

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES  
November 10, 2009**

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, October 27, 2009, at Pierce Street Elementary School, 1008 Pierce Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Lee Tucker who welcomed guests attending the meeting.

**ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

The following School Board members were present during roll call:

Members Present: Mrs. Amy Heyer  
Mr. John Nail  
Mr. Eddie Prather  
Mr. Lee Tucker

Members Absent: Mr. Mike Clayborne

Staff Present: Dr. Randy Shaver  
Mrs. Diana Ezell  
Dr. Fred Hill  
Dr. George Noflin  
Mr. David Meadows  
Mrs. Dale Warriner  
Mrs. Mary Ruth Wright  
Mrs. Kay Bishop  
Mrs. Jennifer Strunk  
Ms. Patrice Tate  
Mr. Bobby Sheffield  
Mr. Kenneth Roberts  
Mr. Terry Hatch

Mr. Tucker announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Mr. Tucker announced that the motion passed. The agenda is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2009, meetings as presented. Mr. Tucker declared the motion passed.

## **WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

### **A. Welcome**

Principal Kim Britton welcomed the Board of Trustees and administrative staff to Pierce Street Elementary School.

### **B. Public Comments**

No requests for Public Comments were received at this meeting of the Board.

### **C. Recognitions**

The following recognitions were held:

1. Tupelo High School Ninth Grader Hamilton Lence – Nominated for National Council of Boy Scouts of America's Medal of Heroism for performing Heimlich maneuver on classmate in THS cafeteria
2. Tupelo Middle School Eighth Grader Noah Cox – ACT Explore Test Perfect Score
3. Algebra I Subject Area Test Perfect Score – Hunter York
4. Tupelo High School Girls and Boys Swim Teams – State Champions

## **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

### **A. Article -- *The Power of Rigor*, The Lawrence Educator, Fall 2008**

Superintendent Randy Shaver shared a copy of the article *The Power of Rigor* (The Lawrence Educator, Fall 2008) with the Board.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

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

1. Contractual Agreement #CO1037  
Contract for Charter Bus Service #BC09-06
2. Single Source Purchase #SS120

3. Donations #2009-2010-110 and #2009-2010-111
4. Granted Permission to Advertise for Sealed Bids and Permission to Limit Bid Specifications to the Apple Brand (BD1005 – Apple Computers for Educational Purposes)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously by all members present. The Vice 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.

#### **B. Student Transfer Report**

In accordance with Dr. Noflin's recommendations, Mr. Nail moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

- a. Approval of one (1) resident student transfer (in-district)
- b. Admission of one (1) non-resident student (tuition)

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer and was approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Tucker declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Student Transfer Report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

#### **C. Personnel Recommendations**

Mr. Nail moved to approve the Personnel Report which included the following items:

- a. Licensed Personnel
- b. Classified Personnel
- c. Substitutes

The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather and was approved unanimously. Mr. Tucker declared the motion passed.

A detailed copy of the Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

#### **D. Docket of Claims for October 17 through October 31, 2009 and Tupelo High School Activity Check Register and Athletic Activity Check Register for October, 2009**

Mrs. Heyer reviewed the Docket of Claims and Check Registers prior to the meeting and recommended approval of the Docket of Claims and Check Registers as outlined below:

- Docket of Claims for the period October 17 through October 31, 2009, Docket of Claims #78643 through #79359 for Accounts Payable Checks #56770 through #57150 in the amount of \$4,040,716.72

- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for October, 2009, Checks #3083 through #3111 in the amount of \$3,524.53.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for October, 2009, Checks #4122 through #4173 in the amount of \$6,203.88.

The grand total for all funds is \$4,050,445.13.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and approved unanimously. Mr. Tucker declared the motion passed.

This affirms that the claims and check registers 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 and Check Registers for October are marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

#### **E. Statement of Cash Flow for Month-Ending September 30, 2009**

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Cash Flow for Month-Ending September 30, 2009 for information and review.

A copy of the Statement of Cash Flow for Month-Ending September 30, 2009, is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

#### **F. First Nine-Weeks Discipline Report**

Assistant Superintendent George Noflin presented the First Nine-Weeks Student Discipline Report which included the following information:

- Tabulations of incidents from each school. These incidents include fights, drugs, weapons, profanity, bullying and counseling
- List of students placed at the Fillmore Center, their demographic data, the reason for placement, and length of their placement
- Discipline comparison of First Nine-Weeks 2008-2009 and 2009-2010

Mr. Prather moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to Alternative School Placement for the first nine-weeks. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer and was approved unanimously. Mr. Tucker declared the motion passed.

A copy of the First Nine-Weeks Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Project**

At the noon meeting, Operations Director Julie Hinds presented schematic design drawing for the Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Project. Dr. Shaver announced that approval of this project was tabled until a later meeting of the Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Tupelo Public School District Asset Additions and Deletions**

At the noon briefing session Mrs. Linda Pannell presented for approval a request to add one (1) asset to the TPSD Asset List and to remove twenty (20) assets from the TPSD Asset List.

At the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board, on a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above amendment to the TPSD Asset List (add one (1) asset and remove twenty (2) assets).

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the TPSD Asset is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

### **B. Purchase of Special Education Buses**

At the noon briefing session Assistant Superintendent George Noflin and Special Education Director Mary Ruth Wright requested approval to purchase five (5) school buses for the Special Education Department contingent upon receipt of SPED AARA funds.

At the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board, on a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of five (5) school buses for the Special Education Department contingent upon receipt of SPED AARA funds.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed. Additional information regarding the purchase of the 5 school buses for the Special Education Department is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **A. Future Agenda Topics**

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to receive updated information on the THS Additions and Renovations Project at the next board meeting. Mr. Tucker declared the motion passed.

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**B. Executive Session**

An Executive Session was held during the noon meeting to discuss personnel matters.

**C. Approval of Travel Request – Dr. Randy Shaver**

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve out of state travel by Dr. Randy Shaver to attend a meeting with Secretary of Education Duncan in Washington, D.C. on November 16-18, 2009. Mr. Tucker declared the motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 5:35 p.m.

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

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Mike Clayborne, President

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Arlissa Heyer, Secretary