

Regular Meeting

November 11, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the West Point Consolidated School District met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 11, 2024, 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; Elizabeth Bailey, secretary. Israel Lee, member; Laquante Pruitt, member, were absent. Also present were Dr. Jermaine Taylor, Superintendent; Dr. Kendall Pickens, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; Reita Humphries, Assistant Superintendent Instruction and Federal Programs; Susan Cothren, Business Manager; and Angela Turner Ford, Board Attorney.

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

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

Laquante Pruitt entered the meeting at this time.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board approved consent items and ratified claims on the check preview register as follow:

1. Minutes – Regular Meeting - October 14, 2024
Special Meeting - October 23, 2024
2. Check Preview Registers

Dr. Jermaine Taylor, superintendent, presented Gladistine Davidson, custodian at the West Point High School South campus, with a certificate of appreciation honoring her contributions and dedication to the district, students, and community.

Dr. Temeka Shannon, principal at West Point High School, shared information about test data and strategies to improve test scores for continued success. She also discussed some programs and interventions being implemented to improve students physically, emotionally and academically.

After discussion Laquante Pruitt moved approval of the September financial statements. Her motion was seconded by Elizabeth Bailey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the deletion of fixed assets and declared each one surplus property as follows:

SCHOOL	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	MODEL #	SERIAL #
Technology	1000	Computer	7010	7V8SQ22
Technology	16069	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0346HCP
Technology	17121	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0315KKQ
CNP	13439	TV	NA	NA
CNP	8223	Combi Oven	7.14SG	9245819001
East Side	17982	iPad	8 th Gen	FNXHF149Q1GC
South Side	10566	iPad	Air 2	DLXQRZ0SG5VJ
South Side	12380	iPad	Air 2	DMPT4GN3HD5D
South Side	12381	iPad	Air 2	DMPT4ARCHG5D
South Side	12410	iPad	Air 2	DMPT4H81HG5D
South Side	12431	iPad	Air 2	DMPT4KXKHG5D
West Clay	13314	Chromebook	100E	P2044HHY
WPHS-S	14510	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0346K5N

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the deletion of vocational equipment as follows:

SCHOOL	TRACKING #	DESCRIPTION	MODEL #	SERIAL #
Career & Technology Center	WS78	Welder	AD-2436-1	U1171002582

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Elizabeth Bailey and passed unanimously, the Board approved the hereto attached resolution authorizing the execution of an energy and construction services contract and the execution and delivery of a master lease/purchase agreement prepared by Young Law Group.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board approved to grant 4-County Electric Power Association an easement, 15 feet wide, to run a 15 foot underground power line located between Hwy 389 and Vail Road on property that belongs to the district. The Board further authorized the Superintendent to sign the easement on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Tommy Coleman made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the West Point Consolidated School District and Prairie Opportunity, INC to offer volunteer and employment opportunities for students. Her motion was seconded by Laquante Pruitt, approved and passed unanimously by the Board.

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board accepted a monetary donation of \$1,000 to Brett Morgan, football coach, from Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial for the West Point High School Football 2024-2025 season.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board approved the out-of-state travel request by Devan Boatner, teacher at South Side Elementary, to take approximately 68 students to the Timberlake Campground in Millport, AL on November 19, 2024. They will be accompanied by 7 chaperones and will travel by district buses.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board approved the out-of-state travel request by Kahla Thomas, teacher at West Point High School to take approximately 24 NHS/SGA students to the Leadership Conference, in Chicago, IL on January 30 - February 2, 2025. They will be accompanied by 4 chaperones and will travel by airplane.

Following a second reading, Elizabeth Bailey made a motion to adopt policy EFC - Use of Artificial Intelligence. Her motion was seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously by the Board.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board accepted the retirement of non-certified personnel as follows:

Angela Everson East Side Cafeteria Manager (effective 10/31/24)

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board accepted the resignation of non-certified personnel as follows:

Sawana Bean South Side Teacher Assistant (effective 10/31/24)
Maurice Bowen Fifth Street Custodian (effective 10/4/24)
Julie Doss South Side Cafeteria (effective 11/4/24)

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

Child Nutrition:

Shelia Matthews South Side \$6,160 (112 days, 5.50 hrs/day at step (A-0))
Cynthia Quinn South Side \$7,840 (112 days, 7 hrs/day at step (A-0))

Child Nutrition Salary Adjustments:

Melinda Buttrey - Increase hourly rate to \$24.50 per hour effective 11/4/24 which increases her salary by \$2,904 to \$35,068 per year as a result of a promotion.

Lakeisha McMillian - Increase hourly rate to \$25.00 per hour effective 11/4/24 which increases her salary by \$1,936 to \$36,344.

Lakeisha Stark - Increase hourly rate to \$25.00 per hour effective 11/4/24 which increases her salary by \$1,936 to \$36,344.

Elizabeth Bailey 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 Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board went into executive session to discuss student discipline and an update on a legal matter.

Following discussion, Elizabeth Bailey moved the meeting be reopened to the public. Her motion was seconded by Laquante Pruitt and unanimously approved by the Board.

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


Chairman


Secretary