

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 P.M. MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2013**

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, November 19, 2013, at Joyner Elementary School, 1201 Joyner Avenue, 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, 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

The agenda was approved at the noon meeting. 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

October 8, 2013 Noon Regular Meeting

Mr. Prather made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2013, noon regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and approved unanimously. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

October 8, 2013 5:00 P.M. Regular Meeting

Mr. Babb made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2013, 5:00 p.m. regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather 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 Kim Foster welcomed the Board of Trustees, parents, staff and visitors to Joyner Elementary School.

RECOGNITIONS

The Board of Trustees recognized the following community leaders, students and teachers as follows:

- 2013 National Artsonia's Leadership Award for Family and Community Involvement and Technology Integration in the Arts- Rankin Elementary Art Teacher Jamie Baker
- Champions of Change- Joyner and Rankin Elementary
- Assistant Superintendent Diana Ezell earned her Doctorate in Education
- TPSD Partnership with Community Bank -- hosted a dinner honoring Teachers of Distinction and Principals
- Recognition of Two Area Churches for Partnering with TPSD (Lawndale Presbyterian And The Orchard)
- Rankin PTO for Providing a Spa Day for all Rankin Elementary Staff
- THS Athletic Partnership with MLM-Jimmy Long and Joe Yarber
- TPSD 2013 MSBA Lighthouse Lantern Award
- TMS Students win 2013-14 American History essay Contest- Daniel Parmer and Skylar Nix
- THS Robotics Team- Earned 3rd Place in MS BEST Robotics Competition
- THS Boys and Girls Swim Teams- State Championships

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

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

- A. Mississippi School Boards Association Fall Conference Trip Report presented by Board members and Dr. Gearl Loden
- B. Bully Awareness Update presented by Dr. Diana Ezell (TPSD Goal #2)
- C. First Nine Weeks Discipline Report presented by Dr. Diana Ezell (TPSD Goal #2)
- D. ECEC Additional Classroom Funded by Toyota USA Foundation Grant (TPSD Goals #1 and #4)
- E. E-Book Project for Grades K-12 presented by Mrs. Mary Ann Plasencia (TPSD Goal #1)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

In accordance with Dr. Loden's recommendations, Mr. Wheeler 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:
Contracts #CO1401 through #CO1403
Charter Bus Service Contract BC# 2013-2014-003 and BC# 2013-2014-004
Rental of School Facilities #SFR1409 through #SFR1413
2. Donations #2013-2014-010 through #2013-2014-015
3. Permission to Submit TPSD Grant #1403 through #1406
4. Permission to Accept TPSD Grant #1319
5. Permission to Add 3 Assets and Delete 62 items from the TPSD Asset List

B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Dillon

1. Student Transfer Report presented by Mrs. Pamela Traylor
2. Readmission of Student #06-02-2012-2013 and Student #25-02-2012-2013
3. Change Order Number One (1) for Tupelo High School Cafeteria Additions and Renovations Project (TPSD Goal #4)

This change order reconciles all allowances under the contract and results in a deduct to the total contract sum of \$11,0441.01 with a new contract sum of \$735,955.99.
4. Overnight Field Trip Requests:
 - a. THS Thespians to attend the Mississippi Thespian Conference, Pearl, MS
 - b. THS Show Choir to attend the FAME competition in Branson, MO
 - c. THS Show Choir to attend the Music City Show Shoppe Competition in Nashville, TN
 - d. THS Band to attend the Orlandofest Music Competition in Orlando, FL
 - e. THS Madrigals to attend the Orlandofest Music Competition in Orlando, FL (this trip takes the place of a previously approved trip to San Antonio, TX)

C. Office of Assistant Superintendent Kimberly Britton (TPSD Goal #1)

Title I, Part D, Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Federal Grant Program presented by Mrs. Anna Guntharp

Request that the Board review and consider approval of Title I, Part D Assurances and approval of submission of Title I, Part D ESEA Federal Grant Program Application.

