

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH TIPPAAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Oscar Shannon Building
May 17, 2022
5:15 P.M.

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

Members Absent: None

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

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. Tim Clark read the South Tippah School District Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Belief Statement.

The May 17, 2022 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda as amended was approved on a motion by Kerry Cockrell, seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

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

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the recognition of the Pine Grove Boys Basketball team for winning the state championship. The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

The April 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Tim Clark and seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not

voting: None.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the Ripley Middle School Improvement Report presented by Superintendent Elliott. The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Disposal of Fixed Assets

Disposal Amount of \$19,734.17

Summary Statement of Fixed Assets

Additions of \$168,034.15

Donations

Ripley High School

Anonymous, \$4,000 for Scholarships

The Peoples Bank, \$1,000

Fund Raisers

Blue Mountain School

Cross Country, Calendar Fundraiser, June 2022

Pine Grove School

Basketball Team, sell BBQ plates, June 2022

Ripley High School

Boys Basketball, carwash, June 4, 2022

Cheer, Mini-Cheer Camp, June 24, 2022

Football, Donut Sale, May 2022

Pom, Calendar Fundraiser, May 2022

Field Trips

Ripley Elementary School

Kindergarten, Blue Springs/Safari Park, May 13, 2022

Pine Grove School

4th Grade, Tupelo Buffalo Park, May 17, 2022

Additions to the Substitute List:

Wendy Lopez

Administration of Medication to Students:

REM22-27 – REM22-32

PKM22-5

BMM22-10

Request for Release

Harper Rodgers

New Albany City

Sawyer Rodgers

New Albany City

Tanner Rodgers

New Albany City

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

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

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the Pine Grove School Activity Fund Claim to Scholastic for \$5,158.00. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

The Claims Docket, claims #93706 - #94050, was approved on a motion by Tim Clark and seconded by Kevin Barefield. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

The Financial Statements were approved on a motion by Kerry Cockrell and seconded by

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

Kevin Barefield made the motion to accept the resignations from the following licensed personnel: April Hudson, Blue Mountain School; Kelsey Myers, Pine Grove School; Holly McCamey, Pine Grove School; Winston Smith, Pine Grove School; Emily Wiginton, Pine Grove School; Paige McMillin, Pine Grove School; & Rickey Hodum, Ripley Middle School. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to employ the following licensed personnel for SY22-23:

Blue Mountain School

Jessica Paseur, Teacher
Shane Hayles, Teacher/Coach
Heather Ewing, Teacher
Anna Luster, Teacher

Pine Grove School

Gabriella Lewis, Teacher
Kacey Rowland, Teacher
Santana Nance, Teacher
Frances Fowler, Teacher
Erica Gates, Teacher
Melissa Salinas, Teacher
Grace Anne Brown, Speech Therapist

Ripley Elementary School

Paige Gray, Teacher

Ripley High School

Kristen Fortenberry, Teacher

Ripley Middle School

Dallas Hill, Teacher/Coach
Joe Hunsucker, Assistant Principal

Pre-Kindergarten

Melissa Willingham, Speech Therapist

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

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to employ the following non-licensed personnel for SY22-23:

Pine Grove School

Laura Harris, Teacher Assistant

District Office

Karen Shelby, Special Education Secretary (10 months)

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

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to employ the following summer academy personnel:

Blue Mountain School

Beatrice Mitchell, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Laura Elliott, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Kim Fryar, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Emily West, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Melissa Moore, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Mark Morton, Bus Driver @\$22/route
Robert Lovett, Bus Drive @ \$22/route
Martina Morfin, Teacher @ \$30/hour

Pine Grove School

Heather Christian, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Candi Sparkman, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Karen Pannell, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Georgiana Brady, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Candi Sparkman, Bus Driver @ \$33/route
Lori Mims, Bus Driver @ \$33/route
Allison Harrison, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Rondy Rodgers, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Justin Jordan, Bus Driver @ \$33/route

Ripley Elementary School

Brittany Davis, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Carla Liles, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Suzanne Wooley, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Samantha Walton, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Teena Simpson, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Lori Elliott, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Carol Cooper, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Penny Hill, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Melinda Evans, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Genia Thomas, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Mindy Alexander, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Alison Ralph, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Dena Nance, Teacher @ \$30/hour

Ripley Middle School

Melissa Criswell, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Laura Green, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Courtney Cappleman, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Johnnie Smith, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Lou Price, Teacher @ \$30/hour
Kelly Ward, Coordinator @ \$35/hour

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

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the employment of the following summer workers:

