

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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**Recommendation that TPSD Seek Continuing Southern Association/Council on Accreditation and School Improvement through the District Accreditation Process**

**Mr. David Meadows**

The organization formerly known as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has recently merged with the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement and the National Study of School Evaluation. AdvancEd is the parent organization for all of the above listed organizations (SACS/NCA/CASI and NSSE).

As you may be aware, all TPSD schools are currently accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In order to maintain continuing accreditation, all eleven (11) of the K-8 schools will need to complete a Quality Assurance Review (QAR) in spring 2009. The QAR process was formerly known as the Five Year Southern Association Onsite Visit.

One new vehicle for gaining continuing accreditation that has grown through the merger of Southern Association with the other listed groups is a District Accreditation process. This process seems to match very closely with the district's strategic planning process. Additional information received from Dr. Harold Fisher concerning the district's accreditation process is attached.

It is recommended that the Superintendent and Board of Trustees approve pursuing continuing accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement through the District Accreditation Process.

**ACTION BY THE BOARD:**

	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Mrs. Brevard	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Clayborne	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Ludt	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Nail	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )
Mr. Tucker	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )	( )

**PASSED:**    Yes ( )    No ( )