

Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting

The Board of Trustees Tate County School District

A Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tate County School District was held Tuesday, August 9, 2016, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Tate County School Board Boardroom.

Members Present:

Heather Ashe, President
Brandy Crockett, Secretary
Malinda White
Carolyn Shead
Martha Jeffries

Others Present:

Dr. Daryl Scoggin, Superintendent of Education
John Lamar, Attorney representing Lamar & Hannaford, P.A.
Alee' Dixon, Deputy Superintendent
Melissa Wallace, School Board Clerk
Brett Brown, The Democrat Reporter
Sandy Patton, Business Manager

I. Call to Order

A. The President called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m., welcomed all present and led the Invocation.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Adoption of Agenda

Upon recommendation of the President, Brandy Crockett made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Shead and unanimously carried.

IV. Consideration to approve the Consent Agenda

Carolyn Shead made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Martha Jeffries and unanimously carried.

A. Approval of the following minutes: (Board Policy BCBH)

1. July 19, 2016, Regular Monthly Meeting
2. July 26, 2016, Special Called Meeting
3. August 2, 2016, Special Called Meeting

B. Approval of the the following Employee Recommendations for the FY17 school year pending criminal background and child abuse clearance:

1. Andryea Richardson, Teacher Assistant, Beginning August 8, 2016
2. Crystal Tate, Teacher Assistant, Beginning August 8, 2016
3. Jeffrey Littlejohn, Teacher, Beginning August 8, 2016
4. Enoch Florence, Teacher, Beginning August 8, 2016, pending verification of 3 years with an A Certificate

C. Approval of the Substitute Employee Recommendation

1. Haley Thompson, Classroom

2. Courtney Ricks, Classroom
3. Dorothy Brown, Cafeteria
4. Tonya Wright, Classroom

D. Approval to rescind the recommendation/contract for Joshua Barnett, Teacher for FY17

E. Approval of the following fundraiser requests:

1. Independence Annual to sell CD's of all class pictures to the seniors for \$10 each, beginning October 2016
2. Strayhorn Elementary Library to sell items through Spirit & Pride, beginning September 23, 2016
3. Strayhorn Elementary Library to raise funds through the Reading for Education Program, beginning August 29, 2016
4. Independence Choir to sell T-shirts September 5-16, 2016
5. Independence Choir to collect uniform costs from the members September 5-16, 2016
6. Independence Annual to sell yearbooks and ads September 1-November 1, 2016

F. Approval of the adopting the textbook *Core Curriculum: Introductory Craft Skills*

G. Approval of the Contract between Independence High School and Balfour for the FY17 Annual

H. Approval of Norma Johnson's recommendation to return as Speech Pathologist for Headstart for 60 days for FY17

I. Approval of the Emergency License Request for Tonya Wright

V. **Financial**

Upon the recommendation of Sandy Patton, Business Manager, Carolyn Shead made a motion to accept the Financial Statements, adopt the Tax Resolution for FY17, and approve the Accounts Payable Docket as presented. The motion was seconded by Martha Jeffries and unanimously carried.

A. Financial Statements for July 1-31, 2016

B. FY17 Tax Resolution

C. Accounts Payable Docket Numbered 14718 to 14820 totaling \$350,764.71

VI. **Notification of Resignations**

A. Clyde Garrett, Cafeteria Worker, effective August 1, 2016

VII. **Discussion of MSBA's Legislative Survey**

No action taken. Will discuss at the September 13, 2016, meeting.

VIII. **Superintendent Report**

1. Dr. Scoggin presented the school board with opening day attendance numbers at each school location. Coldwater has 408 students, Strayhorn Elementary has 443, Strayhorn High School has 444, East Tate has 807, and Independence has 381.
2. Upon recommendation by Dr. Scoggin, Brandy Crockett made a motion to move the October 11, 2016, regular board meeting to October 13, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Shead and unanimously carried.

IX. **Other Business**

There was no Other Business.

X. **Public Comment**

A. Jessie Edwards

B. James Perkins-Did not show

XI. **Motions From The Board**

There were no motions from the board.

XII. **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Malinda White and seconded by Martha Jeffries for a closed determination upon the issue of whether to declare an Executive Session for the discussion of Student Matters and Pending Litigation 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:

Heather Ashe – Aye
Brandy Crockett – Aye
Carolyn Shead – Aye
Malinda White – Aye
Martha Jeffries – 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 Martha Jeffries to go into Executive Session for the discussion of Student Matters and Pending Litigation. The motion was brought forward by the President for a vote and the result was as follows:

Heather Ashe – Aye
Brandy Crockett – Aye
Carolyn Shead – Aye
Malinda White – Aye
Martha Jeffries – 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)

Malinda White made a motion that the Board come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Brandy Crockett 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 Student Matters, Personnel Matters, and Pending Litigation during the Executive Session, and that the following action was taken by the Tate County School Board during its Executive Session.

A. Student Matters

1. The requests for the following students to transfer from Coldwater Attendance Center to Strayhorn Elementary were hereby approved: J.B. # 1238331, M.T. # 1452275, A.T. # 1188654, C.J. # 1236755. The vote was as follows:

Heather Ashe – Aye
Brandy Crockett – Aye
Carolyn Shead – Nay
Malinda White – Aye
Martha Jeffries – Nay

The motion passed.

2. The requests for the following students to transfer from Coldwater Attendance Center to Strayhorn High School were hereby approved: L.P. # 769003, T.F. # 696300, J.J. # 1167377, C.D. # 1094005, C.P. # 696364.

Heather Ashe – Aye
Brandy Crockett – Aye
Carolyn Shead – Nay
Malinda White – Aye
Martha Jeffries – Nay

The motion passed.

3. The request for the following students to transfer from Coldwater Attendance Center to Strayhorn High School were hereby denied, but the request to play sports at Strayhorn was hereby approved pending MHSAA approval: S.S. # 844408, S.S. # 1006235, B.H. # 844350, A. Beard, B.H. # 844439.
4. The requests for the following students to transfer from Coldwater Attendance Center to Independence High School were hereby approved: J.D. # 919939, L.S. # 936896, D.J. # 861014, D.J. # 1097155, K.W. # 1013349, N.C. #1013454. The vote was as follows:

Heather Ashe – Aye
Brandy Crockett – Aye
Carolyn Shead – Nay
Malinda White – Aye
Martha Jeffries – Nay

The motion passed.

5. The requests for the following students to transfer from Coldwater Attendance Center to Independence High School were hereby denied, but the request to play sports at Independence was hereby approved pending MHSAA approval: A.M. #798304, B.M. # 905829.

B. Pending Litigation –No Action Taken.

XIII. Adjournment

Malinda White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brandy Crockett and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Heather Ashe, President

Brandy Crockett, Secretary