

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
March 6, 2012**

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, March 6, 2012, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Eddie Prather who welcomed guests attending the meeting. Mr. Prather announced that the organizational meeting of the Board is held at the first regular meeting of the Board of Trustees following the first Saturday of March of each calendar year.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board members present during roll call were: Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, and Mrs. Beth Stone. Mrs. Heyer was absent from the meeting. Mr. Prather announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Attorney Otis Tims was also present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

School Board Attorney Otis Tims announced that School Board Policy #BDA stipulates that "the officers of the Board shall be a president, vice-president and secretary and shall be elected at the first meeting of the board following the first Saturday of March of each calendar year." Mr. Tims next announced that the floor was open for nomination for president of the Board of Trustees.

Election of President

Mrs. Stone placed Mr. Eddie Prather's name before the Board for president of the School Board. Mr. Hudson seconded the motion. By general consent, nominations for president were closed. By a vote of 3-0, Mr. Prather was elected president of the Board of Trustees.

Election of Vice-President

Next, Mr. Tims announced that the floor was open for nominations for vice-president of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Hudson placed Mrs. Beth Stone's name before the Board to serve as vice-president. Mr. Prather seconded the motion and by unanimous consent nominations for vice-president were closed. By a vote of 3-0, Mrs. Stone was elected vice-president of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Tims announced that the floor was now open for nomination for secretary of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Prather placed Mr. Hudson's name before the Board to serve as secretary. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion and by general consent nominations for secretary were closed. By a vote of 3-0, Mr. Hudson was elected secretary of the Board of Trustees.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented. The president of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the agenda is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2012, called meeting, February 1, 2012, called meeting, and February 13, 2012 called meeting with one noted correction to the February 13, 2012, called meeting. The president of the Board declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Public Comments

No requests for public comments were received for this Board meeting.

B. Recognitions

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

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. Report on NSBA Education Technology Site Visit, Cullman, Alabama City Schools – February 29-March 2, 2012

TPSD Curriculum Team Member Kenneth Griswold and TPSD Board Members Beth Stone and Eddie Prather presented information on their attendance at the 2012 NSBA Education Technology Site Visit hosted by Cullman, Alabama City Schools. Mrs. Stone and Mr. Prather were able to attend the site visit on March 1, 2012, while Mr. Griswold was able to participate in the total conference.

B. Star School Visits

Dr. Fred Hill presented a brief summary of the findings of the Star School visits conducted by Milam, Carver, Lawhon, and Parkway Elementary Schools and Tupelo Middle School. Principals were present at the meeting to answer any questions (copy of report on file).

C. Digital Transition Plan

Deputy Superintendent Diana Ezell and Mrs. Mary Ann Plasencia reported that they have been working with administrators, teachers, parents, students, and community members to prepare a three-year Digital Transition Plan for the Tupelo Public School District (copy of report on file).

D. Assessment History

Finance Director Linda Pannell presented an assessment history from FY 2000 through FY 2012 summarizing the fluctuation in the assessed values over the year (copy of report on file).

E. Ad Valorem Collection History and Current Collections through February, 2012

Mrs. Pannell reported on the ad valorem collection history from school year 2004-2005 through collections received in February, 2012 (copy of report on file).

F. Update on Tutoring at Tupelo High School and December SATP2 Retest Results

District Test Coordinator Lea Johnson presented the results of the December SATP2 retests and tutoring. These results provided information on the progress of tutoring during the months of November and December (copy of report on file).

G. Needs Summary for State Testing in May, 2012

Ms. Lea Johnson provided for the Board's information and review a needs summary of the state testing that will occur in May, 2012 (copy of report on file).

H. 2012 Curriculum Project

In Mrs. Glenda Scott's absence, Curriculum Team Member Kenneth Griswold presented an overview of the proposed 2012 Summary Curriculum Development Project (copy of report on file).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contractual Agreements:
 - a. TPSD Contracts #CO1242 through #CO1245
 - b. Contracts for Bus Service #BC11-12-005 through #BC11-12-010
2. Single Source Purchase #SS1221
3. Donations #2011-2012-027 through #2011-2012-029
4. Permission to Apply for TPSD Grants #1214, #1215, #1216, #1217, and #1218
5. Authorization to Accept TPSD Grant #1213

6. Approval of Overnight Field Trip Requests:
 - a. Tupelo High School Boys' Golf, Covington, LA, March 30-April 1, 2012
 - b. Tupelo High School Boys' Golf, Myrtle Beach, SC, April 3-7, 2012
 - c. Tupelo Middle School 7th Grade Science, Gulfport, MS, April 16-18, 2012
 - d. Tupelo Middle School Band, St. Louis, MO, May 4-5, 2012
7. Approved appropriate travel expenses for two Board members to attend the annual 72nd Annual Conference of the National School Boards Association in Boston, MA, April 20-23, 2012

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson 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

Mrs. Stone moved to affirm the Student Transfer Report as presented:

- Approval of five (5) resident student transfers (in-district) for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson 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 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Admission Recommendation – Student LCSD #1-2012

Mr. Hudson moved to accept Student LCSD #01-2012 as recommended by Interim Superintendent David Meadows and begin TPSD Special Education Homebound Services immediately and admission into the TPSD on Monday, April 9, 2012.

