MEETING OF THE BENTON COUNTY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BENTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

July 10, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 10th day of July, the Board of Education, Benton County, met at the Office of the Superintendent with the following members present:

Gary Elliott President

Katrina McGregor Vice President

Erma Poplar Secretary

Betty Page Member

The following persons were present:

Michelle Carter

WHEREUPON, the following business was transacted:

Candace Sanders recorded the minutes of this meeting.

President Elliott called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

President Elliott opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

Member Page requested the following amendment to the June 26, 2017, minutes: Member Page’s motion regarding the 2017-2018 handbooks should read “to be approved without total board review.” Vice-President McGregor made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

The agenda was amended as follows: Board Concerns/Personnel will be added as item #15. Vice-President McGregor made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Member Page addressed the group as a citizen representing the “Fill the Bus” project. The program will host an event on July 29, 2017, 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the Ashland Food Giant parking lot. It was requested that Superintendent Bostick and Board President Elliott both be present for the event.

Superintendent Bostick presented a recommendation on behalf of Mrs. Pamela Gray (Special Education Director) to transfer Ms. Anna Hurst to a new position as Behavioral Interventionist. Ms. Hurst will provide services to all schools in the district, she will be paid as a teacher according to State scale, and her salary will be paid from the Special Education Budget funds. Member Page made a motion to approve the new position and Ms. Hurst’s transfer. Vice-President McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Superintendent Bostick presented a proposal from Security Life Insurance to provide field trip insurance to the district for the 2017-2018 school year. The cost is $1,000.00 per year. Secretary Poplar made a motion to approve the field trip insurance policy. Vice-President McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Superintendent Bostick presented a review of the district-wide student scores for state mandated testing.

Superintendent Bostick presented the proposed cooperative agreement between Benton County School District and ICS Head Start Program for 2017-2018. Vice-President McGregor made a motion to approve the cooperative agreement. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Superintendent Bostick presented a request for student release for children S.U. and R.U. Vice-President McGregor made a motion to approve the release. Member Page seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Oppose

Page Oppose

Motion failed.

Superintendent Bostick presented a request for student release for child K.W. Vice-President McGregor made a motion to approve the release. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Oppose

Page Oppose

Motion failed.

Superintendent Bostick presented a request for student release for children N. R. and L. R. Secretary Poplar made a motion to approve the release. Vice-President McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Oppose

Page Oppose

Motion failed.

Superintendent Bostick presented a request for student release for child K. M. Vice-President McGregor made a motion to approve the release. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Oppose

Page Oppose

Motion failed.

Superintendent Bostick presented a request for student release for child W. C. Secretary Poplar made a motion to approve the release. Member Page seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Superintendent Bostick presented a request for admission for child A. B. A release from South Tippah Board of Education accompanied the request. Vice-President McGregor made a motion to approve admission of A. B. Member Page seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Abstain

Page Aye

Member Page made a motion to approve claims docket #058283-058316. Vice-President McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

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

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Michelle Carter, Business Manager, presented the monthly financial review. Ms. Carter also announced that she will conduct a public hearing, as required by law, to hear comments on the proposed 2017-2018 District Budget. The hearing is to take place on July 31, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. at the central office.

Vice-President McGregor made a motion to enter executive session in order to discuss personnel issues of a confidential nature. Member Page seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

The board entered executive session at 8:31 P.M. After discussion of the concern, Member Page made a motion to exit executive session. Vice-President McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

The board exited executive session at 8:57 P.M.

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

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 P. M.

Attest:

Gary Elliott, President

Katrina McGregor, Vice-President

Erma Poplar, Secretary

Betty Page, Member