

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 P.M. MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2014**

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, May 13, 2014, at Lawndale Elementary School, 1563 Mitchell Road, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Rob Hudson who welcomed guests attending the meeting.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board members present during roll call were: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. Mr. Hudson announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Attorney Otis Tims was also present.

APPROVAL OF 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 THE MINUTES

April 15, 2014, 9:30am Work Session

Mrs. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2014, 9:30am Work Session as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and approved unanimously. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

April 15, 2014, Noon Regular Meeting

Mr. Prather made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2014, noon regular meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis and approved unanimously. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

April 15, 2014, 5:00pm Regular Meeting

Mrs. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2014, 5:00pm regular meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and approved unanimously. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

WELCOME

Principal Brock English welcomed the Board of Trustees, parents, staff and visitors to Lawndale Elementary School.

RECOGNITIONS

The Board of Trustees recognized the following students and teachers:

- Joyner Staff and PTO Members
- Boern to Run Coordinators
- Milam Teacher Selected to Participate in the National Teacher Leadership Institute
- Certified Barton Tutors
- THS Archery Team – North Half Winners and Placing at State Competition
- Gum Tree Writing Winners
- THS Madrigals and Vocal Jazz
- DAR Good Citizen Awards
- THS Career-Technical Center – Family and Consumer Sciences
- MHSAA Lindy Callahan Scholar Athlete – THS Student Aston Wedel
- Milam Stock Market Top Teams
- THS Honor Choir
- Regional Science Fair Winners at Lawndale
- THS 10th Grader Lexa Briek Selected for US State Department Exchange Program
- THS Coed Cheerleading – State Champions
- THS Band – All Superior Ratings
- THS Girls and Boys Bowling – State Champions
- THS – State Journalism Titles
- 2014 TPSD Parents of the Year
- Announcement of 2014 TPSD Parent of the Year – Mrs. Ragan Milner, Milam Elementary

President Rob Hudson left the meeting at this point and Vice President Ken Wheeler presided for the remainder of the meeting.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Gearl Loden summarized the following reports for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting:

- A. Curriculum Update presented by Mrs. Amy Ferguson and Ms. Lea Johnson (TPSD Goal #1)
- B. Update on Community Advisory Committee presented by Dr. Diana Ezell (TPSD Goal #1)
- C. Ad Valorem Report for Amount Received in April, 2014 presented by Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #4)

Copies of the above reports are on file in the Superintendent's Office.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Office of Finance Director Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #4)

1. Contractual Agreements (TPSD Policy DJAAB Contract Signing Authority)
Contracts to be Acknowledged and Awarded: #CO1415 through #CO1417
2. Donations #2013-2014-051 through #2013-2014-064 (TPSD Policy DFAB Revenues for Non-Tax Sources)
3. Permission to Submit TPSD Grants #1428 through #1430
(TPSD Policy DEEG Grant Management)
4. Permission to Accept TPSD Grant #1429 (TPSD Policy DEEG Grant Management)
5. Permission to Advertise BD1500 Classroom/Office Supply Bid (TPSD Policy DJED)
6. Permission to Remove 43 Items from the District Asset List

B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Dillon

1. Student Transfer Report (TPSD Policy JBCD Transfers and Withdrawals of Students)
2. Overnight Field Trip Requests (TPSD Policy IFCB Field Trips and Excursions)
 - a. THS, Lady Wave Basketball, Tuscaloosa, AL
 - b. THS, Lady Wave Basketball, Huntsville, AL
 - c. THS Cross Country, Brevard, NC
 - d. THS, Career and Technical Center Early Childhood, San Antonio, TX
 - e. THS, Lady Wave Basketball, Delta State University
 - f. THS, Career and Technical Center Welding Class, Kansas City, MO
 - g. THS, Boys Basketball Team, Memphis, TN
 - h. THS, Boys Basketball Team, Murfreesboro, TN
 - i. TMS, Cheerleaders, MSU, Starkville, MS

C. Office of Superintendent Assistant Superintendent Kim Britton

Approval of Title I Consolidated Federal Programs Application and Assurances for 2014-2015 (TPSD Goal #1, Policy #JQN).....Mrs. Anna Guntharp

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. Docket of Claims

Board Member Joe Babb recommended approval of the Docket of Claims and Check Registers as follows:

- Docket of Claims for the period April 5, 2014 through May 2, 2014, Docket of Claims #18616 through #19221, Accounts Payable Checks #11389 through #11808 in the amount of \$994,852.58.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period April 2014, Checks #1451 through #1479 in the amount of \$7,893.62.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period April 2014, Checks #1903 through #1989 in the amount of \$10,317.55.