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 information regarding the admission of Student LCSD #1-2012 is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Personnel Recommendations

Interim Superintendent David Meadows recommended approval of the Licensed Staff recommendations. Mr. Hudson moved to approve the Licensed Staff recommendations as presented. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

The president of the Board declared the motion passed. The Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. Docket of Claims

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

- Docket of Claims for the period February 4 through February 24, 2012, Docket of Claims #100461 through #101195 for Accounts Payable Checks #70205 through #70724 in the amount of \$1,277,171.57.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson 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 Report is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. January 31, 2012, Financial Statement

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 31, 2012, Financial Statement as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the president of the Board declared the motion passed.

The January 31, 2012, Financial Statement is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

G. Cash Flow Statements for Month Ending January 31, 2012

Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Cash Flow for month ending January 31, 2012, for information and review (copy on file).

H. Second Reading and Approval of TPSD Policy IHDB GED Programs

Assistant Superintendent Fred Hill presented for second reading TPSD Policy IHDB GED Programs. Dr. Hill explained that this proposed amendment is required by State Board Policy 902: GED Standards.

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to adopt an amendment to TPSD Policy Exhibit IHDB GED Programs as submitted. The president of the Board declared the motion passed. This action by the Board rescinds TPSD Policy IHDB-E dated September 12, 2006.

A copy of TPSD Policy IHDB GED Programs is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

I. Student Discipline Report – Case #66

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to approve and ratify the administrative decision to expel Student #66 from the Structured Day Program for one calendar year (January 19, 2012, through January 18, 2013), for violation of TPSD Policy JK-E5. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the president of the Board declared the motion passed.

Detailed information regarding Student Discipline Report Case #66 is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items of “unfinished business” were presented at this meeting of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Legal Counsel

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mitchell, McNutt & Sams as legal counsel for the TPSD Board of Trustees.

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

B. Posting of Public Notices

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to assign the responsibility of posting notices of special meetings, recessed meetings, adjourned meetings, and rescheduled meetings as outlined in TPSD Policy BDA to Ms. Patrice Tate.

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

C. Appointment of Recording Secretary for the TPSD Board of Trustees

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Patrice Tate as recording secretary for the TPSD Board of Trustees.

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

D. Authorization of Signatures for District Financial Accounts

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted unanimously to authorize signatures for district financial accounts in accordance with TPSD Policy DGA: Authorized Signatures.

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

E. Appointment of Board Audit Committee to Review TPSD 2011-2012 Audit

In accordance with TPSD Policy BDA Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting, Mr. Hudson moved to appoint Mrs. Beth Stone and himself to serve on the Board Audit Review Committee for the purpose of reviewing the 2011-2012 School Year Audit. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointments of the Board Audit Committee. The president of the declared the motion passed.

F. Ratification of TPSD Policies

In accordance with TPSD Policy BDA Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting, Mrs. Stone moved to reaffirm and ratify the TPSD Policies, Administrative Procedures, Regulations, and Exhibits previously adopted by the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointments of the Board Audit Committee. The president of the declared the motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

1. School Councils of Excellence

As previously mentioned at the February 14, 2012, meeting of the Board of Trustees, Interim Superintendent David Meadows reviewed the following:

- a. Compile and present for review, discussion and consideration a listing of the common themes identified during the recent meetings between community members and representatives of the Board of Trustees.
- b. Prepare a plan with a process for implementation to establish Individual School Councils of Excellence for the purpose of soliciting input and involvement in identifying and resolving school based issues related to practices that may constrain student learning and achievement.

Mr. Hudson moved that the above plan to establish Individual School Councils of Excellence be reflected in the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone and the Board voted unanimously to approve the establishing of Individual School Councils of Excellence for the purpose of soliciting input and involvement in identifying and resolving school based issues related to practices that may constrain student learning and achievement. The president of the declared the motion passed.

2. Other Future Agenda Topics

- a. Report on Security Cameras
- b. Report on School-Based Academic Teams in Grades 6-12
- c. Board Member Rob Hudson requested an update report on the implementation of Block Scheduling at THS for the 2012-2013 school year at the next Board meeting.

B. Executive Session

Mr. Prather announced that no Executive Session was required.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Eddie M, President

Rob Hudson, Secretary