

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE RECESSED MEETING OF THE
DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BE IT REMEMBERED that the DeSoto County Board of Education met in recessed session on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Superintendent of Education in Hernando, MS, with the following present, to-wit: Board President Milton Nichols, Board Member and Secretary Michele Henley (by phone) and Board Members Ann Jolley (by phone), Shelia Riley (by phone) and Sarah Doss-Thomas. Also present were the Superintendent of Education Cory Uselton; Board Attorney Jim Keith (by phone); Associate Superintendents Van Alexander and Keith Williams; Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Lauren Margeson and Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education Beth Cross. Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Weeks and Associate Superintendent Thomas Spencer were absent.

Approve Agenda

Approval of the March 19, 2020 Agenda.

Milton Nichols announced that if there were no objections from the board, the board would take a 30 minute recess to hear the press conference from Governor Tate Reeves concerning the Corona Virus (COVID 19) Pandemic. The board went into recess at 10:02 a.m.

The board returned to Open Session at 10:30 a.m. for the continuation of business.

Superintendent's Report

No board action was taken.

Attorney's Report

None

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the March 5, 2020 Board Meeting.

Consent Agenda

The board voted for:

- A. Approval of manual checks to pay invoices not received by the deadline for the March 5, 2020 Claims Docket.
- B. Approval of an amended contract with Art to Grow On LLC dba KidzArt.
- C. Approval of an amended contract with Pioneer Drama Service.
- D. Approval of an amended contract with Stoneware, Inc.
- E. Approval of a contract with Alyssa Hemphill.
- F. Approval of a contract with Christine Rodefer.
- G. Approval of a contract with DeSoto County Convention and Visitors Bureau.
- H. Approval of a contract with InCare Technologies.
- I. Approval of a contract with Jasmine Darnell.
- J. Approval of a contract with Morgan Westbrook.
- K. Approval of a contract with Redeemer Baptist Church.
- L. Approval of a contract with Savanna Geeslin.
- M. Approval of a contract with Sharp, Robbins & Popwell, LLC dba SRP Contractors.

- N. Approval to cancel a contract effective March 20, 2020 with Alex Peaks.
- O. Approval to cancel a contract with Tams-Witmark.
- P. Approval to submit to the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors a Request for Maintenance of the School Bus Turnaround.
- Q. Approval of a Travel ban request in accordance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) with regard to the COVID-19 virus.
- R. Approval of Student Transfer Requests for SY2019-20.

New Business

- A. Approval of a bid for the purchase of Netbooks for DeSoto County School District.
- B. Mr. Uselton updated the board regarding the status of the upcoming school week, announcing schools will be closed in response to an executive order signed by Governor Tate Reeves to close all Mississippi public schools through April 17, 2020 due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. No board action was taken.
- C. Approval of employment recommendations.
- D. Request for consideration of Executive Session.
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Executive Session – Action Taken

The board heard the residency appeal matter and the student discipline matters.

The board adjourned until Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.