

Regular Meeting

February 12, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the West Point Consolidated School District met in regular session at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024, 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; Elizabeth Bailey, secretary, Laquante Pruitt, member; and Israel Lee, member. Also present were Dr. Jermaine Taylor, Superintendent; Dr. Kendall Pickens, Assistant Superintendent of Operations; Reita Humphries, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Federal Programs; Susan Cothren, Business Manager; Angela Turner Ford, Board Attorney, was present by phone.

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

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

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved consent items and ratified claims on the check preview register as follows:

1. Minutes – Regular Meeting - January 8, 202
Special Meeting - January 11, 202
2. Check Preview Register

Dr. Jermaine Taylor superintendent, announced that Governor Tate Reeves proclaimed February 19-23, 2024 as “School Board Member Recognition Week” for the State of Mississippi. Dr. Taylor presented each Board member with a certificate of appreciation honoring their contributions and dedication to the district, students, and community.

Dr. Temeka Shannon, principal, presented to the Board a video forum with some of her senior students, regarding their opinions of being a West Point High School student. She also shared information about test data and their strategies to improve test scores for continued success.

After discussion, Tommy Coleman moved approval of the December 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 as follows:

SCHOOL	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	MODEL #	SERIAL #
Technology	13588	Surface Pro 7	Surface Pro	022612103053
Church Hill	8174	Printer	P2055	CNB9N70005
Church Hill	12577	Computer	7050	DT8WFK2
Church Hill	12654	Computer	7050	74H2CM2
Church Hill	12711	Activepanel	AP-570	P70B-H8121AXYA-2438
Church Hill	13481	Meetup Camera	120F0V4K	2018LZ594JL8
Fifth Street	8040	Printer	P2055DN	CNB9018394
Fifth Street	11385	Computer Micro	OPTI 3040	GBHB8C2
Fifth Street	11669	Document Camera	TT121D	1341520
Fifth Street	13173	Chomebook	81QB	P204Q5FH
Fifth Street	13179	Chomebook	81QB	P204Q4XN
Fifth Street	13228	Chromebook	100E	P204CZKD
Fifth Street	13261	Chromebook	100E	P204CZSL
Fifth Street	13266	Chromebook	100E	P204D4QL
Fifth Street	13268	Chromebook	100E	P204D4MU

Fifth Street	13270	Chromebook	100E	P204D4C9
Fifth Street	13271	Chromebook	100E	P204D465h
Fifth Street	13273	Chromebook	100E	P204D406B
Fifth Street	13275	Chromebook	100E	P204D4Y6
Fifth Street	13279	Chromebook	100E	P204NNUJ
Fifth Street	13284	Chromebook	100E	P204P7XU
Fifth Street	13285	Chromebook	100E	P204P8BA

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved writing off checks more than one year old as follows:

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
PAYROLL CLEARING			
United Way	3228	6/30/23	248.00
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLEARING			
Laquante Pruitt	30606	7/19/22	5.44
Popeye's Oxford	30810	8/22/22	239.40
Laquante Pruitt	31188	10/11/22	3.88
U'Neco Harris	31922	1/23/23	35.00

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board authorized the district to advertise for school district depositories for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated '37-7-333.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the agreement between Schneider Electric Buildings Americas, Inc and West Point Consolidated School District. This agreement allows Schneider to look for energy saving upgrades throughout the district.

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Elizabeth Bailey and passed unanimously, the Board accepted a monetary donation of \$2,454.40 to Towanda Farrington, teacher, who participated in a crowdfunding project through "Vertical Raise" for the West Point High School JROTC for the 2023-2024 school year.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board accepted a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the TVA Battelle Education to Jonathan Reeves, Theater Arts teacher, at West Point High School for the 2023-2024 school year.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved four days of administrative leave with pay for all employees for January 16-19, 2024 due to emergency closing for inclement weather. These days were Virtual Learning for the staff and students.

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the hereto attached resolution, the West Point Consolidated School district transfer of Northside School to AIJC Academy.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the hereto Deed to transfer Northside School to the West Point Consolidated School District.

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Israel Lee and passed unanimously, the Board approved the hereto Deed to transfer Northside School to A.I.J.C Academy from the West Point Consolidated School District.

Laquante Pruitt made a motion to approve the request to reschedule the regular March Board meeting from Monday, March 11, 2024, to Monday, March 18, 2024, due to Spring Break being the week of March 11-15, 2024. Her motion was seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously by the Board.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board accepted the resignations of certified personnel as follows:

Ciera Kelly	SPED Teacher	East Side (effective 5/31/24)
Catherine Karl	Teacher	Church Hill (effective 5/31/24)

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

Testing Supplements:

\$500 Supplement - Second Semester:

WPHS - South

Natasha Richey

Title I 1003 (2213-9001130-000-111-012-2023) - \$250/day:

Annetta Bouldes	Brianna King
Tanisha Brinker	Madeline LeBlanc
Tiara Brown	Angie Riddle
Peyton Crowley	Erica Stokes
Roulette Hosey	Dana White
Jeffery Jones	Kim Wilson

Intercession will all be paid with ARP ESSER Funds (2598-9001296-000-111-department #) \$40/hour unless otherwise noted:

East Side

Keisha Bodies	Kyetta Richardson - Facilitator (\$45/hour)
Contessa Ewing - Sub Facilitator	Syrena Shelton
Danyelle Johnson	Nichhi Stovall

Church Hill

Grace Adams	Alison Reed - Facilitator (\$45/hour)
Monica Johnson	Sara Rimmer
Tara Lowery	Morgan Spotts
Alexis McMullen	Hannah Weston - Sub
Gina Pearson	

