

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2008**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a regular meeting of the Board held in open session at noon on Tuesday, April 12, 2008, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Shawn Brevard 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. Shawn Brevard
 Mr. Mike Clayborne
 Mrs. Amy Heyer
 Mr. John Nail
 Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy
 Mr. David Meadows
 Mr. George Noflin, Jr.
 Mrs. Diana Ezell
 Mrs. Linda Pannell
 Mrs. Kay Bishop
 Mrs. Jennifer Strunk
 Ms. Patrice Tate

Mrs. Brevard announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Members of the press and several guests were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted. Mrs. Brevard 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 Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2008 Regular Board Meetings as submitted. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Public Comments – THS Baseball Boosters

Mr. Felix Rutledge, Jr. and Mr. Clay Stewart made a presentation to the Board regarding possible improvements at Tupelo High School stadium on behalf of the Tupelo High School Baseball Boosters. Detailed information regarding the report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Recognitions

No recognitions were scheduled for this meeting of the Board.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. FY09 Budget Information

Superintendent Randy McCoy presented initial FY09 Budget Requests. The report included personnel requests made by each school, professional development requests, athletics, band, etc. Detailed information regarding the FY09 Budget Requests is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. FY08 Ad Valorem Collections

Superintendent Randy McCoy and Finance Director Linda Pannell presented worksheets outlining Tax Collections for school years 2004-2005 through 2007-2008. A copy of the FY08 Ad Valorem Collections report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. TPSD Strategic Planning Meeting

Dr. McCoy reminded Board Members of the TPSD Strategic Planning Meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at the Hancock Leadership Center.

D. National School Boards Association 68th Annual Conference Report

Board Members Shawn Brevard and Mike Clayborne summarized their participation at the recent National School Boards Association 68th Annual Conference on March 29 through April 1, 2008, in Orlando, Florida.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contractual Agreements
Contractual Agreement CO830
Rental of School Facilities SFR830 and SFR831
Charter Bus Service Contract BC-08-18 through BC08-20
2. Donations #2007-2008-843
3. Permission to Apply for TPSD Grants #820, #821 and #822
4. Acceptance of TPSD Grant #820
5. Permission to Advertised for Sealed Bids BD564, BD565 and BD566
6. Emergency Purchase Approval – EMER #2 2007-2008 Milam Boiler

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail 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 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Student Transfer Report

In accordance with Dr. McCoy'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. Approval of two (2) resident student transfer requests (in-district) for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year
- c. Approval of one (1) non-resident student transfer request (in-district) for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year
- d. Approval for admission of three (3) non-resident student transfers (tuition)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne and was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Student Transfer Report is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Personnel Recommendations

Tupelo High School Principal Mac Curlee, Athletic Director Danny Porter and Superintendent Randy McCoy introduced Mr. Grant Pate to the Board of Trustees and recommended that Mr. Pate be moved from assistant boys' basketball coach to head boys' basketball coach at Tupelo High School beginning August 4, 2008.

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

- a. Licensed Personnel
- b. Classified Personnel

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Employment of TPSD Licensed Staff for 2008-2009 School Year

(This report was moved to the end of the agenda).

E. Docket of Claims/Tupelo High School Activity Check Register and Athletic Activity Check Register

Mr. Tucker reviewed the Docket of Claims and Check Registers prior to the meeting and recommended approval as listed below:

- Docket of Claims for the period March 8 through March 31, 2008, Docket of Claim #61855 through #62188 for Accounts Payable Checks #45781 through #46006 in the amount of \$475,101.37.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for March 2008, Checks #2758 through #2765 in the amount of \$3,576.51.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for March 2008, Checks #3488 through #3536 in the amount of \$480,057.49.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

This affirms that the claims 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 are marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. Third Quarter Student Discipline Report

Assistant Superintendent George Noflin presented the Third Quarter Student Discipline Report for the Board's review. The report includes survey information which analyzes discipline issues per school and also includes Alternative School Placement information for the third nine weeks.

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

A copy of the Third Quarter Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

January and February 2008 Police Reports were also discussed with the Board. Lt. Terry Sanford of the Tupelo Police Department was at the meeting to answer any questions. Principals Mac Curlee and Larry Harmon and Assistant Principal Kristy Rozina were also present to provide additional information regarding the discipline report.

G. Student Discipline Report (Student #105 and Student #408)

Dr. McCoy recommended ratification of the following student discipline issues as listed below:

1. Expulsion of Student #105 for one calendar year.
2. Expulsion of Student #408 for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year.

Mr. Tucker moved to ratify the above recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Additional information regarding the abovementioned Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business agenda items were presented at this meeting of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Cooperative Agreement between the University of Mississippi Department of Communicative Disorders and the Tupelo Public School District – Placement of Speech/Language Pathology Students for Supervised Clinical Experiences in the TPSD

Deputy Superintendent David Meadows presented a proposed Cooperative Agreement Document between the University of Mississippi Department of Communicative Disorders and the Tupelo Public School District. Mr. Meadows recommended that the Superintendent and Board of Trustees approve the agreement and authorize the Superintendent to sign said agreement. Mr. Meadows reported that, if approved, the Cooperative Agreement will allow the University of Mississippi to place students enrolled in the Speech Language Pathology Program in the TPSD for supervised clinical experience.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement and authorize the Superintendent to sign said agreement.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Cooperative Agreement Document between the University of Mississippi Department of Communicative Disorders and the Tupelo Public School District is marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS

Mrs. Brevard suggested to the School Board a temporary executive session to determine the need for a permanent executive session for the purpose of discussing a property matter.

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to enter temporary executive session for the purpose of determining a need for permanent executive session. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the temporary executive session was called to order by President Shawn Brevard with the following people present: Mrs. Shawn Brevard, Mr. Mike Clayborne, Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. Lee Tucker, Dr. Randy McCoy, Mr. David Meadows, Dr. George Noflin, and Mrs. Diana Ezell.

The Board first considered the reason for entering executive session. Upon a motion by Mr. Clayborne with a second by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to remain in executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mrs. Brevard reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into executive session was to discuss personnel matters.

Upon a motion by Mr. Clayborne with a second by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to come out of executive session. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

2. EMPLOYMENT OF TPSD LICENSED STAFF FOR 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Superintendent Randy McCoy recommended the employment of TPSD Licensed Staff for the 2008-2009 school year as listed below:

1. Reemployment of TPSD Licensed Staff for the 2008-2009 school year.
2. Reemployment of TPSD Licensed Staff for the 2008-2009 School Year
Contingent Upon Receipt of Valid Endorsed License
3. Recommended 2008-2009 TPSD School Administrators

Upon a motion by Mr. Clayborne with a second by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to reemploy TPSD licensed staff for the 2008-2009 school year, reemploy TPSD licensed staff for the 2008-2009 school year contingent upon receipt of a valid endorsed license, and approve 2008-2009 TPSD School Administrators as recommended by Superintendent Randy McCoy.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The Employment of TPSD Licensed Staff Report for School Year 2008-2009 is marked EXHIBIT 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Shawn Brevard, President

Lee Tucker, Secretary