SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BENTON COUNTY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BENTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

July 26, 2018

 BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 26th 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

 Brian Gresham Member

The following persons were present:

 Jimmy Gresham Michelle Carter

 WHEREUPON, the following business was transacted:

 Candace Sanders recorded the minutes of this meeting.

 President Page called the meeting to order at 6:01 P. M.

Vice-President Elliott opened the meeting with prayer.

 The following changes were made to the agenda: Jimmy Gresham was added as Item #4; the remaining items were renumbered accordingly, with the addition of “Request to Attend MASBO” following “Discussion of Block Scheduling.” Member Gresham made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Gresham Aye

 The motion passed.

 President Page gave Mr. Jimmy Gresham the floor. Mr. Gresham requested a final decision regarding the district’s involvement in a safe room project at the Career Technical Center. After a brief discussion of the matter, the board asked Mr. Gresham to allow the board to revisit the issue under “Board Concerns” and render their final decision to Mr. Gresham on July 27. Mr. Gresham was agreeable to this.

 Superintendent Bostick presented a letter of resignation from Ms. Shervon Beard (AHS Food Service) effective July 23, 2018; and a letter of resignation from Ms. Courtney Cappleman (AHS, Special Education) effective July 24, 2018. Vice-President Elliott made a motion to accept both resignations. Member Gresham seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Gresham Aye

 The motion passed.

 Superintendent Bostick presented a recommendation from Ms. Anola Stricklin (Food Service Director) to hire Ms. Sandra Pannell for the position left vacant by the resignation of Shervon Beard. Ms. Pannell has already worked in this capacity as a substitute. Vice-President Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendation. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Gresham Aye

 The motion passed.

 At this time President Page opened the floor to discussion about the block schedule at Ashland High School. Superintendent Bostick expressed concern that it is too near to opening day to effectively implement a change to a 7-period day, and that parents have expressed opinions in favor of block scheduling. After a brief discussion, President Page entertained a motion to discontinue block scheduling at Ashland High School. Vice-President Elliott made a motion to discontinue block scheduling and adopt a 7-period schedule. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Gresham Aye

 The motion passed.

 Superintendent Bostick presented the consent agenda. Secretary McGregor made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Member Gresham seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Gresham Aye

 The motion passed.

 At this time, the board discussed the issue of the safe room project. It was unanimously agreed that the district will not proceed/participate in the project. Superintendent Bostick is to notify Jimmy Gresham of this decision the day after this meeting.

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

 Elliott Aye

 McGregor Aye

 Gresham Aye

 The motion passed.

 The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 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