MEETING OF THE BENTON COUNTY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BENTON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

October 16, 2017

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

Brian Gresham Member

The following persons were present:

Sherwyn L. Thomas

Michelle Carter

Lori Whaley Shaw

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.

Secretary Poplar opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary Poplar noted that the minutes of the September 11, meeting reflected that Member Page made a motion to adjourn the meeting, but Page’s vote was not recorded. Members also reviewed the minutes of the August 14th meeting to be sure the requested revisions had been made. Vice-President McGregor made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Gresham Aye

The meeting agenda was revised to include President Elliott under “Board Concerns”. 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

Gresham Aye

The board recognized Pastor Sherwyn Thomas. Pastor Thomas was seeking a response to the proposal he presented at the September meeting. Superintendent Bostick had not yet consulted with the board attorney regarding any liability issues. He will speak to Mrs. Shaw and contact Pastor Thomas by noon on Friday.

The board had the second reading of the dual credit/dual enrollment policy previously presented by Dr. LaKimberly Hobson. Members were unclear in regard to whether the policy was intended to take effect for the current school year, or if it would go into effect with the 2018-2019 school year. President Elliott asked Member Page, as an educator, if she had any specific suggestions or concerns about the policy. Member Page stated that she was concerned about a “domino effect” in relation to other policies which are currently in the handbook. Member Page made a motion to table the approval of the dual credit/dual enrollment policy. Vice-President McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Gresham Aye

Superintendent Bostick presented a recommendation from Mrs. Glossie Terry to hire Ms. Neelie Owen to teach Dual Enrollment English Comp I for Hickory Flat students. The course will begin in January 2018. Ms. Owen will be paid $330.00 per month. Member Page made a motion to approve the recommendation. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Gresham Aye

Superintendent Bostick presented a recommendation from Rosie Ladd (Principal, AHS) to hire Ms. Chris Jones as Algebra I teacher for Ashland High School. Vice-President McGregor made a motion to approve hiring Ms. Jones. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Oppose

Gresham Aye

Superintendent Bostick presented the 2017-2018 District Test Security Plan. Member Page made a motion to approve the plan. Secretary Poplar seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Gresham Aye

Michelle Carter presented the financial review. The August and September bank reconciliations were submitted; no action was needed. The Final Amended Budget FY 16-17 was presented. Member Page made a motion to approve the Final Amended Budget. Vice-President McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Gresham Aye

The board had the first reading of the 2016 MSBA Policy Revisions sections BCAC, BCAD, BCBA, CEDA, DJED, GADAC, GAHB, GBA, IEBA, JCAA, JCBE, JDD, JDDA, JDDA-P and JDE. President Elliott noted that particular attention should be given to policy BCBA “Time and Place of Meetings” and urged all members to be ready to address their concerns on any of these policies during the November meeting.

Member Page made a motion to approve Claims Docket #058697-058777. Vice-President McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Gresham Aye

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

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Gresham Aye

Superintendent Bostick presented the 2017-2018 Federal Programs Allocations. These include funds for Title I, Title II and Title IV. Secretary Poplar made a motion to approve the Federal Programs Allocations. Vice-President McGregor seconded the motion. Members voted as follows:

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Gresham Aye

Superintendent Bostick shared an email from Mississippi School Boards Association. MSBA will be hosting three meetings for school board members, superintendents and school board attorneys, on preparing for the change from elected to appointed superintendents.

Superintendent Bostick presented the district’s letter of response addressing Standard 1.3 on the district’s Accreditation Record Summary, and the letter of clearance from Mississippi Department of Education.

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

Elliott Aye

McGregor Aye

Poplar Aye

Page Aye

Gresham Aye

The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2017 at 5:30 P. M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 P. M.

Attest:

Gary Elliott, President

Katrina McGregor, Vice-President

Erma Poplar, Secretary

Betty Page, Member

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Brian Gresham, Member