South Side

Casey Berry	Joyce Manigo
Devan Boatner	Caroline Pochop
Anna Coker	Tina Price
Leann Jenkins	Erica Puckett - Sub
Garnett McDaniel - Sub	Tasha Stanfield - Facilitator (\$45/hour)
Julia McDill - Sub	Dawn Thomas - Sub

West Clay

Roteryia Ford	Hannah Snow
Mary Hays	Michael Veazey
Virginia Huffman	Tracy Washington
Lacie Pumphrey - Facilitator (\$45/hour)	Shemeka Wofford

Fifth Street

Andrea Adams	Brianna King
Esmeralda Arellano	Madeline LeBlanc
Annetta Bouldes	Angie Riddle
Kayla Brown	Erica Stokes
Peyton Crowley	Christina White - Facilitator (\$45/hour)
Latrenda Fenton	Danielle Williams
Jeffery Jones	Dora Williams
Virginia Jones	Kim Wilson

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WPHS

Latesha Bush	Taylor Lairy
Miranda Corbell	Kimberly McKinney

Paula Crawford
Nathan Ellis
Arlandar Gathing
Shatavia Harris
Mevalone Johnson
Joshua Kuhstoss

Shalonda Nance
Lamerica Richardson
Joni Rogers
James Walker
Monica Webb - Facilitator (\$45/hour)
Sheryl Wicks - Facilitator (\$45/hour)

The Learning Center

Jordan Alonso
Demetria Stewart - Facilitator (\$45/hour)

Ashley Wooten

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board accepted the retirement of non-certified employees as follows:

Beverly McKinney Assistant Teacher West Clay (effective 5/31/24)

Upon motion made by Tommy Coleman, seconded by Laquante Pruitt, and passed unanimously, the Board accepted the resignations of non-certified personnel as follows:

George Ewell Custodian Fifth Street (effective 2/6/24)
Tonica Hammond Custodian South Side (effective 1/10/24)
Elizabeth Ward Cafeteria Worker WPHS - S (effective 1/19/24)

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

Custodian:

Mary Deanes South Side \$5,460 (A-12 @ 8 hrs. @ 65 days)

Classified - As needed:

Audrey Johnson Athletic Admin. Asst. \$25/hour

After School (Fund 2598-9001260-000-112 -dept #) \$25/hour:

Church Hill

Genniece Brown

Intercession will all be paid with ARP ESSER Funds (2598-9001296-000-112-department #) \$30/hour unless otherwise noted:

East Side

Newassa Howard Pearlle Smith
Mary Pankey Elizabeth Tallie

Church Hill

Syndy Andrews Tammy Hamby
Bettye Banks Debbie Kelly
Genniece Brown Valerie Smith
Veniece Coleman Jaiyatta Walker
Niyoka Edwards Alice Wooten - Sub
Shirley Ewing Angie Wooten - Sub
Peyton Fulgham

Intercession will all be paid with ARP ESSER Funds (2598-9001296-000-112-department #) \$30/hour unless otherwise noted (cont.):

South Side

Emma Hicks Cindy Watson

West Clay

Emily Black Beverly McKinney
Melinda Crowley Lorie Parker
Lessie Davidson

Fifth Street

Shatondra Johnson

Child Nutrition Intercession - \$20/hour unless otherwise noted:

Dana Armstrong	Lakeisha McMillian - \$35/hour
Debrough Bell	Temika Melton
Jessica Binder - \$35/hour	Ouida Morton
Melinda Buttrey - \$25/hour	Chamia Randle
Colleen Dyke	Jeoucious Shoemaker
Angie Everson - \$35/hour	Shaminka Shoemaker
Elmetra Gandy	Lakeisha Stark - \$35/hour
Marie Griffin	Tonia Stovall
Victoria Hannah	Early Tate - \$25/hour
Avonda Hunter	Linda Wicker
Gwenda Jordan - \$35/hour	Vanessa Young - \$35/hour

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Tommy Coleman, and passed unanimously, the Board approved employment recommendations of certified personnel for 2024-2025 as follows:

Building Administrators

Jacqueline Gray	East Side Elementary
Jon Oswald	Church Hill Elementary
Casey Glusenkamp	South Side Elementary
Lucy McKellar	West Clay Elementary
Talisha Randle	Fifth Street School
Dr. Temeka Shannon	West Point High School - South Campus
Patrick Ray	Career and Technology Center
Richard Bryant	West Point Learning Center

Central Office Administrators

Dr. Kendall Pickens	Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Reita Humphries	Assistant Superintendent Instruction & Federal Programs
Susan A. Cothren	Business Manager
Kris Hollis	Director of Testing & Curriculum
Catrina Mosley	Director of Special Services
Paul Lockett	Director of Technology
Rickey Melton	Maintenance Director
Susan Byars	Child Nutrition Director
Brad Cox	Athletic Director

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 Tommy Coleman, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board went into executive session. The board chairman, Gene Brown, announced that the Board would be going into executive session to discuss student transfer and student release, discipline report, student expulsion and a legal matter.

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the transfer of the student, listed below, to attend West Point Consolidated School District for the 2024-2025 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
Robert Hill	Sullivan Franklin Hill	Columbus Municipal School District

Upon motion made by Laquante Pruitt, seconded by Tommy Coleman and passed unanimously, the Board approved the release of the student, listed below, from West Point Consolidated School District for the 2024-2025 school year to attend the school district in which their parents(s) are employed. No funds will be transferred and no transportation will be provided.

Parent Name	Student Name	District Transferring From
Amber Avent	Jaxon Avent	Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District

Upon motion made by Elizabeth Bailey, seconded by Laquante Pruitt and passed unanimously, the Board voted to uphold the recommendation of the superintendent to expel student 23-24HSN-001 for the remainder of the school year beginning February 5, 2024 and ending May 30, 2024.

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

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


Chairman


Secretary