

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 P.M. MEETING MINUTES  
November 15, 2012**

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 Thursday, November 15, 2012, at Milam Elementary School, 720 West Jefferson Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Eddie Prather, who welcomed guests attending the meeting.

**ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved at the noon meeting. A copy of the agenda is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the October 23, 2012, noon regular meeting and 5:00 P.M. regular meeting were presented for consideration for approval. A correction to remove item C.3. under "Superintendent's Report" was noted.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 23, 2012, noon regular meeting and 5:00 P.M. regular meeting as corrected. Mr. Prather announced that the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

**WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Welcome**

Mr. Travis Beard, Principal of Milam Elementary School, welcomed the Board of Trustees, parents, and staff to Milam Elementary School.

**B. Public Comments**

No public comments were requested for this meeting.

### **C. Recognitions**

- THS Senior Kaitlyn Kornoely – selected as a member of the 2013 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band
- THS Marketing Teacher Brookes Mayes – selected to the Mississippi Business Education Association Board of Directors and elected secretary this year.
- THS Senior Hannah Farmer – one of 20 students named a Wendy’s High School Heisman state finalist.
- TPSD student Anna Katherine Williams – winner of the 2012 Children’s Essay Contest.
- Members of the THS Broadcast Journalism Class and Teacher Jason Varner -- Won State Contest.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

In accordance with Dr. Loden’s recommendations, Mr. Hudson moved to approve and ratify the Consent Agenda as listed below:

#### **A. Office of Finance Director Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #5)**

1. Contracts for Rental of School Facilities #SFR1319 through #SFR1321
2. Donations #2012-2013-018 through #2012-2013-021
3. Permission to Submit TPSD Grants #1307 and #1309
4. Approval of Add One (1) Asset and Remove 30 Assets from the District’s Asset Inventory

#### **B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Dillon**

Student Transfer Report presented by Mrs. Pamela Traylor.

#### **C. Office of Superintendent Dr. Gearl Loden**

Consideration of approval of appropriate School Board expenses to attend the NSBA Annual Conference in San Diego, CA, April, 2013.

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 copy of the Consent Agenda is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. Office of Director of Finance Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #5)**

#### **Docket of Claims**

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

- Docket of Claims for the period October 13-31, 2012, Docket of Claims #5726 through #6169, Accounts Payable Checks #3475 through #3738 in the amount of \$3,667,655.17
- The Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period September 2012, Checks #1077 through #1093 in the amount of \$4,357.81
- The Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period October 2012, Checks #1094 through #1125 in the amount of \$7,479.99
- The Athletic Activity Check Register for the period September 2012, Checks #10148 through #1199 in the amount of \$4,568.53
- The Athletic Activity Check Register for the period October 2012, Checks #1200 through #1236 in the amount of \$3,715.78

The grand total for all funds is \$3,687,777.28.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and approved unanimously. President Eddie Prather 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 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

#### **Financial Statements for the Months Ending August 31, 2012, and September 30, 2012**

Mrs. Linda Pannell presented the Statements of Income and Expenditures for the months ending August 31, 2012, and September 30, 2012, for approval. A listing by find type is available for the Board's information and review.

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Statements of Income and Expenditures for the months ending August 31, 2012, and September 30, 2012, as presented. Mr. Prather declared the motion passed.

The Financial Statements are marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**B. Office of Director of Human Resources Mr. Jim Turner (TPSD Goal #3)**

**Consideration of Licensed Staff**

Human Resources Director Jim Turner presented Consideration of Licensed Staff for approval. Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the Consideration of Licensed Staff as presented. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The President of the Board declared the motion passed. The Consideration of Licensed Staff Report is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**C. Office of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gearl Loden (TPSD Goals #1, #4 and #5)**

For the Board's information, the First Nine-Weeks Discipline Overview was presented by Assistant Superintendent Diana Ezell at the noon meeting of the Board.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Awarding of Advertised Bid #BD 1302 Copy Paper**

Mrs. Pannell recommended that the Board of Trustees award Advertised Bid #BD1302 Copy Paper to Unisource Worldwide, who was the lowest and best bidder. On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to award Advertised Bid #BD1302 Copy Paper to Unisource Worldwide. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the president of the Board declared the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Executive Session**

Board President Eddie Prather stated that an executive session for the purpose of discussing sensitive and confidential student and personnel matters was held at the noon meeting and that no action was taken in Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Stone, 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 5:23 p.m.

November 15, 2012  
5:00 P.M. Milam Elementary School

Tupelo Public School District  
Board of Trustees – Meeting Minutes  
PENDING APPROVAL

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

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Eddie M, Prather, President

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Rob Hudson, Secretary