

The Board of Trustees of the West Point Consolidated School District met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2025, in the conference room of the administrative office building located at 359 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Members present were: Gene Brown, chairman; Tommy Coleman, vice chairman; Laquante Pruitt, secretary; Israel Lee, member and Trina Davidson, member. Also present were Dr. Jermaine Taylor, Superintendent; Dr. Kendall Pickens, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; Reita Humphries, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Federal Programs; Susan Cothren, Business Manager; Rita Tilley, Assistant Business Manager.

The meeting was called to order by Gene Brown, chairman.

Upon motion made by Trina Davidson, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the adoption of the agenda as presented.

Upon motion made by Israel Lee, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved consent items and ratified claims on the check preview register as follows:

1. Minutes – Regular Meeting - January 12, 2026
2. Check Preview Register

Dr. Jermaine Taylor, superintendent, announced that Governor Tate Reeves proclaimed February 16-20, 2026 as “School Board Member Recognition Week” for the State of Mississippi. Dr. Taylor presented each Board member with a gift of appreciation honoring their contributions and dedication to the district, students, and community.

Jacqueline Gray, principal at East Side Elementary, presented student data. She also discussed some of the programs and interventions being implemented to improve students physically, emotionally, and academically.

Dr. Jermaine Taylor, superintendent, presented Melissa McKinney, Librarian at East Side Elementary, with a certificate of appreciation honoring her contributions and dedication to the district, students, and community.

Dr. Jermaine Taylor, superintendent, congratulated and recognized Mr. Jonathan Reeves, theatre director for the West Point High School and his students for their incredible achievements in the Performing Arts Festival.

After discussion, Tommy Coleman moved approval of the December financial statements. His motion was seconded by Israel Lee, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Upon motion made by Trina Davidson, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the deletion of fixed assets and declared each one surplus property as follows:

SCHOOL	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	MODEL #	SERIAL #
IT	15742	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034J26D
IT	19478	48 Port Switch	ICX8200-48ZP2	FNN4338U06N
Center School	11841	Switch IDF	7250-24	DUIJ3850M00F
Center School	11866	Switch IDF	7250-48P	DUK3848M03V
Center School	11870	Brocade Switch	7250-48P	DUK3849M012
Center School	11882	Switch IDF	7250-48P	DUK3849M014
South Side	15005	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0346H81
South Side	15018	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0346HC0
South Side	15047	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0346H71
South Side	15089	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0346K5T
South Side	15116	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	DUK3849VTF
South Side	15213	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0346K5Q
South Side	15287	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DS6V
South Side	15297	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DGJ8
South Side	15302	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DD24
South Side	15380	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DCZK
South Side	16113	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0349QRG

South Side	16135	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0349WIV
South Side	16183	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034J5LT
West Clay	16051	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0346HBL
Fifth Street	14105	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DDWC
Fifth Street	14305	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0346LSD
Fifth Street	15414	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DS7C
Fifth Street	15504	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0349T0S
WPHS-N	14177	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0349T2B
WPHS-N	14179	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0349T52
WPHS-N	14482	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0349T5Y
WPHS-N	14920	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DS3Q
WPHS-N	15494	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0349TTB
WPHS-N	15630	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DCWP
WPHS-N	15709	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034J4VC
WPHS-N	15743	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034J58X
WPHS-N	15882	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034J4VT
WPHS-S	14589	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DRZQ
WPHS-S	15882	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034J4VT
WPHS-S	14724	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DDHV
WPHS-S	14794	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD03509PJ
WPHS-S	15546	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0349TSL
WPHS-S	15875	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0346KS1
WPHS-S	15958	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DDM

Upon motion made by Trina Davidson, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the hereto attached contractual agreements with Kids First Education for WPHS Sped, Kids First Education and Performance Based Education.

Upon motion made by Israel Lee seconded by Trina Davidson and passed unanimously, the Board approved the 2026-2027 school calendar as follows:

DATE	DAY OF WEEK	EVENT
July 3 - 6	Friday - Monday	INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
July 20	Monday	Business Office / IT New Teacher Orientation
July 21	Tuesday	District New Teacher Orientation
July 22 - 24	Wednesday - Friday	Professional Development
July 27	Monday	First Day for Students
September 7	Monday	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
September 8	Tuesday	Parent Conferences (student holiday)
September 9	Wednesday	Classes Resume
September 29	Tuesday	End 1 <sup>st</sup> Grading Period
September 30 - October 2	Wednesday - Friday	Fall Intersession
October 5 - 9	Monday - Friday	FALL BREAK
October 12	Monday	Classes Resume
October 19	Monday	Report Cards Issued
November 23 - 27	Monday - Friday	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS
November 30	Monday	Classes Resume
December 18	Friday	End 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grading Period
December 21 - January 1	Monday - Friday	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

January 4	Monday	Professional Development (student holiday)
January 5	Tuesday	Classes Resume
January 11	Monday	Report Cards Issued
January 18	Monday	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY
January 19	Tuesday	Classes Resume
February 15	Monday	Parent Conferences (student holiday)
March 5	Friday	End 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grading Period
March 8 - 12	Monday - Friday	SPRING BREAK
March 15- 17	Monday - Wednesday	Spring Intersession
March 18	Thursday	Classes Resume
March 26 - 29	Friday - Monday	GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY (March 29 <sup>th</sup> Inclement weather makeup day)
March 30	Tuesday	Classes Resume
March 30	Tuesday	Report Cards Issued
May	To Be Determined	GRADUATION - TBD
May 26	Wednesday	Last Day for Students
May 26	Wednesday	End 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grading Period
May 27	Thursday	Last Day for Teachers & Teacher Assistants/Report Cards Issued
May 31	Monday	MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
June 18	Friday	Juneteenth Holiday

180 Days for Students

187 Days for Teachers and Teacher Assistants

Upon motion made by Israel Lee, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board approved the memorandum of understanding between the West Point Consolidated School District and Tougaloo College Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit using the Grade Results Platform.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the "School Board Monthly updates for January and February."

