

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 P.M. MEETING MINUTES
September 09, 2014**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a regular meeting of the Board held in open session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 09, 2014, at Tupelo Middle School, 1009 Varsity Drive Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Rob Hudson who welcomed guests attending the meeting.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board members present during roll call were: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. Mr. Hudson announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Attorney Otis Tims was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Babb, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda for the regular September 9, 2014, Board meeting with the following change:

- Addendum to the Personnel Report (Section VIII. Superintendent's Report Item C. Number 1.)
- Add Consideration to Approve OCR Resolution Agreement (Section IX. Unfinished Business)

The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the agenda is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

August 12, 2014, Noon Regular Meeting

Mr. Prather made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2014, noon regular meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis and approved unanimously. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No requests for public comments were received for this meeting of the Board.

WELCOME

Principal Kristy Luse welcomed the Board of Trustees, parents, staff and visitors to Tupelo Middle School.

RECOGNITIONS

The Board of Trustees recognized the following students and teachers:

- Mississippi Craft Show Awards-Thomas Street Elementary
- Perfect Achievement Scores in Language Arts, and Algebra I
- MS Association of Coaches Hall of Fame-- Mikey Linder
- Doctorate of Education-- Dr. Brock English
- 2014 MASS Scholarship Award Recipient-- Maggie Davis

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Gearl Loden summarized the following reports for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting:

- A. Goal Alignment to Board Master Calendar (presented by Mrs. Mary Ann Plasencia)
- B. Summer Programs and Technology Update presented by Mrs. Kimberly Britton (Goals #1 and #4)
- C. ACT Update Report presented by Mr. Jason Harris (TPSD Goal #1)
- D. Ad Valorem Report - Amount Received through August, 2014 presented by Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #4, TPSD Policy #D Fiscal Management)

Copies of the above reports are on file in the Superintendent's Office.

CONSENT AGENDA

In accordance with Dr. Loden's recommendations, Mr. Babb moved to approve and ratify the Consent Agenda as listed below:

A. Office of Finance Director Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #4)

1. Contractual Agreements
 - Acknowledge and Award Contracts #CO1515 through #CO1518
 - Rental of School Facilities #SFR1500 and #SFR1501
 - Ratification of Contracts #CO1510 through #CO1514 and #CO1520
2. Accepted Donation #2014-2015-003
3. Permission to Submit TPSD Grant #1501
 - Fender Music Foundation Grant, \$3,689.55
4. Approved Single Source/Emergency Purchase
 - #SS1503 Mountain Math/Language, LLC \$14,952.00
 - #SS1504 College Board \$5,810.00

B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Eddie Peasant

1. Student Transfer Report (TPSD Policy JBCD Transfers and Withdrawals of Students)
2. Readmission of Student #44-2013-2014
3. Overnight Field Trip Request
 - TMS Volleyball, Jackson, MS, September 19-20

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the Consent Agenda report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Office of Director of Finance Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #5)

1. Docket of Claims

Board Member Joe Babb recommended approval of the Docket of Claims and Check Registers as follows:

- Docket of Claims for the period August 2, 2014 through August 29, 2014, Docket of Claims #21369 through #21927, Accounts Payable Checks #13280 through #13693 in the amount of \$2,242,983.54
- The Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period August 2014, Checks #1522 through #1528 in the amount of \$1,117.76
- Athletic Activity check Register for the period August 2014, Checks #2028 through #2054 in the amount of \$2,054.68

The grand total for all funds is \$2,246,155.98.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

This affirms that the claims are legal and proper and they should be allowed and ratified as paid by the Superintendent or his designee pursuant to Section 37-9-14 (7) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated.

The Docket of Claims Report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

2. Required Monthly Financial Reports – Month Ending July 31, 2014

Following a review of each report and discussion, on a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following financial reports:

- Bank Reconciliation Report
- Revenue and Expenditure Report with Budget Status
- TPSD Cash Flow Statement
- Combined Balance Sheet
- July 31, 2014 Financial Statements

Mr. Wheeler declared the motion passed. The Financial Reports for Month Ending July 31, 2014, are marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Diana Ezell (TPSD Policy BDC)

1. First Reading of New TPSD Policies

In accordance with Board Policy BDE (Review of Board Policy), Dr. Ezell and Mrs. Stimpson have reviewed the “E” Section of the Board policy manual and recommend amendment to the following existing policies.

- a. EBBAA Staff Identification Procedures
- b. BBKA Bomb Threats
- c. EBC Security
- d. EEA Free/Reduced Meal Services
- e. EF Data Management

No action was taken at this meeting to allow members the opportunity to review the changes.

C. Office of Director of Human Resources Mr. Jim Turner (TPSD Goal #3)

1. Licensed Personnel Recommendations (includes Addendum)

Mr. Turner presented Licensed Staff recommendations with addendum, for consideration for approval. Mr. Prather moved to approve the Licensed Personnel Recommendations as presented. Mrs. Davis seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

The Licensed Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Office of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gearl Loden (TPSD Goals #3)

1. Information Items

Information was provided regarding the following items:

- Non-Negotiables Update (Dr. Peasant)
- Enrollment Update (Mrs. Britton)

- Buildings and Grounds Update (Mr. Cantrell)

- Accreditation Records Summary for 2013-2014 and Recommended Accreditation Status for School Year 2014-2015
- Dates to Remember
 - October 14 Board Meetings - Noon at HLC and 5:00 P.M. at Milam
 - November 18 Board Meetings - Noon at HLC and 5:00 P.M. at Parkway

2. Discussion of Mississippi Adequate Education Program (MAEP) Issues

No action was taken regarding the MAEP lawsuit matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Voluntary Resolution Agreement (U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights (OCR) OCR Case No. 06-11-5002

Mr. Babb moved to authorize the superintendent to execute a Voluntary Resolution Agreement, bringing the 2010-2011, 2011-2012 (Case No. 06-11-5002) OCR compliance review to an end. Mrs. Davis seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

The Licensed Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics – Superintendent Gearl Loden

October 14, 2014 Board Meeting (noon, HLC and 5:00 p.m. Milam)

- School Board Meeting Dates for 2015
- District Report Card Update Report
- Test Scores (if embargo lifted)
- ADA/Enrollment Update
- 1st 9 Weeks- # of PLC's
- Athletics Program Update
- 63% Rule
- Approval of Title III English Language Acquisition Program
- Approval of Test Security Plan (if receive guidelines from MDE)
- Audit Update

B. Future Agenda Topics – Board Members

No items were requested by Board Members.

C. Executive Session

An Executive Session was held at noon to discuss two potential litigation matters and a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to adjourn the meeting. The Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Robert L. Hudson, II, President

Joseph Babb, Secretary