

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

Oscar Shannon Building

November 15, 2023

5:00 P.M.

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

Members Absent: None

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

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. Arnold Witt read the South Tippah School District Vision Statement and Mission Statement.

The November 15, 2023 South Tippah School District Meeting Agenda as amended was approved on a motion by Arnold Witt, seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to accept the recognition of the Pine Grove Volleyball team for winning the Class1A State Championship. Mr. Elliott presented these students with certificates. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

The October 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on a motion by Tim Clark and seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. 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 \$1,145.00

Summary Statement of Fixed Assets

Additions of \$375,275.75

Fund Raisers

Blue Mountain School

Girls Basketball, sell popcorn, November 2023

Pine Grove School

Volleyball, sell State Champ T-Shirts, November 2023

Cheerleading, sell Homecoming T-Shirts, October 2023

Ripley Elementary School

Special Education Self-Contained Room, Santa Claus pictures, December 2023

Ripley High School

Softball, sell Corky's turkey/hams, October 2023

Field Trips

Blue Mountain School

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Veteran's Park, November 13, 2023

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Blue Mountain Christian University/Play, November 15, 2023

Pine Grove School

RAK, Pontotoc Walmart, November 29, 2023

12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Ole Miss/Campus Tour, November 1, 2023

Seniors, Northeast/Tour CTE Programs, November 13, 2023

Cheerleaders, MSU Game Day, November 18, 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Veteran's Park, November 13, 2023

Ripley Elementary School

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, New Albany/Magnolia Theatre, December 6, 2023

4<sup>th</sup> Grade, NEMCC, November 16, 2023

Administration of Medication to Students

PGM24-18 – PGM24-19

RMM24-6 – RMM24-7

RHM24-6

REM24-33 – REM24-36

Additions to the Substitute List:

Aurora Lopez

Debra Stroupe

Becky Montgomery

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

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

The Claims Docket, claims #99335- #99623, was approved on a motion by Arnold Witt and seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

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

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

Pine Grove School

Catherine Wilbanks, beginning November 13, 2023

Maggie Cox (pending licensure) beginning January 3, 2024

Ripley Elementary School

Libby Ward, EL Tutor @ \$20/hour

Madison Pannell, ESSER Afterschool Tutor @ \$30/hour

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

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

Ripley Elementary School

Debra Stroupe, Teacher Assistant (beginning January 3, 2024)

Aurora Lopez, Teacher Assistant (beginning January 3, 2024)

Bus Shop

Emily Whitten, Substitute Bus Monitor

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

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the FY24 Comparability. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the Rayco Rental Agreement with Blue Mountain Elementary School. Nicole Bullock seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between South Tippah School District and Health Connect America, Inc. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the Independent Contract Agreement for Speech Therapy Services between South Tippah School District and Pam Bramlitt for FY23-24. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield,

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

Tim Clark made the motion to approve the Assessment Solutions Contract with South Tippah School District. Arnold Witt seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to approve the South Tippah School District Contract Agreement with CORE Administrative Services. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Arnold Witt made the motion to approve the revision to board policy: EDC – Bus Safety Program. The motion was seconded by Tim Clark. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Nicole Bullock made the motion to approve the Board Policy Review of Section K: General Public Relations, Section L: Organizational Relations, & Section M: Education Agency Relations. Kevin Barefield seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

There was no action required on Agenda Item 22: Annual Agenda Calendar

Arnold Witt made the motion to consider the need for an Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 23: Resignation of Licensed Personnel. Tim Clark seconded the motion. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Kevin Barefield made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item 23: Resignation of Licensed Personnel. The motion was seconded by Nicole Bullock. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt, Kevin Barefield, & Nicole Bullock.

Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: None.

Board Chairman Cockrell immediately closed the session and cleared the room to consider an Executive Session of the November 15, 2023 Regular Meeting of the South Tippah School District Board of Trustees.

Chairman Cockrell re-convened the open session and announced in the open meeting that the Board had voted unanimously to uphold the Superintendent's decision to reject the resignation of licensed personnel ST23L1.

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Cockrell entertained a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Kevin Barefield, seconded by Nicole Bullock, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all Board Members present: Kerry Cockrell, Kevin Barefield, Arnold Witt, Tim Clark, & 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 12th day of December 2023, at the Oscar Shannon Building, at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

ORDERED, ADOPTED, and RESOLVED, this the 15th day of November 2023.

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Chairman, South Tippah School Board

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Secretary, South Tippah School Board