

Regular Meeting

July 17, 2023

The Board of Trustees of the West Point Consolidated School District met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2023, in the conference room of the administrative office building located at 359 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi. Those present were Gene Brown, chairman; Tommy Coleman, vice chairman; Elizabeth Bailey, secretary; Laquante Pruitt, member; Israel Lee, member, attended by phone. Also present were Dr. Jermaine Taylor, Superintendent; Dr. Kendall Pickens, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; and Susan Cothren, Business Manager.

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

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

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, 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 - June 12, 2023
 Special Meeting - June 22, 2023
 Special Meeting - June 26, 2023- Budget Hearing
 Special Meeting - June 26, 2023
2. Check Preview Register

Tommy Coleman moved approval of the May financial statements. His motion was seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously by the Board.

Israel Lee recused himself from the meeting by phone mute at this time.

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Elizabeth Bailey and passed unanimously, the Board approved the hereto attached 2023-2024 Original Budget.

Israel Lee re-entered the meeting by unmute.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board adopted the hereto attached resolution requesting an ad valorem tax effort in dollars for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to be submitted to the levying authority pursuant to §37-57-104 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated.

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

SCHOOL	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	MODEL #	SERIAL #
Fifth Street	09433	Projector	40WI	B012FA02K0634
Fifth Street	13246	Chromebook	100E	P204CZR5

Upon motion made by Israel Lee, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the 2023-2024 Sixteenth Section annual report submitted by the Mississippi Forestry Commission.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved Clairmont Press as a single source vendor for Mississippi Studies textbooks.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board accepted the recommendation from JBHM Architects, P.A. to approve Change Order #3 from Ethos Contracting Group LLC for the Fifth Street Classroom Addition.

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the collaborative agreement for 2023-2024 school year between the Millcreek of Pontotoc and West Point Consolidated School District.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board approved the 2023-2024 cooperative agreement between the Institute of Community Services (ICS) Head Start program and West Point Consolidated School District.

Tommy Coleman made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the West Point Consolidated School District and East Mississippi Community College for eligible high school students from WPCSD to enroll in the dual credit/dual enrollment program at EMCC. His motion was seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously by the Board.

Upon motion made by Israel Lee, seconded by Elizabeth Bailey and passed unanimously, the Board approved the Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the 2023-2024 West Point Consolidated School District Dropout Prevention and Restructuring Plan.

Upon motion made by Israel Lee, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the FY23 Consolidated Federal Programs Application and assurances.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the 2023-2024 English Learners (EL) Plan.

Tommy Coleman made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Instructional Management Plan. His motion was seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously by the Board.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the West Point Consolidated School District 2023-2024 Strategic Plan.

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the 2023-2024 Homeless Procedures.

Upon motion made by Israel Lee, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the 2023-2024 Foster Care Plan.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board accepted the monetary donation of \$500 from Cottrell Street Music & Heritage Festival to the West Point Cheerleading program for the 2023-2024 school year.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved Instructure as the sole single source vendor for the Canvas Learning Management System.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board approved the resignation of the certified employee as follows: (not a detriment to the District)

Michelle Ellis	Special Education	Fifth Street
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Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, second by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the transfer of a certified employee as follows:

Stacy Ricks	From WPHS South (Reduction in contract days to 200 and salary to \$64,064)	To South Side
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Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board approved employment recommendations of certified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year as follows:

(Returning)		
Haley McGarity	1 st Grade Teacher	Church Hill
Emily Lowery	Math Teacher	WPHS South
Bailey McRae*	ART Teacher Fifth Street	Cert.: A Exp.: 0 yrs. Salary: \$42,400
Malikah Moore*	SPED Teacher Fifth Street	Cert: A Exp.: 0 yrs. Salary: \$42,400
Melissa Morrow	Speech/Language Fifth Street	Cert: AA Exp.: 0 yrs. Salary: \$43,900

Sasha Prisock*	ELA Teacher Fifth Street	Cert: A Exp.: 2 yrs. Salary: \$43,300
Shylicambree Sanders	Math Teacher Fifth Street	Cert: AA Exp.: 1 yrs. Salary: \$44,475
Sarah Knighten*	English Teacher WPHS - North	Cert: A Exp.: 4 yrs. Salary: \$44,200
Katina Mickens	Guidance Counselor WPHS - South	Cert: AA Exp.: 22 yrs. Salary: \$65,809.44 (207 days)
Youlanda Sherman	Social Studies Teacher WPHS - South	Cert: A Exp.: 0 yrs. Salary: \$42,400
Jamie Hodnett-Lee	SPED Teacher The Learning Center	Cert: A Exp.: 0 yrs. Salary: \$42,400

* - Pending Certification

Testing:

\$500 Supplement:

South Side
Stacy Ricks

\$1,000 Supplement:

WPHS - S
Katina Mickens

Career & Technology Center
Tracy Hammond

The Learning Center
Erin King

SKW After School Tutoring (Fund 2311-900-2190-000-111-001-2023)

Andrea Adams \$35/hour

Inter-session and After School Coordinator:

Shekia Carroll \$7,500

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the resignation of the non-certified employees as follows:

(verbal only - did not submit formal resignation):

Rasundra Flagg	SPED Assistant Teacher	South Side
Ashlee Mays	Title I Assistant Teacher	South Side

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved employment recommendations of non-certified personnel for the 2023-2024 school year as follows:

Assistant Teacher:

Shaffel Freeman	South Side	\$17,600 (0 years)
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Supplement:

Shicola Rush	ESSER grant work	\$5,000
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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 Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board went into executive session for the purpose of discussion relative to student transfer/release requests and a personnel matter. There were no public attendees at this Board meeting.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the transfer of the student, listed below, to attend West Point Consolidated School District for the 2023-2024 school year based on employment of parents with the district. No funds will be transferred and no transportation will be provided.

Parent Name	Student Name	District Transferring To
Ashley Wooten	Bradie & Charles Wooten	Aberdeen School District

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the release of students, listed below, from West Point Consolidated School District for the 2023-2024 school year to attend the school district in which their parent(s) are employed. No funds will be transferred and no transportation will be provided.

Parent Name	Student Name	District Transferring From
Kellie Gartman	Kathryn Gartman	Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated
Abigail Robinson	Elliot J.F. Arrington	Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated

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

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the employment of Angela Turner Ford with Turner & Associates, PLLC as the New Board Attorney for the West Point Consolidated School District.

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



 Chairman



 Secretary