

The Board of Trustees of the West Point Consolidated School District met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026, 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; Trina Davidson, member. 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; Rita Tilley, Assistant Business Manager and Angela Turner Ford, Board Attorney.

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

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

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

1. Minutes – Regular Meeting - December 8, 2025
2. Check Preview Registers

Dr. Jermaine Taylor, superintendent, presented Brittney Stark, Health Science teacher at the West Point High School Career & Technology Center, with a certificate of appreciation honoring her contributions and dedication to the district, students, and community.

Patrick Ray, Director at West Point High School Career & Technology Center, shared information about test data and strategies to improve test scores for continued success.

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

Upon motion made by Israel Lee, 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	16217	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034J46M
Church Hill	16080	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0346HDZ
South Side	15250	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0346K24
Fifth Street	14133	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DDST
Fifth Street	14247	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DDV3
Fifth Street	14309	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0346LRB
Fifth Street	15333	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DS9B
Fifth Street	16277	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0349TIL
Fifth Street	19726	Surface Pro	Surface Pro 9	0F3D4DV24043BF
WPHS-N	14175	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0349T6N
WPHS-N	14367	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0346KTP
WPHS-N	15666	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DD0R
WPHS-N	18769	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0349T53
WPHS-N	15843	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034J4W7
WPHS-N	19713	Surface Pro 9	Surface Pro	0F3D4F424043BF
WPHS-S	14554	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD0349T68
WPHS-S	14580	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DS07
WPHS-S	14700	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DDQM
WPHS-S	14744	Chromebook	11 G8 EE	5CD034DBL2
CTC	20193	Chest freezer	FCM25DSWH	216931200

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the hereto attached salary schedule changes for Administrative Assistants, Business Office Accounting Clerks and Administrators being increased in order to be competitive with other districts for the 2026 - 2027 year.

Upon motion made by Trina Davidson, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the number of contract days for 12 month employees from 230 to 227 beginning with the 2026 -2027 school year.

Upon motion made by Israel Lee, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board approved the emergency purchase repairs to a freeze at Fifth Street School.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board accepted a donation of equipment for West Point High School Theater department for Jon Matthews with Altex Tube.

Israel Lee made a motion to approve the updated job description for Business Office Clerk. His motion was seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously by the Board.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved Change Order #4 from Phillips Contracting Company paving for the Career & Technology parking lot.

Upon motion made by Trina Davidson, seconded by Israel Lee, and passed unanimously, the Board approved the hereto attached contract agreement with RJ Young for a copies at the Central Office Annex.

Upon motion made by Israel Lee, seconded by Trina Davidson and passed unanimously, the Board approved the FY25-26 Test Security Plan.

Upon motion made by Israel Lee, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board accepted a monetary donation from "Vertical Raise" for \$1,122.00. Joshua Kuhstoss, coach, participated in a crowdfunding project to raise funds for the West Point High Soccer for the 2025-2026 season.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board accepted a monetary donation from "Vertical Raise" for \$3,556.40. Travis Metcalf, band director, participated in a crowdfunding project to raise funds for the West Point Band for the 2025-2026 season.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board accepted a monetary donation from "Vertical Raise" for \$5,863.30. Kahla Thomas, a teacher at the high school, participated in a crowdfunding project to raise funds for the West Point Band for the 2025-2026 season.

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Elizabeth Bailey and passed unanimously, the Board approved the revisions to Policy GBRI - Absences From Duty.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the revisions to Policy GCRG - Classified (Non-Certified) Personnel Leaves & Absences.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board approved the out-of-state travel request by Kahla Thomas & Tolanda Ramsey, teachers at West Point High School, to take approximately 20 NHS students to Leadership Conference, in New York, NY on February 27 - March 1, 2026. They will be accompanied by 5 chaperones and will travel by plane.

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

Susan Cothren Business Manager Central Office (effective 6/30/26)

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

Hailey Henderson From SS Asst. Teacher To SS Teacher
Salary \$20,633 (A-0 @ 91 days)

Bricelyn Morris From SS Asst. Teacher To SS Teacher
Salary \$20,633 (A-0 @ 91 days)

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