Title I, Part D provides funding for the education program for delinquent youth at the Lee County Tupelo Juvenile Detention Center.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather 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 Kenneth Wheeler recommended approval of the Docket of Claims and Check Registers as follows:

- Docket of Claims for the period September 28, 2013, through November 10, 2013, Docket of Claims #14173 through #15191, Accounts Payable Checks #8700 through #9349 in the amount of \$2,177,440.88 will be presented by Finance Director Linda Pannell.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period September 2013, Checks #1322 through #1336 in the amount of \$5,147.42 will also be presented by Finance Director Linda Pannell.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period October 2013, Checks #1337 through #1357 in the amount of \$6,575.48 will also be presented by Finance Director Linda Pannell.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period September 2013, Checks #1554 through #1608 in the amount of \$6,097.47 will also be presented by Finance Director Linda Pannell.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period October 2013, Checks #1609 through #1681 in the amount of \$8,732.92 will also be presented by Finance Director Linda Pannell.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Babb 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. Financial Statement for the Month Ending September 30, 2013

On a motion by Mr. Babb, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to accept the Financial Statement for month ending September 30, 2013, as presented. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed. A copy of the Financial Statement for month ending September 30, 2013, is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein

B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Dillon (TPSD Goal #2)
Student Discipline Report

1. Case #27-2-2013-2014

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to ratify administrative decision to expel Student #27-2-2013-2014, from TPSD for one calendar year (October 3, 2013, until October 2, 2014) for violation of TPSD Policy JK-E5, #05. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

2. Case #44-2013-2014

On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to ratify administrative decision to expel Student #44-2013-2014, from TPSD for one calendar year (October 1, 2013, until September 30, 2014) for violation of TPSD Policy JK-E5, #05. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

3. Case #45-2013-2014

On a motion by Mr. Babb, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to ratify administrative decision to expel Student #45-2013-2014, from TPSD for one calendar year (October 1, 2013, until September 30, 2014) for violation of TPSD Policy JK-E5, #13. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

A copy of the above Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

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

Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the Licensed Staff recommendations as presented. Mr. Babb seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed. The Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 6 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 and #4)

Information Items:

Dr. Loden provided information regarding the following items:

1. NSBA Annual Conference (April 4-7, 2014), New Orleans, LA
2. Retiree Luncheon, Tuesday, December 3, 2013, 11:30am, HLC
3. Full-Time Substitutes
4. TPSD Video (Anna Beth Wyatt)
5. December 18, 2013 (last day before holidays for students – this is a full day for students – not a 60% day)
6. December 19, 2013 (last day before holidays for teachers – full day)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2014 Board Meeting Calendar

Mr. Babb moved to approve a proposed 2014 Board Calendar with the addition of a second day for the Board Summer Retreat (June 24-25, 2014). Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed. A copy of the 2014 Board Meeting Calendar is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

No items of New Business were presented at this meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

At the noon meeting Dr. Loden discussed the following planned topics for upcoming meetings of the Board:

1. ECEC Update Report (Anna Guntharp)
2. Student Enrollment/Withdrawals/ADA Report (Dr. Dillon)
3. NMMC Portal Update (Mary Ann Plasencia)
4. 1st Draft of 2014-2015 School Calendar (Dr. Ezell)
5. Wellness Center Update
6. Superintendent Evaluation

Board Member Kenneth Wheeler requested future discussion regarding the feasibility of a ROTC Program at Tupelo High School. Mr. Prather asked that a future agenda topic include a discussion of ways to expand the Summer Camps to provide more opportunities for students.

B. Executive Session

Board President Rob Hudson announced that an Executive Session was held at the noon meeting of the Board to discuss a student matter.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Babb, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 5:51 p.m.

November 19, 2013
Five O'clock, Joyner Elementary School

Tupelo Public School District
Board of Trustees – Meeting Minutes
PENDING APPROVAL

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rob Hudson, President

ATTEST:

Joseph Babb, Secretary