

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2011**

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, July 19, 2011, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Heyer 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. Eddie Prather
 Mrs. Beth Stone
 Mr. Lee Tucker

Members Absent: Mr. Rob Hudson

Staff Present:	Mr. David Meadows	Mr. Jim Turner
	Mrs. Diana Ezell	Mr. Jason Harris
	Dr. Fred Hill	Ms. Lynne Rogers
	Mrs. Kay Bishop	Mr. Kenneth Roberts
	Mrs. Julie Connolly	Ms. Pam Traylor
	Mr. Terry Hatch	Dr. Denecise Salters
	Mrs. Julie Hinds	Mr. Larry Harmon
	Mrs. Marissa Martin	Dr. Derwood Tutor
	Mrs. Rachel Murphree	Dr. Tanisha Smith
	Mrs. Linda Pannell	Mr. Tim Carter
	Ms. Patrice Tate	Ms. Ahsaki Games

Mrs. Heyer announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. School Board Attorney Otis Tims was also present. Several members of the press were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Interim Superintendent David Meadows recommended the agenda be amended as follows:

1. Added an Addendum to Item C. Personnel Report (Licensed Staff Recommendations), Section VII. Superintendent's Report.
2. Added a request for action by the Board on Item B. Update on Alternative Programs, under Section VI. Communications to the Board.

3. Added a request for action by the board on Item D. 2011-2012 District Initiatives, Under Section VI. Communications to the Board.
4. Amended recommendation regarding the updated Student Discipline Code of Conduct and related policies under Section VII. Superintendent's Report, Item E. Policy Changes
5. Amended the order of the meeting to hear a report by Dr. Michael Waldrop before the Public Comments section of the agenda and to move the Executive Session after the Public Comments section.

Upon a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to amend the agenda as recommended.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve minutes of the June 28, 2011, regular meeting as submitted. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Public Comments

Reverend Harold Arrington, President of the Tupelo/Lee County Chapter of NAACP, addressed the Board regarding several concerns. Mrs. Heyer thanked Rev. Arrington for his comments and advised that the Board will take the issues under advisement.

B. Recognitions

No recognition ceremony was held at this meeting of the Board.

C. Executive Session

Board President Amy Heyer suggested to the School Board an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and a student matter.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing student and personnel matters. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the Executive Session was called to order by Mrs. Heyer with the following people present: Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mrs. Beth Stone, Mr. Lee Tucker, Mr. David Meadows, Mr. Otis Tims, Mrs. Julie Connolly, Ms. Patrice Tate, and Mr. Jim Turner.

The Board first considered the reason for entering Executive Session. Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker with a second by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing student and personnel matters. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mrs. Heyer reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into Executive Session was to discuss student and personnel matters.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker with a second by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Heyer declared the motion passed.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. Superintendent Search Update

Dr. Michael Waldrop, Executive Director of the Mississippi School Boards Association, addressed the Board regarding the upcoming Superintendent Search for Tupelo Public Schools. Dr. Waldrop gave each Board member a "Superintendent Search Board Member Questionnaire" to be completed and explained that the questionnaire will give an indicator of what qualifications the Board feels the next superintendent should have. (This report was given after Public Comments and before the Executive Session).

B. Update on Alternative Programs

Assistant Superintendent Fred Hill presented an update report on alternative programs and proposals for new programs. The programs included in the presentation were: SAM, HSAA, Ombudsman and Tier III Discipline Alternative Program. A copy of the Update on Alternative Programs Report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Status Report on Summer Construction Projects

Mrs. Julie Hinds presented an update on the Summer Construction Projects.

D. 2011-2012 District Initiatives

Interim Superintendent David Meadows presented for consideration for approval recommendations related to various 2010-2011 District Initiatives for either inclusion, exclusion, or modification in the proposed 2011-2012 (FY12) TPSD General Operations Budget. Following the presentation, Board Member Lee Tucker moved to approve the proposed Tier 3 Alternative Program and relocation of Ombudsman and HSAA to Church Street as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone and was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Board Member Eddie Prather moved to approve the 1 to 1 Laptop Initiative as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the 2011-2012 District Initiatives Report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. Status Report on 2011-2012 Bus Routes

