

SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE RECESSED MEETING OF THE
DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BE IT REMEMBERED that the DeSoto County Board of Education met in recessed session on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the office of the Superintendent of Education in Hernando, MS, with the following present, to-wit: Board Member and President Charles Barton, Board Members Michele Henley, Shelia Riley and Jerald Wheeler. Also present were the Superintendent of Education Cory Uselton; Board Attorney Jim Keith; Assistant Superintendents Van Alexander, Lucy Hasselman, Thomas Spencer and Keith Williams and Executive Administrative Assistant to the Board Beth Cross. Board Member and Secretary Josh Sullivan was absent.

Approve Agenda

Approval of the September 21, 2023 Agenda.

Superintendent's Report

Request for consideration of Executive Session.

Attorney's Report

None

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the September 6, 2023 board meeting.

Consent Agenda

The board voted for:

- A. Approval to accept the Declaration of Surplus Property.
- B. Approval to declare as surplus property a list of Vocational State Equipment items.
- C. Approval to accept the Donated Fixed Assets.
- D. Approval of an amended contract with Cline Tours, Inc.
- E. Approval of an amended contract with Follett School Solutions, LLC.
- F. Approval of an amended contract with NCS Pearson, Inc.
- G. Approval of an amended Memorandum of Understanding with Freed-Hardeman University College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.
- H. Approval of a clinical affiliation agreement between Methodist Healthcare – Olive Branch Hospital and DeSoto County Career Technology Center East.
- I. Approval of a Master Clinical Placement Agreement with the University of Arkansas College of Education Health Professions Eleanor Mann School of Nursing.
- J. Approval of a contract with Bailey Education Group LLC.
- K. Approval of a contract with Cline Tours, Inc.
- L. Approval of a contract with Cline Tours, Inc.
- M. Approval of a contract with Cline Tours, Inc.
- N. Approval of a contract with Complete Transportation Inc.
- O. Approval of a contract with Cummins (through Empire Truck Sales.
- P. Approval of a contract with Dramatic Publishing.

- Q. Approval of a contract with Driveline Baseball Enterprises LLC.
- R. Approval of a contract with Embassy Suites by Hilton Jackson North Ridgeland.
- S. Approval of a contract with Farnsworth Group, Inc.
- T. Approval of a contract with Farnsworth Group, Inc.
- U. Approval of a contract with Four Seasons Tours, Inc.
- V. Approval of a contract with Four Seasons Tours, Inc.
- W. Approval of a contract with GraceNotes, LLC.
- X. Approval of a contract with GraceNotes, LLC.
- Y. Approval of a contract with Herff Jones.
- Z. Approval of a contract with Jennifer Rushton.
- AA. Approval of a contract with Jennifer Rushton.
- BB. Approval of a contract with Jennifer Rushton.
- CC. Approval of a contract with Jennifer Rushton.
- DD. Approval of a contract with Jennifer Rushton.
- EE. Approval of a contract with J Yoo Designs LLC.
- FF. Approval of a contract with Learning A – Z.
- GG. Approval of a contract with Main Event.
- HH. Approval of a contract with Navistar, Inc.
- II. Approval of a contract with Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.
- JJ. Approval of a contract with Orpheum Theatre Group.
- KK. Approval of a contract with Playhouse on the Square.
- LL. Approval a contract with QuaverEd.
- MM. Approval a contract with QuaverEd.
- NN. Approval a contract with QuaverEd.
- OO. Approval a contract with QuaverEd.
- PP. Approval a contract with QuaverEd.
- QQ. Approval of a contract with Reading for Education.
- RR. Approval of a contract with Receptively Yours.
- SS. Approval of a contract with Renaissance Learning, Inc.
- TT. Approval of a contract with Riverside Insights.
- UU. Approval of a contract with Scholastic Book Fairs.

- VV. Approval of a contract with Scholastic Book Fairs.
- WW. Approval of a contract with Scholastic Book Fairs.
- XX. Approval of a contract with Sports Floors, Inc.
- YY. Approval of a contract with Taylor Publishing Company dba Balfour.
- ZZ. Approval of a contract with TBP Productions LLP dba SNO SITES.
- AAA. Approval of a contract with Tennessee Charter Bus and Limo Company.
- BBB. Approval of a contract with Theatrical Rights Worldwide.
- CCC. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- DDD. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- EEE. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- FFF. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- GGG. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- HHH. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- III. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- JJJ. Approval of a contract with World's Finest Chocolate.
- KKK. Approval of a Field Affiliation Agreement with the University of Alabama School of Social Work.
- LLL. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with Baylor University Department of Communication Science Disorders.
- MMM. Approval of a Student Affiliation Agreement between University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences and DeSoto County Schools.
- NNN. Approval of final pay change order #001 for the partial HVAC replacement project at DeSoto Central Middle School.
- OOO. Approval of final pay change order #001 for the partial HVAC replacement project at Hernando Middle School.
- PPP. Approval of final pay change order #002 for the classroom additions and cafeteria expansion at DeSoto Central Middle School.
- QQQ. Approval of a manual check to pay invoice not received by the deadline for the August 2023 Claims Docket.
- RRR. Approval to adopt Mississippi School Board Association (MSBA) Professional Governance Standards.
- SSS. Approval of Student Transfer Requests for SY2022-2023.
Approval of denied Student Transfer Requests for SY2022-2023.

New Business

- A. Approval of a bid for netbook carts.
- B. Approval of a bid for partial HVAC replacement at Lake Cormorant Middle School.

- C. Approval of a contract with American Refrigeration Heating and Air Conditioning Company.
- D. Approval of the July 2023 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures.
- E. Approval of the July 2023 Combined Balance Sheet.
- F. Approval of the July 2023 Statement of Cash Flow.
- G. Approval of the July 2023 Certification of Bank Reconciliations.
- H. Approval of employment recommendations.
- I. Request for consideration of Executive Session.
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Executive Session – Action Taken

The board heard a student matter regarding early graduation, the residency appeals, the student discipline matter and two potential litigation matters as the discussion of the matters in Open Session would be detrimental to the district's litigation position.

The board adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, September 28, 2023 for a recessed meeting at 12:30 p.m.