Blue Mountain School

Robert Lovett @ \$10/hour
Mark Morton @ \$10/hour
Allyson Knox @ \$10/hour
Clayton Thurmond @ \$10/hour

Pine Grove School

Matt King @ \$10/hour
Jacob King @ \$10/hour
Jack Hudson @ \$10/hour
Gehrig Shinall @ \$10/hour
Laura Harris @ \$10/hour
Amanda Wright @ \$10/hour
Kollin Derrick @ \$10/hour

Ripley Elementary School

Tanner Pannell @ \$10/hour
Grant Gates @ \$10/hour
Leigh Anne Sanderson @ \$10/hour

Ripley High School

Timothy Page @ \$10/hour
Antonio Chambers @ \$10/hour
Brian Dowdy @ \$10/hour
Lessie Stroupe @ \$10/hour
Caleb Reno @ \$10/hour
Vincent Balderas @ \$10/hour

Ripley Middle School

Joe Hunsucker @ \$10/hour
Karly Spires @ \$10/hour
Landon Smith @ \$10/hour
Immanuel Griffin @ \$10/hour
Nathan Stanford @ \$10/hour

Cafeteria

Linda Smith @ \$22/hour
Becky Bellew @ \$22/hour
Geraldine Carruth @ \$22/hour
Lora Cox @ \$22/hour
LaQuinda Pace @ \$22/hour
Kristen Willis @ \$22/hour
Teresa Waldon @ \$22/hour
Amber Graves @ \$22/hour
Catherine Triplett @ \$22/hour
Nettie Rutherford @ \$22/hour
Ethel Simmons @ \$22/hour
Sharon Pounds @ \$22/hour
Christine Lindsey @ \$22/hour
Sherry McDonald @ \$22/hour
Carolyn Robbins @ \$22/hour
Brenda Miller @ \$22/hour
Cindy Moffitt @ \$22/hour
Paula Studdard @ \$22/hour

Extended School Year Personnel:

Katie Graves, Speech Therapist @ \$26.45/hour
Suzanne Wooley, Special Education Teacher @ \$39.20/hour
Haley Wallace, Special Education Teacher @ \$27.23/hour
Brandi Spencer, Special Education Teacher @ \$25.20/hour

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

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the revision to the FY22-23 Salary Schedule. The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

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

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

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

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

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

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to consider the need for an Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 26: Superintendent's Contract. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 26: Superintendent Contract. The motion was seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, & Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Board Chairman Jumper immediately closed the session and cleared the room to consider an Executive Session of the May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting of the South Tippah School District Board of Trustees.

Chairman Jumper 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 \$131,000 and add one year to his contract which will make a four-year contract.

Kevin Barefield exited the meeting.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the South Tippah School District Memorandum of Agreement with The Excellence Group, LLC for FY22-23. The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to declare Single Source for Renaissance Learning, Inc. for SY22-23 for the purchase of STAR Early Literacy, STAR Reading, STAR Math, and Accelerated Reading. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Tim Clark made the motion to award the bid for surplus busses to the highest and best bid. The bids were as follows:

	<u>2007-Bus 70</u>	<u>2000-Bus 56</u>	<u>1995-Bus 43</u>	<u>1995-Bus 39</u>
Jimmy Witt	\$888			
Chris Hall	\$1,059	\$441	\$549	\$451
James Durham	\$1,879.79	\$1,277.77	\$877.77	\$677.77

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

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to adopt the internship program through Three Rivers under Libby Ward for SY22-23. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Local Plan Application for FY23. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Arnold Witt made the motion the Adopt the South Tippah School District Strategic Plan. The motion was seconded by Kerry Cockrell. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the first adoption of Board Policy DJI: Use of District Credit Cards. Kerry Cockrell seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

Kerry Cockrell made the motion to approve the first adoption of Board Policy FGDB: Project Administration Contract Awards Procedure. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting

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

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the revisions to the following board policies: DFK, DIB, DJAA, DJEG, CI, CK, DJEAB, EDAA, GBA-E, GBRL, GBRM-2, IN, JCDAC, & JGBD. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Wayne Jumper, Tim Clark, & Arnold Witt. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Kevin Barefield.

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

There was no action required on Agenda Item 37: Deletions or Additions to Annual Agenda Calendar.

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Jumper entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Kerry Cockrell, seconded by Arnold Witt, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Wayne Jumper, & Arnold Witt, 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 8th day of June 2022, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 17th day of May 2022.

Chairman, South Tippah School Board

Secretary, South Tippah School Board