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the revisions to Policy IFG - Early Graduation.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved one day of administrative leave with pay for all employees for January 26, 2026 due to emergency closing for inclement weather.

Trina Davidson made a motion to approve the request to reschedule the regular March Board meeting from Monday, March 9, 2026, to Monday, March 16, 2026, due to Spring Break being the week of March 9-13, 2026. Her motion was seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously by the Board.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the authorization to post and REP and Bid for E-Rate Category 2 Products and Services.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the retirement of certified personnel as follows:

Catrina Mosley                      Special Services Director                      Special Services (effective 6/30/26)

Upon motion made by Trina Davidson, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board accepted the resignations of certified personnel as follows:

Jessica Glass                      Kindergarten Teacher                      East Side (effective 5/29/26)  
Denise Watson                      Kindergarten Teacher                      East Side (effective 5/29/26)

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board denied the resignations of certified personnel as follows: **(Detriment)**

Ariana Rosado Estevez                      Science Teacher                      WPHS - North (effective 2/6/26)

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Trina Davidson and passed unanimously, the Board approved the employment recommendation of certified personnel as follows:



**Church Hill**

Syndy Andrews  
Britney Boyd (Title I funds)  
Niyoka Ewings (Title I funds)  
Paityn Fulgham  
Tammy Hamby (Title I funds)  
Kappie Livingston (Title I funds)

Ashley Rice (Title I funds)  
Courtney Simmons (Title I funds)  
Valerie Smith (Title I funds)  
Jaiyatta Walker (Title I funds)  
Angela Wooten

**South Side**

Courtney Ward

**Intersession recommendations will all be paid with District Funds (1120-9001260-000-112-department #) \$30/hour (cont.):**

**West Clay**

Melinda Crowley  
Madeline Little

Jennifer Townsend

**Intersession recommendations will all be paid with Title I Funds (2211-9003900-000-112-001-2025) \$25/hour:**

Zinnie Collins-Sherman  
Shirley Ewing

**Child Nutrition Intersession - \$20/hour unless otherwise noted:**

**East Side**

Melinda Buttrey (\$35 per hour)  
Alicia Hammond

Gidget Riley

**South Side**

Diana Harris  
Gwen Jordan (\$35 per hour)  
Linda King  
Tyrenda Roby

Tonia Stovall  
Early Tate (\$25 per hour or Manager Sub)  
Teayra Tuggle  
Janice Young

**West Clay**

Debrough Bell

**Fifth Street**

Tawanda Cooperwood  
Lakeisha McMillian (\$35 per hour)

**West Point High School**

Shanesha Eley  
Marie Griffin  
Victoria Hannah  
Advonda Hunter

Chamia Randle  
Makeska Shoemaker  
Lakeisha Stark (\$35 per hour)

At this time, Israel Lee recused himself from the meeting.

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved employment recommendation of certified personnel as follows:

**Intersession recommendations will all be paid with District Funds (1120-9001260-000-111-department #) \$40/hour unless otherwise noted:**

**East Side**

Kara Lee - Facilitator (\$45/hour)

Israel Lee re-entered the meeting at this time.

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved employment recommendations of certified personnel for 2026-2027 as follows:

**Building Administrators**

Jacqueline Gray  
Dr. Jon Oswalt  
Lucy McKeller  
Trenice Brownlee  
Talisha Randle  
Dr. Shameeka Deanes

East Side Elementary  
Church Hill Elementary  
South Side Elementary  
West Clay Elementary  
Fifth Street School  
West Point High School - North Campus

Dr. Temeka Shannon  
Patrick Ray  
Richard Bryant

West Point High School - South Campus  
Career and Technology Center  
West Point Learning Center

Central Office Administrators

Dr. Kendall Pickens  
Reita Humphries  
Rita Tilley  
Kris Hollis  
Bernice Johnson  
Paul Lockett  
Rickey Melton  
Anna Ward  
Brad Cox  
Lawrence Amos

Assistant Superintendent of Operations  
Assistant Superintendent Instruction & Federal Programs  
Business Manager  
Director of Testing & Curriculum  
Director of Special Services  
Director of Technology  
Maintenance Director  
Child Nutrition Director  
Athletic Director  
Custodial Supervisor

Laquante Pruitt made a motion to go into closed session to determine the need for executive session.

The board determined that the items listed on the agenda were executive session issues as allowed by law. Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board went into executive session. The board chairman, Gene Brown, announced that the Board would be going into executive session for the purpose of discussion of student discipline report and a legal.

Following discussion, Laquante Pruitt moved that the meeting be reopened to the public. Her motion, seconded by Tommy Coleman was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the meeting was duly adjourned.



Chairman



Secretary