliott
Kara Green
Mark Morton
Holley Nance
Audri Russell
Roxanne Ward

Heather Christian
Kelly Fryar
Karen Pannell
Candi Sparkman
Brittany Davis
Savannah Graves
Paige Gray
Janna LaBarreare
Lou Price
Alison Ralph
Teena Simpson
Shelby Swinford
Heather Ashmore
Cortney Cappleman
Melissa Criswell
Martina Morfin
Jessica Prather

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

Nicole Bullock made the motion to employ the following licensed personnel for SY23-24:

Blue Mountain School

Atoyia Jackson, Teacher
Lee Holt, Principal

Pine Grove School

Sandie Eller, Teacher
Brylea James, Teacher
Emily Johnson, Teacher
Caitlyn Kelly, Teacher (pending licensure)
Carsen Enlow, Teacher (pending licensure)
Candi Sparkman, Teacher

Ripley Elementary School

Jeannie Brock, Teacher
Loren Nabors, Teacher
Hayley Seago, Teacher
Kelly Stevens, Teacher
Melinda Evans, Teacher
Monica Rainey, Teacher

Ripley High School

TJ Seago, Teacher/Coach

Ripley Middle School

Delainey Gordon, Teacher (pending licensure)

Sarah Stovall, Teacher (pending licensure)

Katina Hill, Teacher

District

Kali Buchanan, Remediation Coordinator

Cathy Ward, Dyslexia Coordinator

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

Tim Clark made the motion to employ the following non-licensed personnel for SY23-24:

Ripley High School

Eli Beaty, Custodian

District

Jordan Hopper, Maintenance Supervisor

Melissa Hood, Food Service Supervisor (pending licensure)

Cafeteria

Ashley Barkley, Full-time Substitute

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

Nicole Bullock made the motion to grant permission to scrap old tires from buses. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to Advertise Notice of Tax Effort. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole

Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

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

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

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the purchase of Edmentum Software Suite that includes Study Island, Exact Path, and Courseware. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the Northeast Mississippi Educators and Consultants, LLC Proposal for limited contractual services from 4/15/23 – 6/30/23. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between MS Department of Rehabilitation Services, Offices of Vocational Rehabilitation and Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind and South Tippah School District for SY23-24. Nicole Bullock seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Independent Contract Agreement for Occupational Therapy Services between South Tippah School District and Melissa Terry, LCOTA for FY23-24. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the Independent Contract Agreement for Occupational Therapy Services between South Tippah School District and David Pryce-Jones,

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

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the South Tippah School District Contract for Specified Services with Behavior, Attention, and Developmental Disabilities Consultants for FY23-24. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the CORE Rehabilitation Proposal for Physical Therapy Services for South Tippah School District for FY23-24. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

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

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the revisions to Board Policies: DFK, DJD, & DJI. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the final adoption of Board Policy JEB: Student Tracking Safety Devices. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the revisions to the MSBA 2023 Legislative Update Policies: BBBE, CNA, GBEN, GBRM-2, ICG, IDAG, & IJ-R. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, &

Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Board Policy Review of Section D: Finances. Nicole Bullock seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

There was no action required on Agenda Item 34: Deletions or Additions to Annual Agenda Calendar.

Arnold Witt made the motion to consider the need for an Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 35: Superintendent's Contract. Nicole Bullock seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Tim Clark made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 35: Superintendent's Contract. The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Board Chairman Cockrell immediately closed the session and cleared the room to consider an Executive Session of the May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting of the South Tippah School District Board of Trustees.

Board Chairman Cockrell re-convened the open session and announced in the open meeting that the board had voted unanimously to increase the salary of Superintendent Elliott to \$135,000 and add one year to his contract which will make a four-year contract.

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Cockrell entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Nicole Bullock, seconded by Arnold Witt, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, 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 20th day of June 2023, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 16th day of May 2023.

Chairman, South Tippah School Board

Secretary, South Tippah School Board