

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that the DeSoto County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 3:00 p.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; 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 December 7, 2023 Agenda.

**Superintendent's Report**

Request for consideration of Executive Session.

**Attorney's Report**

Request for consideration of Executive Session.

**Consent Agenda**

The board voted for:

- A. Approval of the November 2023 Docket of Claims and Summary of Accounts Payable.
- B. Approval of the October 2023 Activity Fund Receipts and Disbursements Report.
- C. Approval to accept the Declaration of Surplus Property.
- D. Approval of a clinical affiliation agreement between Dr. Bradley M. Stewart DMD.
- E. Approval of an amended contract with World's Finest Chocolate.
- F. Approval of a contract with ACT, Inc.
- G. Approval of a contract with Brand Connex LLC as agent for U. S. News and World Report.
- H. Approval of a contract with Creative Education Services.
- I. Approval of a contract with Dingo Entertainment.
- J. Approval of a contract with Discount Dance Los Angeles.
- K. Approval of a contract with EPN Travel Services, Inc.
- L. Approval of a contract with ExploreLearning LLC.
- M. Approval of a contract with Independent Event Producers, Inc.
- N. Approval of a contract with Independent Event Producers, Inc.
- O. Approval of a contract with Marquettes Pleasents dba Three Six O Entertainment.
- P. Approval of a contract with Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.
- Q. Approval of a contract with Orpheum Theatre Group.
- R. Approval of a contract with Patricia House.
- S. Approval of a contract with Playhouse on the Square.

- T. Approval of a contract with PowerSchool Group LLC.
- U. Approval of a contract with PowerSchool Group, LLC.
- V. Approval of a contract with Sapphire Tours and Travel.
- W. Approval of a contract with Scholastic Book Fairs.
- X. Approval of a contract with Spacewalk of Germantown.
- Y. Approval of a contract with Tennessee Charter Bus and Limo Company.
- Z. Approval of a contract with The Flying Locksmiths.
- AA. Approval of a contract with The Gin at Nesbit, LLC.
- BB. Approval of a contract with The Gin at Nesbit, LLC.
- CC. Approval of a contract with The Goodies Factory, Inc.
- DD. Approval of a contract with Tools to Grow, 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 Winter Guard International, Inc.
- JJ. Approval of a contract with Winter Guard International, Inc.
- KK. Approval of a contract with Winter Guard International, Inc.
- LL. Approval of a contract with World's Finest Chocolate.
- MM. Approval to advertise for bids for furniture for classroom additions at Center Hill Elementary School, Center Hill High School and Lake Cormorant Middle School.
- NN. Approval of a corrected Request for Maintenance of the school bus turnaround.
- OO. Approval to pay PERS the employer side of contributions owed by DeSoto County Schools for FY2002-2003 for an employee who changed mid-year from a non-covered employee to an employee covered by PERS.
- PP. Approval of the December 2023 spreadsheet detailing the present status of grants.
- QQ. Approval of the Back-to-School Information for Spring Semester 2024.
- RR. Approval of a list of Student Transfer Requests for SY2023-2024.  
Approval of a list of denied Student Transfer Requests for SY2023-2024.

**New Business**

- A. Approval of an architectural services contract with Allen & Hoshall, PLLC for a baseball ticket booth at Olive Branch High School.
- B. Approval to advertise for bids for a baseball ticket booth at Olive Branch High School.
- C. Approval of an architectural services contract with Allen & Hoshall, PLLC for a flooring project at Olive Branch High School.

- D. Approval to advertise for bids for a flooring project at Olive Branch High School.
- E. Approval of an architectural services contract with Allen & Hoshall, PLLC for a flooring project at Southaven High School.
- F. Approval to advertise for bids for a flooring project at Southaven High School.
- G. Approval of an architectural services contract with Allen & Hoshall, PLLC for a paving project at Horn Lake Elementary School.
- H. Keith Williams requested approval to advertise for bids for a paving project at Horn Lake Elementary School.
- I. Approval of an architectural services contract with Allen & Hoshall, PLLC for a paving project at Horn Lake Middle School.
- J. Approval to advertise for bids for a paving project at Horn Lake Middle School.
- K. Approval of an architectural services contract with Allen & Hoshall, PLLC for playground improvements at Horn Lake Elementary School.
- L. Approval to advertise for bids for playground improvements at Horn Lake Elementary School.
- M. Approval of a bid for erosion repairs for Horn Lake High School athletic fields.
- N. Approval of a contract with Woods Construction Services, LLC for the erosion repairs for Horn Lake High School athletic fields.
- O. Approval of a bid for fresh produce for DeSoto County Schools Child Nutrition Department.
- P. Approval to pay an invoice pursuant to Mississippi Code Ann. §31-7-57 (2).
- Q. Approval for Horn Lake Middle School to reimburse for the replacement of a Horn Lake Middle School student's stolen cell phone.
- R. Approval of the October 2023 Statement of Revenue and Expenditures.
- S. Approval of the October 2023 Combined Balance Sheet.
- T. Approval of the October 2023 Statement of Cash Flow.
- U. Approval of the October 2023 Certification of Bank Reconciliations.
- V. Approval of employment recommendations.
- W. Request for consideration of Executive Session.

**Public Comment**

None

**Request to Appear before the Board**

Parent requested to appear but did not attend the board meeting.

**Executive Session – Action Taken**

The board heard the student matters regarding early graduation, student matters regarding Pre-Kindergarten, residency appeal matter, a potential litigation matter and a personnel contract matter.

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned until Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.