Dr. Fred Hill provided information on proposed 2011-2012 bus routes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contractual Agreements #CO1200 through #CO1216
2. Single Source Purchases #SS1200 through #SS1203
3. Permission to Apply for TPSD Grants #1200 and #1201
4. Accepted TPSD Grants #1116 and #1120
5. Permission to Remove 44 Items from the District Capital Asset List
6. Renewal of Menu Choice Procedure 2011-2012 "Offer vs. Serve"

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 is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Student Transfer Report

Mr. Tucker moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regards to the following student transfer requests:

- Approval of ten (10) resident student transfer requests (in-district)
- Approval of six (6) non-resident student transfer requests (in-district)
- Denial of two (2) resident student transfers (in-district)
- Approval of admission of 49 non-resident students (tuition)
- Approval to release six (6) resident students

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

C. Personnel Recommendations

1. Licensed Staff Recommendations

Interim Superintendent David Meadows presented for approval the Licensed Staff recommendations (which included an Addendum approved for inclusion earlier in the meeting).

Mrs. Stone moved to approve the Licensed Staff recommendations as presented. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mr. Turner also presented for information and review the 2011-2012 Staffing Statistics Report.

2. School Level Administrative Positions

Mr. Meadows recommended for consideration for approval the following school level administrative positions:

Dr. Tanisha Smith	Assistant Principal, Tupelo High School
Ms. Mary Lea Johnson	District Testing Coordinator
Ms. Ahsaki Games	Lead Teacher, HSAA
Mr. Timothy Carter	Assistant Principal, Tupelo High School
Ms. Angela Hendrix	Assistant Principal, Rankin Elementary

Mr. Prather moved to approve the above administrative recommendation as presented. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

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

D. Docket of Claims and Tupelo High School Activity Check Register

Mrs. Stone reviewed the Docket of Claims and Tupelo High School Check Register prior to the meeting and recommended approval of the Docket of Claims and Check Registers as outlined below:

- Docket of Claims for the period June 18 through June 30, 2011, Docket of Claims #94531 through #95006 for Accounts Payable Checks #66422 through #66720 in the amount of \$1,866,243.16.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for June, 2011, Checks #3380 through #3380 in the amount of \$5,924.72.

The grand total for all funds is \$1,872,167.88.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather and approved unanimously. The President of the Board 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 THS Activity Check Register are marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Policy Changes

Interim Superintendent David Meadows recommended approval of the following TPSD Policies and Exhibits:

ICA-E	School Calendar 2011-2012 (amended)
GBAC	Criminal Background Check (new policy – second reading)
GBAC-R	Criminal Background Check (new policy – second reading)
GBAC-E	Authorization for Criminal Background Checks (new policy – second reading)

Upon a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the policies as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Copies of the above policies are marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

Action on TPSD Policy JICDA, JICDA-E1, JICDA-E2, JK, JICI, JICF was postponed to a later meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Title III English Language Acquisition Program FY12 Application

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the Title III English Language Acquisition Program FY12 Application as presented by Mrs. Dale Warriner. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The Title III English Language Acquisition Program FY12 Application is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Resolution to Refund Outstanding Debt and Retail Legal Counsel

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to adopt a Resolution stating the intention of the Board of Trustees to refund outstanding debt and retain legal counsel to assist with the proposed refinancing. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Resolution to Refund Outstanding Debt and Retail Legal Counsel is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. TPSD School Year 2011-2012 Student Handbooks

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve School Year 2011-2012 Student Handbooks as presented. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Copies of TPSD School Year 2011-2012 Student Handbooks are marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

Mr. Prather requested a report of longitudinal data for third grade students who attended the MLK Early Childhood Education Center versus students who did not attend the MLK Early Childhood Education Center.

B. Review and Discussion of Board Goals for 2011-2012

Board members continued their discussion regarding Board Goals for 2011-2012 and requested that Mr. Meadows provide proposed performance targets at the next School Board meeting.

RECESS

At approximately 3:45 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to recess the meeting until after the 5:00 p.m. FY12 Budget Hearing. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in recess.

RECONVENE

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, July 19, 2011, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi at approximately 5:55 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Heyer.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The following School Board members were present during roll call:

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 Mr. Eddie Prather
 Mrs. Beth Stone
 Mr. Lee Tucker

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Staff Present: Ms. Patrice Tate

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July 19, 2011
12 Noon

Tupelo Public School District
Board of Trustees – Meeting Minutes

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Arlissa C. Heyer, President

Elizabeth Stone, Secretary