MEETING OF THE BENTON COUNTY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BENTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

July 16, 2018

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 16th day of July, 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

Erma Poplar Member

Brian Gresham Member

The following persons were present:

Lori Whaley Shaw Cindy Heavener Jane Hubbard

Tammy Dillard Chris Vineyard Kacey Bates

Brent Kuhl Tonya Kuhl John Hickey

Melissa Luna Vera Mason Sharon Albert

Claudia Goodson Rosie Ladd

WHEREUPON, the following business was transacted:

Candace Sanders recorded the minutes of this meeting.

President Page called the meeting to order at 5:32 P. M.

Member Gresham opened the meeting with prayer.

President Page advised the board that she would not cast any vote unless required to break a tie or to constitute a quorum.

Member Poplar made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 11th meeting. Member Gresham seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Member Gresham made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 21st special called meeting. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

The following changes were made to the agenda: a recommendation from Ashland Middle/High School added as Item 7D; approval of the district CIPA policy as Item 10A; and discussion of test data added as Item 15A. Member Gresham made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

There were no parent or public concerns at this time.

Superintendent Bostick presented the following letters of resignation: LaShaunda Scott (CTC secretary;) Laura Westmoreland (AES teacher;) John Eaton (HFAC teacher;) Holly Ormon (HFAC teacher – special education.) Vice-President Elliott made a motion to accept all of the resignations. 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 from Ms. Anola Stricklin (Food Service Director) to hire Mrs. Ashley Taylor as a cook at the HFAC cafeteria for the 2018-2019 school year. Member Poplar made a motion to approve the recommendation. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented recommendations from Sharon Albert (Principal, AES) as follows: Hire Cajuana Mosby-Isom as an assistant teacher; hire Kacey Bates as a special education teacher; hire Vera Mason as a SPED assistant teacher; transfer Hillary Henderson from general education assistant teacher to SPED assistant teacher; hire Claudia Goodson as a teacher. Vice-President Elliott made a motion to approve all of the recommendations for Ashland Elementary. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented recommendations from Jane Hubbard (Principal, HFAC) as follows: Hire Chris Vineyard as Technology Foundations teacher; hire Tonya Kuhl as Algebra/Foundations of Algebra/ACT math prep teacher; hire John Hickey as History teacher; hire Tammy Dillard as assistant teacher; hire Melissa Luna as bookkeeper (salary $19,000.00.) Member Poplar made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. 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 5:57 PM. Subsequently, Secretary McGregor made a motion to exit executive session. Vice-President Elliott seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed and the board exited executive session at 6:24 PM. No action was taken during executive session.

Vice-President Elliott made a motion to approve the hiring recommendations for Hickory Flat. 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 from Rosie Ladd (Principal, AMHS) to hire Cindy Heavener as Special Education teacher assigned to the self-contained classroom. Member Poplar made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Member Gresham seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed and the board entered executive session at 6:28 PM. Subsequently, Member Poplar made a motion to exit executive session. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed and the board exited executive session at 6:30 PM.

Member Poplar made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Ms. Heavener. Member Gresham seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented an agreement for Mr. Smith Sparks to provide financial consulting services to the district from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Member Gresham made a motion to approve the agreement. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented the 2018-2019 Cooperative/Transition Agreement between Institute of Community Services (ICS Headstart) and Benton County School District. Member Poplar made a motion to approve the agreement. Member Gresham seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented the 2018-2019 Student Handbook for adoption. Member Gresham made a motion to adopt the student handbook. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented the 2018-2019 Employee Handbook for adoption. Vice-President Elliott made a motion to adopt the employee handbook. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Superintendent Bostick presented requests for students to be released to other school districts. Secretary McGregor made a motion to approve the releases. Vice-President Elliott seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Oppose

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

Vice-President Elliott made a motion to approve Claims Docket #060116-060162. Member Gresham seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

Superintendent Bostick presented a request from Ms. Brittany Tipler to use the Ashland High School gym to host a fundraising basketball tournament on September 22, 2018. Member Poplar made a motion to approve the request. Vice-President Elliott seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed.

President Page opened a discussion of the preliminary state testing data by giving the floor to Dr. Sharon Albert. Dr. Albert gave a brief summary of the results for Ashland Elementary School. Overall, students performed well, and plans are in place to address the areas of concern, as well as to build on strengths. President Page then gave the floor to Dr. Rosie Ladd. Dr. Ladd stated that middle school students, overall, did not perform well and that would be her area of greatest concern. Preliminary review suggests that high school students performed acceptably, but further analysis would be needed. President Page requested that all administrators and the curriculum coordinator be present for the next meeting in order to obtain additional feedback. In addition, President Page has requested the creation of a “data wall” to display results of each nine weeks’ testing, as well as a comparison between end-of-year and first nine weeks results.

At this time, 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

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed and the board entered executive session at 7:24. No action was taken during executive session. There being no further items on the agenda, Vice-President Elliott made a motion to adjourn. Member Gresham seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Gresham Aye

The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

There will be a special called meeting on July 26th following the public budget hearing.

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