

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
May 27, 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, May 27, 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
 Mrs. Amy Heyer
 Mr. John Nail
 Mr. Lee Tucker (Mr. Tucker entered after vote on approval of agenda)

Members Absent: Mr. Mike Clayborne

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy
 Mr. David Meadows
 Mr. George Noflin, Jr.
 Mrs. Diana Ezell
 Mrs. Linda Pannell
 Mr. Jim Turner
 Mrs. Julie Hinds
 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 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 presented.

Mrs. Brevard announced that the motion passed. (Mr. Tucker was absent for the vote). 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. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2008 noon and 5:00 p.m. regular meetings, April 25, 2008, special called meeting, and May 13, 2008 noon regular meeting as presented. 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

The following recognitions were held:

1. Tupelo High School Tennis Team – 5A State Champions
2. Tupelo High School Tennis Coach Niki Peel was named the Mississippi Tennis Coach of the Year
3. Tupelo Middle School 7th Graders identified in the Duke University Talent Identification Program
4. Tupelo Middle School Counselor Annette Riddle – 2007-2008 Tombigbee Counseling Association's Counselor of the Year
5. Student Holly Harrington, a member of Tupelo Middle School Jr. Thespians, earned a Superior Rating for Solo Musical Theatre at the National Junior Thespian Festival

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. FY09 Budget Information

Superintendent Randy McCoy led a discussion regarding the FY09 Budget as listed below:

- FY09 Budget Worksheet
- 2008-2009 Budget Requests (includes identification of one time expenditures)
- Listing of Capital Projects which are included in the TPSD Long Range Plan

Detailed information regarding the FY09 Budget Report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. TPSD First Quarter Strategic Plan Report

Assistant Superintendent Diana Ezell provided an overview of the TPSD Strategic Plan First Quarter 2008 Update Report which encompasses January, February and March 2008 and focuses on Goals 1 through 4 of the TPSD Strategic Plan. A copy of the TPSD First Quarter Strategic Plan Update Report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. TPSD Non-Resident/Resident Transfer Report for 2007-2008 School Year

Assistant Superintendent George Noflin presented the TPSD Non-Resident/Resident Transfer Report for 2007-2008 School Year. Dr. Noflin reported that the district has a total of 376 active tuition students of which 112 are employees' children and this year's board action has resulted in 122 transfers into the district with 14 students transferring out of district.

A copy of the TPSD Non-Resident/Resident Transfer Report for 2007-2008 School Year is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contractual Agreements
Contractual Agreements #CO8037 and #CO8038
Rental of School Facilities #SFR833 through ESFR835
Charter Bus Service Contract #BC-08-26 and #BC-08-27
2. Permission to Apply for TPSD Grant #823 (NASA/MS Space Grant Consortium)
3. Acceptance of TPSD Grant #804 (06-07 #279) (US Dept. of Agriculture & MDE)
4. Approved Continued Membership by the TPSD in the North Mississippi Educational Consortium and Mississippi School Boards Association for 2008-2009

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker 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. Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Nail moved to approve the Personnel Report to include a correction on Page 95 to the dates of possible employment in the 2008 Summer Extended School Year Program (changed from June 2, 2008 through June 27, 2008 to May 28, 2008 through June 30, 2008). The Personnel Report included the following:

- a. Licensed Personnel
- b. Classified Personnel
- c. Substitutes for 2008-2009 School Year

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Docket of Claims

Mrs. Heyer reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and moved to approve the Docket in the amount of \$856,322.33 for the period May 3 through May 16, 2008, Docket Claim #63722 through #64119 for Accounts Payable Checks #46871 through #47136. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker 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 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. April 30, 2008 Financial Statements

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month-ending April 30, 2008, for consideration of approval. Mrs. Pannell stated that a listing by fund is available for the Board's information.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 30, 2008 Financial Statements as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the April 30, 2008 Financial Statements is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. Student Discipline Report (Student #72)

Dr. McCoy recommended ratification of the expulsion of Student #72 from the TPSD for one calendar year. Mr. Tucker moved to ratify the above recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer 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**A. TPSD Dropout Prevention Plan**

Superintendent Randy McCoy and Assistant Superintendent Diana Ezell presented for second reading the TPSD Dropout Prevention Plan for consideration for approval and submission to the Mississippi Department of Education.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the TPSD Dropout Prevention Plan for submission to the Mississippi Department of Education. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Dropout Prevention Plan is marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Athletic Admission Prices

At the May 13, 2008 board meeting an initial discussion was held regarding increasing ticket prices for football, basketball and baseball events.

Dr. McCoy recommended that the Board consider a proposed ticket price increase for the 2008-2009 school year for Tupelo Public Schools to remain in line with other school districts and provide additional income to our district's athletic programs. The following athletic admission price increases for the 2008-2009 school year were recommended:

	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>Proposed 2008-2009</u>
Football	\$5.00	\$6.00
Basketball	4.00	5.00
Baseball	4.00	5.00

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the increase in athletic admission as recommended. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

C. Amendment to TPSD Policies JK-E3, JK-E4, JK-E5 and JICDA

Assistant Superintendent George Noflin and Superintendent Randy McCoy presented TPSD Policies JK-E3, JK-E4, JK-E5 and JICDA at the May 13th board meeting for consideration for amendment. Following discussion on May 13th, it was the consensus of the Board to postpone approving these policies until administrators could review the proposed amendments in light of questions raised by board members during discussion of the policies.

The following policies are now resubmitted for a second reading for consideration for approval with recommended amendments to clarify and strengthen current disciplinary practices:

JK-E3	Student Discipline – Middle School Students
JK-E4	Student Discipline – High School Students
JK-E5	Student Discipline – Alternative Schools 4-12
JICDA	Student Code of Conduct

Mrs. Heyer moved to approve amendments to TPSD Policy #JK-E3, #JK-E4, #JK-E5 and #JICDA as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

This action rescinds the following TPSD Policies:

JK-E3	Student Discipline – Middle School Students dated 6/24/03
JK-E4	Student Discipline – High School Students dated 7/11/00
JK-E5	Student Discipline – Alternative Schools 4-12 dated 7/11/06
JICDA	Student Code of Conduct dated 7/09/02

Copies of the aforementioned TPSD Policies are marked EXHIBIT 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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 personnel matters.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Tucker, 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. Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. John Nail, Mr. Lee Tucker, and Dr. Randy McCoy.

The Board first considered the reason for entering executive session. Upon a motion by Mr. Nail with a second by Mr. Tucker, 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. Nail with a second by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to come out of executive session. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Nail, 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 1:35 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Shawn Brevard, President

Lee Tucker, Secretary