

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 Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 10:05 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 Member and Secretary Josh Sullivan and 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.

Approve Agenda

Approval of the November 15, 2023 Agenda.

Superintendent's Report

Request for consideration of Executive Session.

Attorney's Report

None

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the October 19, 2023 and November 2, 2023 board meetings.

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 Public Consulting Group LLC.
- E. Approval of an amended contract with Renaissance Learning, Inc.
- F. Approval of an amended contract with Student Group Tours, Inc.
- G. Approval of a contract with Barry Pettigrew dba DeSoto Turf, LLC.
- H. Approval of a contract with Booster Enterprises, Inc.
- I. Approval of a contract with Buena Vista Landscapes, LLC.
- J. Approval of a contract with David Pickett dba DNA Entertainment.
- K. Approval of a contract with Everyday Speech LLC.
- L. Approval of a contract with Independent Event Producers, Inc.
- M. Approval of a contract with Keaton Landscaping and Pressure Washing dba B&B Landscaping.
- N. Approval of a contract with Learning A – Z.
- O. Approval of a contract with NCS Pearson, Inc.
- P. Approval of a contract with Nearpod, Inc.
- Q. Approval of a contract with Orpheum Theatre Group.

- R. Approval of a contract with Orpheum Theatre Group.
- S. Approval of a contract with Orpheum Theatre Group.
- T. Approval of a contract with Rachel Jones.
- U. Approval of a contract with Richard Ronald Williams dba Williams Services.
- V. Approval of a contract with Robert Jake Cosby.
- W. Approval of a contract with Scholastic Book Fairs.
- X. Approval of a contract with Scholastic, Inc.
- Y. Approval of a contract with Student Group Tours, Inc.
- Z. Approval of a contract with Synced Up Designs.
- AA. Approval of a contract with Theatre Memphis.
- BB. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- CC. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- DD. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- EE. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- FF. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- GG. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- HH. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- II. Approval of a contract with Varsity, Inc.
- JJ. Approval of contract with YMCA of Memphis and Mid-South.
- KK. Approval of Student Placement Agreement between Arizona State University and DeSoto County Schools.
- LL. Approval to advertise for Requests for Proposal for ELL Data Management Program.
- MM. Approval to advertise for bids for Brand Specific Fire Science Trainer for Career Technical Center East.
- NN. Approval of the following FY24 New Budget Fund:
Fund 2605 School Nurse ESSER Grant (ARP Year 3)
- OO. Approval of the June 2023 Final Financial Reports.
- PP. Approval of the July 2023 Financial Reports Restated.
- QQ. Approval of the September 2023 Financial Reports Restated.
- RR. Approval of Student Transfer Requests for SY2023-2024

New Business

- A. Approval of an architectural services contract with Allen & Hoshall, PLLC for playground improvements at Hernando Middle School.

- B. Approval to advertise for bids for playground improvements at Hernando Middle School.
- C. Approval of an architectural services contract with Allen & Hoshall, PLLC for playground improvements at Oak Grove Central Elementary School.
- D. Approval to advertise for bids for playground improvements at Oak Grove Central Elementary School.
- E. Approval of an architectural services contract with Allen & Hoshall, PLLC for playground improvements Phase 2 for DeSoto County School District.
- F. Approval to advertise for bids for playground improvements Phase 2 for DeSoto County School District.
- G. Approval of a bid for desktop computers.
- H. Approval of a bid for playground improvements for Shadow Oaks Elementary School.
- I. Approval of a contract with Wilco Services LLC for playground improvements for Shadow Oaks Elementary School.
- J. Approval for an awning/canopy to be installed on the band practice field at Lewisburg High School.
- K. Approval to pay an invoice pursuant to Mississippi Code Ann. §31-7-57 (2).
- L. Approval of the September 2023 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures.
- M. Approval of the September 2023 Combined Balance Sheet.
- N. Approval of the September 2023 Statement of Cash Flow.
- O. Approval of revised Board Policy JBC – School Admissions.
- P. Approval of employment recommendations.
- Q. Request for consideration of Executive Session.
- R. Request for consideration of Executive Session

Executive Session – Action Taken

The board heard a student matter regarding early graduation, the residency appeal matters and student discipline matters.

The board adjourned the meeting until Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.