The grand total for all funds is \$1,013,063.75.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather and approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Wheeler 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 Report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

2. Approval of 2012-2013 Audit Report (TPSD Goal #4, Policy DA)

On a motion by Mr. Babb, seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the Sate Approved Final Audit Report for year ended June 30, 2013.

Mr. Wheeler declared the motion passed. A copy of the 2012-2013 Audit Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

3. Required Monthly Financial Reports – Month Ending March 31, 2014

Following a review of each report and discussion, on a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the following financial reports:

- Bank Reconciliation Report
- Revenue and Expenditure Report with Budget Status
- TPSD Cash Flow Statement
- Combined Balance Sheet
- March 31, 2014 Financial Statements

Mr. Wheeler declared the motion passed. The Financial Reports for Month Ending March 31, 2014, are marked EXHIBIT 5 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)

1. Licensed Personnel Recommendations (includes Addendum) (TPSD Goal #3)

Mr. Turner presented Licensed Staff recommendations with addendum for consideration for approval. Mrs. Davis moved to approve the Licensed Personnel Recommendations as presented. Mr. Prather seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Wheeler declared the motion passed.

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

2. Recruiting Update Report (TPSD Goal #3, TPSD Policy GBC)

At the noon meeting Mr. Turner presented the annual Recruiting Report which summarized the universities visited and a cost analysis of each visit

C. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Diana Ezell (TPSD Policy BDC)

First Reading of TPSD Policy EDAJH Bus

At the noon meeting, Dr. Ezell explained that In order to reduce pollution and health concerns and prevent the premature wear on engines created by idling school buses, the District will eliminate all unnecessary idling of all District-owned and/or contracted school buses such that idling is minimized in all aspects of school bus operation. This is the first reading of Policy EDAH for the Board of Trustees to consider.

D. Office of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gearl Loden (TPSD Goals #3)

Information Items

Information was provided regarding the following items:

1. THS Graduation, May 16, BancorpSouth Arena, Ceremony begins at 7:00pm
2. End of the Year Celebration, May 27, 8:00am, THS, Performing Arts Center
3. School Board Retreat, Noon, June 26 and June 27
4. Installation of Field Turf Update (Mr. Andy Schoggin)
5. SATP/MCT2/Accountability Model Update
6. Summer Activities Report by Mrs. Kimberly Britton

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of 2014-2015 School Handbooks, District Guidelines and Athletic Handbook Changes

Mrs. Davis moved to approve the 2014-2015 School Handbooks, District Guidelines and Athletic Handbook changes. Mr. Prather seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Wheeler declared the motion passed.

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

B. Approval of Resolution Declaring an Emergency and Authorizing Emergency Purchases and Related Construction Expenses

Upon the motion of Board Member Joe Babb, seconded by Board Member Sherry Davis, and upon the unanimous vote of all members present the following Resolution was approved and adopted:

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY PURCHASES AND RELATED CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES FOR REBUILDING AND REPAIRING JOYNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE TORNADO OF APRIL 28, 2014.

Mr. Wheeler declared the motion passed. A copy of the above Resolution is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics – Superintendent Gearl Loden

June 10, 2014 Board Meeting

1. Annual Grant Report
2. Year-End Discipline Report
3. Senior Class Update
4. Marketing and Communication Report
5. ECEC Update Report

B. Future Agenda Topics – Board Members

No items were requested by Board Members.

C. Executive Session

Board Vice President Ken Wheeler announced that an Executive Session was held at the noon meeting of the Board to discuss a personnel matter and the possible negotiation of land purchase.

Mr. Wheeler announced that following the Executive Session, the Board returned to Open Session and unanimously adopted a Resolution approving a Third Amendment to Superintendent's Contract revising the employment contract of Superintendent Loden.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to adjourn the meeting. The Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Robert L. Hudson, II, President

Joseph Babb, Secretary