

## Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting

### The Board of Trustees Tate County School District

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A Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tate County School District was held Tuesday, January 9, 2018, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Tate County School Board Boardroom.

Members Present:

Sharann Gordon, President  
Brandy Crockett, Secretary  
Carolyn Shead  
Martha Jeffries  
Malinda White

Others Present:

Alee' Dixon, Deputy Superintendent  
Amy Williams, Federal Programs Director  
Kristie Foster, Special Education Director  
John Lamar, Attorney representing Lamar & Hannaford, P.A.  
Sandy Patton, Business Manager  
Melissa Wallace, Board Clerk  
Brett Brown, Reporter

I. Call to Order

Brandy Crockett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance, Lead by Jermirria Blackburn, Student from Coldwater Attendance Center

III. Swearing In of New Board Member, Sharann Gordon and Returning Board Member, Martha Jeffries

Mr. John Lamar swore in Sharann Gordon and Martha Jeffries.

IV. Election of Officers

Martha Jeffries made a motion to elect Sharann Gordon as School Board President for 2018. The vote was seconded by Carolyn Shead and the vote was as follows:

Sharann Gordon-Aye  
Brandy Crockett-Nay  
Carolyn Shead-Aye  
Martha Jeffries-Aye  
Malinda White-Nay

The motion passed.

Malinda White made a motion to keep Brandy Crockett as School Board Secretary for 2018. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Shead and unanimously carried.

Brandy Crockett hands over the meeting to Sharann Gordon at this point.

V. Roll Call

Sharann Gordon, District 1-Present  
Martha Jeffries, District 2-Present  
Brandy Crockett, District 3-Present  
Carolyn Shead, District 4-Present  
Malinda White, District 5-Present

VI. Adoption of Agenda

Brandy Crockett made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Martha Jeffries and the vote was as follows:

Sharann Gordon-Aye  
Brandy Crockett-Aye  
Carolyn Shead-Aye  
Martha Jeffries-Aye  
Malinda White-Nay

Malinda White requested that Item VII. A be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.  
Motion Passed.

**VII. Consideration to approve the Consent Agenda**

Brandy Crockett made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Shead and unanimously carried.

- A. Approval of the following minutes: (Board Policy BCBH)
  - 1. December 12, 2017, Regular Meeting
- B. Approval of the following Employee Recommendations, pending criminal background and child abuse clearance registry for FY18:
  - 1. Reginald Goins, Teacher, pending Valid Teacher License, Beginning January 3, 2018
  - 2. Jonathan Joy, Teacher Assistant, Beginning January 4, 2018
  - 3. Thishie Rankin, Teacher Assistant, Beginning January 4, 2018
- C. Approval of the Review and Amendments to the Section D of the School Board Policies
- D. Approval to Adopt the Proposed School Board Policy JCDAF-Cellular Telephones/Electronic Devices
- E. Approval of the First Reading of Board Policy JQAA-Special Education-Child Find
- F. Approval of the Review and Amendments for the following Board Policies: IDDF-FAPE, IDCA-Extended School Year, II-Testing Program, IDCC-Homebound Instruction, IDDJ-Observations/Screenings/Assessment in General and Special Education, IEB-Speech Language Screening, JCAA-Due Process, JCD-Alternative School Program, IFB-Instructional Services, IDDH-Section 504 Americans With Disabilities Act Non Discrimination, IB-Instructional Goals, and IDDHE-Service Animal Policy
- G. Approval of the Amended Board Policy IHF-Graduation Requirements
- H. Approval of the Addendum for Changes for the ACT Test Security Plan
- I. Approval of the Asset Disposal Requests
- J. Approval of the Bus Turn Around at 67 Holly Cv, Coldwater
- K. Approval of the FY18 Handbook Addendum
- L. Recognition of the Resignation from David James, Teacher, Effective December 31, 2017

VIIA After a short discussion, Malinda White made a motion to amend the December 12, 2017, minutes, Item VIII to include that Malinda White asked to discuss each project individually, but her request was denied. The motion was seconded by Brandy Crockett and the vote was as follows:

Sharann Gordon-Aye  
Brandy Crockett-Aye  
Carolyn Shead-Aye  
Martha Jeffries-Nay  
Malinda White-Aye

The motion passed.

**VIII. Financial**

Upon recommendation of Sandy Patton, Business Manager, Carolyn Shead made a motion to accept the Financial Statements and to approve the Claims Docket as presented. The motion was seconded by Martha Jeffries and unanimously carried.

A. Financial Statements for December 1 - 31, 2017

B. Accounts Payable Docket Numbered 19225 to 19418 totaling \$633,541.74

**IX. Superintendent Report**

Mrs. Dixon, Deputy Superintendent, presented the school board with District Construction Project Updates and the Student/Teacher Report for December.

**X. Other Business**

None

**XI. Public Comment**

The School Board listened to comments from the following:

1. Larry Ball with the Save Our School Organization concerning Coldwater Attendance Center.
2. Carolyn Daniels, Coldwater Citizen, concerning Coldwater Attendance Center

**XII. Motions From The Board**

None

**XIII. Executive Session**

A motion was made by Carolyn Shead and seconded by Brandy Crockett for a closed determination upon the issue of whether to declare an Executive Session for the discussion of Pending Litigation and Personnel Matters in light of the fact that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the Tate County School Board, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25-41-7. The motion was brought forward by the President for a vote and the result was as follows:

Sharann Gordon-Aye  
Brandy Crockett-Aye  
Carolyn Shead-Aye  
Martha Jeffries-Aye  
Malinda White-Aye

The motion having received an affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the Tate County School Board present, the President declared the motion carried and the meeting closed for a preliminary determination of the necessity for an Executive Session.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Brandy Crockett and seconded by Carolyn Shead to go into Executive Session for the discussion of Pending Litigation and Personnel Matters. The motion was brought forward by the President for a vote and the result was as follows:

Sharann Gordon-Aye  
Brandy Crockett-Aye  
Carolyn Shead-Aye  
Martha Jeffries-Aye  
Malinda White-Aye

The motion having received an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, the President declared the motion carried and the Board in Executive Session.

(EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Brandy Crockett made a motion that the Board come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Martha Jeffries and unanimously carried. The President declared the Board in open session.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the minutes of the Tate County School Board reflect that said Board discussed Pending Litigation and Personnel Matters during the Executive Session, and that the following action was taken by the Tate County School Board during its Executive Session.

A. Pending Litigation

A motion was made and seconded to authorize Lamar & Hannaford, P.A., to officially terminate the contract between Thunder Construction and Tate County School District, based on the fact that Thunder Construction has violated the said contract, and to authorize the bonding company to move forward with the bond. The vote was as follows:

Sharann Gordon-Aye  
Brandy Crockett-Aye  
Carolyn Shead-Aye  
Martha Jeffries-Aye  
Malinda White-Aye

The motion passed.

B. Personnel Matters

The Superintendent Evaluation was tabled until the February 13, 2018, meeting.

XIV. Adjournment

Brandy Crockett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Martha Jeffries and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

  
Sharann Gordon, President

  
Brandy Crockett, Secretary