MEETING OF THE BENTON COUNTY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BENTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

May 8, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 8th day of May, the Board of Education, Benton County, met at the Office of the Superintendent with the following members present:

Gary Elliott Vice President

Katrina McGregor Secretary

Rocky Miller Member

Erma Poplar Member

The following persons were present:

Lori Whaley Shaw Michelle Carter Peggy Rainey

Tawanda Campbell Misty Wilder Will Beam

Brenda Mason Thurman Mason Sandy Garner

Helen Thompson Elizabeth McMullen Leah Green

Catina Taylor Sarita Thompson April Nicholson

Melissa Bennett Heather Tipler Angela Brown

Rose Ann Jones Jessica Wilburn Kellie Mitchell

Bethany Clifton Mary Thompson Clint Jordan

Gina Jordan Kristi Cox James Cox

Rutha Martin Rosie Ladd Joyce Abrams

Jeannie Brock

WHEREUPON, the following business was transacted:

Candace Sanders recorded the minutes of this meeting.

Vice-President Elliott called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

Superintendent Bostick opened the meeting with prayer.

Member Miller made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10th board meeting. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Miller Aye

Poplar Aye

The following adjustments to the agenda were requested: A recommendation to hire Jessica Terry was added as item 13A. Dr. Rosie Ladd was moved to item 14B, and Jeannie Jeter-Brock was moved to item 14C. Secretary McGregor made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Miller Aye

Poplar Aye

Elizabeth McMullen was recognized by the Board and given the floor (Benton County School District Policy, Section B, Code BCBI.) Ms. McMullen is the mother of a student at Hickory Flat Attendance Center.

Helen Thompson was recognized by the Board and given the floor (Benton County School District Policy, Section B, Code BCBI.) Ms. Thompson is the grandmother of a student at Hickory Flat Attendance Center.

Sarita Thompson was recognized by the Board and given the floor (Benton County School District Policy, Section B, Code BCBI.) Ms. Thompson is a parent and family member of students at Hickory Flat Attendance Center.

Angela Brown was recognized by the Board and given the floor (Benton County School District Policy, Section B, Code BCBI.) Ms. Brown is a teacher at Hickory Flat Attendance Center, and she spoke as a representative of the staff and the PTO.

At the conclusion of Ms. Brown’s remarks, Vice-President Elliott opened the floor for questions or additional comments. After a few questions from PTO members, and a statement from Kellie Mitchell (Secretary at Hickory Flat Attendance Center,) the floor was closed and Vice-President Elliott expressed his thanks to all those present.

Superintendent Bostick and Ms. Michelle Carter, Business Manager, presented the financial review. In addition, they advised that the budget for the 2017-2018 school year is currently being drafted, and will be presented at the next meeting.

Member Miller made a motion to approve Claims Docket #057894-057960. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Miller Aye

Poplar Aye

Superintendent Bostick presented the monthly Principal’s report on behalf of Dr. Sharon Albert for Ashland Elementary School.

Superintendent Bostick presented the District Comprehensive English Learner Plan Template. Member Poplar made a motion to approve the Plan. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Miller Aye

Poplar Aye

Superintendent Bostick presented the fixed asset disposals, asking that asset ID #6461 be removed from the list since the asset had been located. Secretary McGregor made a motion to approve the fixed asset disposals. Member Miller seconded the motion. The members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Miller Aye

Poplar Aye

Secretary McGregor made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Miller Aye

Poplar Aye

Superintendent Bostick presented a recommendation regarding a salary increase for Mrs. Pamela Gray. The members had several questions which required further investigation. Mr. Bostick requested that the recommendation be tabled until he can provide more information.

Superintendent Bostick presented resignations from Ms. Rose Popplereiter (HFAC) and Mr. Houston Butler (AHS.) Member Miller made a motion to approve the resignations. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Miller Aye

Poplar Aye

The board recognized Dr. Rosie Ladd, who indicated that the matters she wished to discuss concerned a parent, a student, and school personnel. Due to the confidential nature of these matters, Member Miller made a motion to enter executive session. Member Poplar seconded the motion and members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Miller Aye

Poplar Aye

The board entered executive session at 7:05 p.m.

Member Miller made a motion to exit executive session. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Miller Aye

Poplar Aye

The board exited executive session at 7:32 p.m. No action was taken during executive session.

The board recognized Mrs. Jeannie Jeter-Brock. Mrs. Brock indicated that she needed to address several matters pertaining to personnel/administrator relations. Member Miller made a motion to enter executive session. Secretary McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Miller Aye

Poplar Aye

The board entered executive session at 7:34 p.m. Member Miller made a motion to exit executive session. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Miller Aye

Poplar Aye

The board exited executive session at 8:45 p.m. No action was taken during the session.

Superintendent Bostick presented a recommendation to hire Ms. Jessica Terry as a second grade teacher at Ashland Elementary School for the remainder of the current school year. Ms. Terry will replace Mrs. Rita Buggs, and will be paid according to State scale. Vice-President Elliott made a motion to approve hiring Ms. Terry. Member Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Miller Aye

Poplar Aye

The next meeting of the school board will be on May 22, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.

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

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Miller Aye

Poplar Aye

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Attest:

Absent

Betty Page, President

Rocky Miller, Member

Erma Poplar, Member

Katrina McGregor, Secretary

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Gary Elliott, Vice President