

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SOUTH TIPPAAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Oscar Shannon Building

September 6, 2023

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

Members Absent: Nicole Bullock

Others Present: Tony Elliott, Superintendent; Ruby Bennett, Assistant Superintendent;
Price Elliott, Board Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Kerry Cockrell and commenced as an open meeting. The Invocation was led by Kevin Barefield.

The September 6, 2023 South Tippah School District Special Meeting Agenda was approved on a motion by Kevin Barefield, seconded by Arnold Witt. Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt and Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Nicole Bullock.

Arnold Witt made the motion to close the session to consider the need for an Executive Session to discuss Agenda Item No. 4 (Student Disciplinary Matter) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Student Disciplinary Matter). Voting for the motion: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt and Kevin Barefield. Voting against the motion: None. Absent and not voting: Nicole Bullock.

Board Chairman Kerry Cockrell immediately closed the session and cleared the room to consider an Executive Session for the September 6, 2023 Special Meeting of the South Tippah School District.

Chairman Kerry Cockrell announced in the open session that the Board, in closed session, had voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session to consider Agenda Item No. 4 (Student Disciplinary Matter) and Agenda Item No. 5 (Student Disciplinary Matter), and immediately cleared the room.

Chairman Cockrell reconvened the open session with the following members present: Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt and Kevin Barefield. Also present was Tony Elliott, Superintendent; Ruby Bennett, Assistant Superintendent; and W. Price Elliott, Board Attorney.

He announced in the open meeting that the Board had unanimously voted to uphold the recommendation of the Superintendent and the South Tippah School District Disciplinary Appeals Committee regarding the disciplinary action of South Tippah School District Student ST1235. He further announced that the Board had unanimously voted to uphold the recommendation of the Superintendent and the South Tippah School District Disciplinary Appeals Committee regarding the disciplinary action of South Tippah School District Student ST1234.

Chairman Cockrell then turned the Board to the next item on the Agenda being Agenda Item No. 6 (Adjournment).

There being no further action to come before the Board, Chairman Cockrell entertained a motion to adjourn. Upon motion made by Arnold Witt, seconded by Kevin Barefield, and unanimously approved by the affirmative vote of all South Tippah School Board members present, Kerry Cockrell, Tim Clark, Arnold Witt and Kevin Barefield, the Board adjourned to the next regular meeting of the South Tippah School District Board to be held at 5:15 p.m. on the 18th day of September, 2023, at the Oscar Shannon Building at 410 Greenlee Street, Ripley, Mississippi.

This the 6th day of September, 2023.

Chairman, South Tippah School Board

Secretary, South Tippah School Board