SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BENTON COUNTY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BENTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

May 14, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 14th day of May, 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

Brian Gresham Member

The following persons were present:

Lori Whaley Shaw Dr. LaKimberly Hobson Laseyvion McAfee

WHEREUPON, the following business was transacted:

Candace Sanders recorded the minutes of this meeting.

President Elliott called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

President Elliott opened the meeting with prayer.

The following changes were made to the agenda: Item 4 – Personnel Matters was moved to Item 7; all other items were moved up the list accordingly. Member Gresham made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented a recommendation to approve Mr. Rodney Holloway as a bus driver for the 21st Century After-School Program. Although the program has ended, Mr. Holloway did serve as a bus driver when another driver had to exit the program. According to program guidelines, Mr. Holloway must be approved in order to receive payment for services rendered. Member Gresham made a motion to approve Rodney Holloway. Vice-President McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented a recommendation to hire summer maintenance workers for each of the school sites for the summer of 2018: 4 at Ashland Elementary, 4 at Hickory Flat, 2 at Ashland Middle School and 2 at Ashland High School. Workers will be allowed a combined total of 160 hours in June and 160 hours in July. Rate of pay will be $8.72 per hour. Pay periods are scheduled as follows: 1st Pay Period – Time sheets due 6/15/18, Checks issued 6/22/18; 2nd Pay Period – Time sheets due 7/20/18, Checks issued 7/27/18; 3rd Pay Period (if needed) – Time sheets due 8/3/18, Checks issued 8/14/18. Vice-President McGregor made a motion to approve the summer workers. Member Gresham seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented a recommendation to hire Ms. Shelia Pruett as Cafeteria Manager at Hickory Flat Attendance Center for 2018-2019. Salary will be $17,316.00. Secretary Poplar made a motion to approve the recommendation. Member Gresham seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

The next item was a personnel matter to be presented by Dr. LaKimberly Hobson. Vice-President McGregor made a motion to enter executive session. Member Gresham seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed. The board entered executive session at 5:45 P. M. Subsequently, Vice-President McGregor made a motion to exit executive session. Member Gresham seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed. The board exited executive session at 6:06 P. M. No action was taken during executive session.

At this time, President Elliott gave the floor to Dr. Hobson to present her statement. At the conclusion of Dr. Hobson’s remarks, Vice-President McGregor made a motion to enter executive session to address a personnel matter. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed. The board entered executive session at 6:25 P. M. Subsequently, Secretary Poplar made a motion to exit executive session. Member Gresham seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed. The board exited executive session at 6:54 P. M. No action was taken during executive session.

In light of the board’s discussion, Member Gresham made a motion to rescind the motion passed at the last meeting (of May 7, 2018,) pertaining to the recommendation for the renewal of Dr. Hobson’s employment and the setting of her salary for the upcoming school year. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

After some discussion, Member Gresham made a motion to approve and accept the recommendation of Superintendent Bostick for the renewal and hire of Dr. LaKimberly Hobson for the position of Curriculum Coordinator for 2018-2019 at a salary of $76,500.00. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented a request to release a student from Benton County School District, permitting the student to attend South Tippah School District for the school year 2018-2019. Vice-President McGregor made a motion to approve the student’s release. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented a request to admit a student to Hickory Flat Attendance Center for the school year 2018-2019. The student’s letter of release from Marshall County School District was included. Vice-President McGregor made a motion to approve admitting the student. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Secretary Poplar made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Gresham seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P. M.

Attest:

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Gary Elliott, President

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Katrina McGregor, Vice-President

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Erma Poplar, Secretary

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Betty Page, Member

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Brian Gresham, Member