

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES  
October 23, 2007**

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 23, 2007, at the Fillmore Center, 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  
Mr. Steve Ludt  
Mr. Lee Tucker

Members Absent: Mr. John Nail

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy  
Mr. David Meadows  
Mr. George Noflin, Jr.  
Mrs. Diana Ezell  
Mrs. Linda Pannell  
Mr. Jim Turner  
Mrs. Dale Warriner  
Mrs. Kay Bishop  
Mrs. Jo Mark  
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. Ludt, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

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 October 9, 2007 regular meeting as submitted. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

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

### **A. Welcome**

Principal Larry Harmon welcomed the Board of Trustees and administrative staff to the Fillmore Center.

### **B. Public Comments**

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

### **C. Recognitions**

The TPSD “Fred Factor” Award was presented to Mr. Francis Julian Carroll, a science teacher at Tupelo Middle School.

## **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

### **A. School Health Council Update – Mrs. Lynne Rogers**

At the noon meeting TPSD Food Service Director Lynne Rogers presented an update on the district’s School Health Council. At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized Mrs. Rogers’ report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

## **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 Agreements: #CO8016 through #CO8018  
Rental of School Facilities: #SFR813  
Charter Bus Service Contract #BC08-05
2. Donations  
Donations: #2007-2008-816 through #2007-2008-820

3. Acceptance of TPSD Grant #804 (06-07 #279) US Department of Agriculture and MDE Office of Healthy Schools, Child Nutrition

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ludt 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.

## **B. Student Transfer Report**

In accordance with Dr. McCoy's recommendations, Mr. Tucker 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. Denial of one (1) resident student transfer (in-district)
- c. Approval of two (2) non-resident student transfers (tuition)
- d. Approval of five (5) GED student transfer requests

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

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. Ludt 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. Tucker and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board 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**

Mr. Clayborne reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and moved to approve the Docket in the amount of \$471,546.66 for the period October 1, through October 12, 2007, Docket Claim #57076 through #57631 for Accounts Payable Checks #42709 through #43033. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ludt and approved unanimously. The President of the Board 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 is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**E. September 30, 2007 Financial Report**

The September 30, 2007 Financial Report was presented to the Board and a listing by fund was available for the Board's information and review.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Financial Report for the month ending September 30, 2007, as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the September 30, 2007 Financial Report is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**F. Amendment to TPSD Policy Exhibit #BEA-E Regular Board Meetings – 2008**

Dr. McCoy recommended that the Board amend TPSD Policy Exhibit BEA-E Regular Board Meetings – 2008 which specifies the dates and locations for the regular school board meetings in 2008.

Mr. Ludt moved to amend TPSD Policy Exhibit #BEA-E Regular Board Meetings – 2008 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne and was approved unanimously.

This action rescinds TPSD Policy Exhibit BEA-E dated 5/22/07. A copy of Policy Exhibit BEA-E is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Facility Utilization 2009 Elementary Restructuring Plan**

At the noon meeting Mr. John Bryson, Chairman of the Facility Utilization Advisory Team, presented the Facility Utilization 2009 Elementary Restructuring Plan for consideration for approval. Vice-Chairman Trentice Imbler was also present and

spoke on behalf of the Facility Utilization Advisory Team. Consultant Jeff Tsai, director of the Operations Research/Education Laboratory at North Carolina State University was also present and answered questions from the Board.

At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the Facility Utilization 2009 Elementary Restructuring Plan for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting. Dr. Jeff Tsai was again present and provided clarification and answered additional questions from the Board.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Clayborne moved to accept and adopt the Facility Utilization 2009 Elementary Restructuring Plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Additional information regarding the Facility Utilization 2009 Elementary Restructuring Plan is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

#### **B. 2007-2008 TPSD Test Security Plan and Assurances**

Mrs. Dale Warriner, District Test Coordinator, presented the 2007-2008 TPSD Test Security Plan and Assurances to the Board for review, consideration, and approval. As required by state statutes as well as rules and regulations of the Mississippi Department of Education, both a district and individual school test security plan must be completed and be in place at least two weeks prior to the arrival of specific testing materials.

Mr. Clayborne moved to approve the 2007-2008 TPSD Test Security Plan and Assurances. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the 2007-2008 TPSD Test Security Plan and Assurances is marked Exhibit 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

#### **A. Scheduling of Common Ground Dates**

Discussion was held regarding scheduling Common Ground dates during November.

#### **A. Executive Session – Personnel Matters**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

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Shawn Brevard, President

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Mike Clayborne, Secretary