MEETING OF THE BENTON COUNTY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BENTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

June 1, 2017

 BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 1st day of June, the Board of Education, Benton County, met at the Office of the Superintendent with the following members present:

 Betty Page President

 Gary Elliott Vice President

 Katrina McGregor Secretary

 Rocky Miller Member

 Erma Poplar Member

The following persons were present:

Misty Wilder Merri Gadd Rutha Martin

Jeannie Brock Peggy Rainey Bobby Rainey

DiAnne Brown Logan Jeter

 WHEREUPON, the following business was transacted:

 Candace Sanders recorded the minutes of this meeting.

 President Page called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

 Member Poplar opened the meeting with prayer.

 Member Poplar noted an error in the Minutes of the May 22nd meeting. Concerning the vote to approve 2017-18 District-Level Personnel recommendations, the results of the vote should read: Page – Opposed, Elliott – Aye, McGregor – Aye, Miller – Abstain, Poplar – Aye. Member Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 22nd board meeting with the correction. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Aye

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Aye

The agenda was amended as follows: A recommendation to hire Halie Bell was added as item 14. Vice-President Elliott made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Member Miller seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Aye

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Aye

 The board recognized Mrs. Jeannie Brock (Ashland Middle School teacher.) Mrs. Brock wished to follow up on concerns she presented at the May 8th board meeting. Vice-President Elliott made a motion to enter executive session because the issues related to confidential personnel information. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Aye

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Aye

 The board entered executive session at 5:41 P. M. Vice-President Elliott made a motion to exit executive session. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Aye

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Aye

 The board exited executive session at 5:58 P. M. No action was taken during the session. Upon returning to open session, President Page addressed Mrs. Brock briefly to assure her that the matter was being handled appropriately, and thank Mrs. Brock for her service during a difficult situation.

 Superintendent Bostick presented the proposed Summer School Program to serve students in 6th-8th grades who failed Math. Registration will be open June 2 – June 7, 2017. Summer School will be in session June 12 – July 7, 2017, from 8:00 A. M. to 12:00 P. M. week days. The cost for the class will be $100.00 per student. Upon successful completion, the students will receive a score of 65 for the course. Member Miller made a motion to approve the Summer School Program. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Aye

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Aye

 Superintendent Bostick presented a request to accept bids for lawn maintenance for the 24-month period 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. The detailed bid request is to be published in the newspaper June 8th and June 15th, 2017. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Superintendent’s Office located at 231 Court St., Ashland, MS 38603, until 9:00 A. M. on Friday, June 23, 2017. Vice-President Elliott made a motion to approve seeking lawn maintenance bids as described. Member Miller seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Opposed

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Opposed

 Superintendent Bostick presented a recommendation for In-district Transfers. The transfers would be as follows: Courtney Cappleman – Ashland High School to Ashland Middle School; Andrew Aldridge – Ashland High School to Ashland Middle School; Rutha Martin – Ashland High School to Ashland Elementary School; Jeannie Brock – Ashland Middle School to Ashland High School; Rolanda Tipler – Ashland Middle School to Ashland High School. Member Miller made a motion to approve the in-district transfers. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Aye

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Aye

 Superintendent Bostick presented the revised 2017-18 Extracurricular Salary Supplement Schedule which had been tabled at the May 22nd meeting. Included with the revised schedule was the requested information regarding the job description for the position of Healthy Schools Coordinator. Vice-President Elliott made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Supplement Schedule. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Opposed

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Opposed

 Superintendent Bostick presented a resignation from Mrs. Kayla Barnes-Mauney, teacher at Ashland Elementary School. Member Miller made a motion to accept Mrs. Barnes-Mauney’s resignation. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Aye

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Aye

 Superintendent Bostick presented a recommendation on behalf of Dr. Sharon Albert, to hire Mrs. Paige Gray as a teacher at Ashland Elementary. Member Miller made a motion to approve hiring Mrs. Gray. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Aye

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Aye

 Superintendent Bostick presented two recommendations on behalf of Dr. Sharon Albert. The first was a recommendation to hire Miss Jessica Terry as a teacher at Ashland Elementary. The second was a recommendation to hire Ms. Brianna Lindsey as a teacher at Ashland Elementary. Member Poplar made a motion to approve hiring both Miss Terry and Ms. Lindsey. Vice-President Elliott seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Aye

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Aye

 Superintendent Bostick presented the following recommendations:

 Ira Reliford Bus Shop Foreman $30,000.00/year

 John Reliford Mechanic $10.00/hr, 6 hrs/day

 Alvin Patterson Mechanic Helper $8.72/hr, 6 hrs/day

Vocational Bus Drivers: Billy Short, Bobby Gray, Thurman Mason, Virginia Lesueur and April Grist

Substitute Bus Drivers: Ayesha Brooks, Eugene Brown, Ollie Tallie, Robert Merritt, Jerry Clifton, Ira Reliford, Rolanda Cox, John Bostick, Alvin Fortenberry, Isaac Gordon, Margie Childers, Robert Allen, Brenda Mason, DeAnthony Tipler, Walter Greer, Sureather Patterson, Gerald Washington, Angela Tallie

Vice-President Elliott made a motion to approve the above recommendations. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Aye

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Aye

 Secretary McGregor made a motion to enter executive session to allow the board to discuss several matters concerning personnel. Vice-President Elliott seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Aye

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Aye

 The board entered executive session at 6:27 P. M. Vice-President Elliott made a motion to exit executive session. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Aye

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Aye

 The board exited executive session at 7:16 P. M. No action was taken during the session.

 Superintendent Bostick presented a recommendation from Dr. Merri Gadd (CTC) to hire Ms. Halie Bell as Agriculture & Natural Resources Instructor and FFA Sponsor for the 2017-18 school year. Vice-president Elliott made a motion to approve hiring Ms. Bell. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Opposed

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Aye

 It was agreed that the next regular meeting of the board will be held on Monday, June 12, 2017, at 5:30 P. M.

 Vice-President Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Page Aye

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Miller Aye

 Poplar Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P. M.

Attest:

Betty Page, President

Rocky Miller, Member

Erma Poplar, Member

Katrina McGregor, Secretary

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Gary Elliott, Vice President