SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BENTON COUNTY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BENTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

October 22, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 22nd day of October, 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

The following persons were present:

Veronica Kimmons Jessica Kennedy Michelle Carter

Tonya Gray Sandy Childs-Jones Ayesha Brooks Sarah Liddy

WHEREUPON, the following business was transacted:

Candace Sanders recorded the minutes of this meeting.

President Page called the meeting to order at 5:38 P. M.

Vice-President Elliott opened the meeting with prayer.

The following changes were made to the agenda: Addition of Item 5A – Recommendation from Maintenance. The meeting will begin with Item 5, and return to Item 4 when all parties concerned are present. Secretary McGregor made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Vice-President Elliott seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Page Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented a recommendation to hire Julie Brooks as Science teacher at Ashland High School, effective retroactively to September 17, 2018. Mrs. Brooks filled the position as a substitute, pending receipt of her Mississippi Educator License for this subject area. Secretary McGregor made a motion to approve the recommendation. Vice-President Elliott seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Page Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented a recommendation to hire Julie Prammel as a janitor at Hickory Flat Attendance Center. Ms. Prammel will replace Brian Willard. Secretary McGregor made a motion to approve the recommendation. Vice-President Elliott seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Page Aye

The motion passed.

At this time, the board conducted the second reading of the district Bid Protest Procedure and Policy. Vice-President Elliott made a motion to adopt the policy. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Page Aye

The motion passed.

President Page opened the floor to Ms. Sarah Liddy. Ms. Liddy introduced herself as a candidate in the November 6, 2018, election, running for Chancery Court Judge. Ms. Liddy presented a brief summary of her qualifications, and reminded all registered voters to participate in the election.

The board began the first reading of the MSBA 2018 Policy Revisions. The following Policies were addressed: BBBCB, BBE, BCAE, BDE, BJ, CEC, CEJ, CGM, and CNA. At this time, the necessary parties were present for the discussion of Item 4 – 2018-2019 State funded School Recognition Program. This item had been discussed and tabled with no action taken during the October 15, 2018, meeting. Secretary McGregor made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Vice-President Elliott seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Page Aye

The motion passed. The board entered executive session at 5:59 P. M. with the following persons present: Members Page, Elliott, and McGregor; Superintendent Bostick, Candace Sanders, Attorney Lori Shaw, and the Ashland High School teachers’ committee members (hereafter, “the committee”): Ayesha Brooks, Sandy Childs-Jones, Jessica Kennedy, Veronica Kimmons, and Tonya Gray. Subsequently, Vice-President Elliott made a motion to exit executive session. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Page Aye

The motion passed. The board exited executive session at 6:28 P. M. No action was taken during executive session. At this time, the committee was given the option to reconsider their decision regarding the allocation of School Recognition funds. If they do not wish to do so, the board will entertain motions and vote. The committee determined that they would need to contact members who were not present, and discuss their decision. This being acceptable to the board, the committee left the meeting room. Secretary McGregor made a motion to approve the payment of School Recognition supplements for Ashland Elementary School and Hickory Flat Attendance Center. Vice-President Elliott seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Page Aye

The motion passed.

While waiting for the committee’s decision, the board continued with the first reading of MSBA 2018 Policy Revisions. The following policies were reviewed: DFK, DJAAA,DJEC, EEAA, EM, EP, FCA, GABB, GABBA, GADAC, GBA, GBR, GBRL,GBRM-2, IA, IDDHE, IDF, IFG, JB, JDD, JDE, JGCDA, JHA, JRA, and LDAJB.

Upon their return, the board recognized the committee spokesperson, Jessica Kennedy. Ms. Kennedy informed the board that the committee had been advised not to continue to address this matter. President Page advised the committee that if they were being advised by legal counsel, any further communication would need to be handled via Attorney Shaw. Subsequently, Secretary McGregor made a motion to deny payment of School Recognition supplements for Ashland High School. Vice-President Elliott seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Page Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented the consent agenda. Vice-President Elliott made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Page Aye

The motion passed.

At this time, Vice-President Elliott presented the topic of working with the city or county to provide a School Resource Officer for Hickory Flat Attendance Center. There was a brief discussion of this matter, but no action was taken.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2018 at 5:30 P. M.

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

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Page Aye

The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 P. M.

Attest:

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Betty Page, President

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Gary Elliott, Vice-President

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Katrina McGregor, Secretary

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Erma Poplar, Member

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Brian Gresham, Member