

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MAY 5, 2020
1:00 P.M. VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a Special Called meeting of the Board held in Open Session using video conferencing using equipment located at the Hancock Leadership Center, the place where the Board usually meets at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Kenneth Wheeler called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The following Board members were present and participated through video conferencing: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Paul Mize, Mr. Eddie Prather, and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session.

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann., §25-41-5, as amended, participation at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi, was made available to the general public. Assistant Technology Director T. J. Higgins was present at the Hancock Leadership Center.

Superintendent Rob Picou, Attorney Otis Tims, Deputy Superintendent Kimberly Britton, and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Brock English also participated in the video conference along with Board Clerks Patrice Tate and Modesty Shumpert. The following administrative staff members also took part in the meeting by means of video conferencing: Mrs. Rachel Murphree, Mr. Jim Turner, and Mr. Gregg Ellis. The video conferencing equipment used allowed all members of the Board and any members of the public attending the meeting to hear the deliberations of the Board.

Also, in compliance with Miss. Code Ann., §25-41-5, as amended, Mr. Higgins was responsible for the audio recording of the meeting which will be preserved for a period of three (3) years following the date of the meeting and shall be available to the public.

Mr. Wheeler announced a quorum and stated that the Special Called meeting was called pursuant to Mississippi Open Meeting Law (MS Code Sections 25-41-1 through 25-41-17).

A copy of the Notice calling the meeting is marked **EXHIBIT 1** and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

III. APPROVAL OF REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION – ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR (PREVIOUSLY TITLED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR)

Mr. Jim Turner, Director of Human Resources, presented a revision to the job description for the position of Activities Director, previously named Athletic Director. Ms. Davis moved to approve the revised job description for the position of Activities Director. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather and approved unanimously. Voting for the motion: Babb, Davis, Mize, Prather and Wheeler. Voting against the motion: None. Mr. Wheeler declared the motion passed.

The revised job description is marked **EXHIBIT 2** and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

IV. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Jim Turner, Director of Human Resources, presented the Personnel Report for consideration of approval. Superintendent Dr. Rob Picou made introductions of four candidates presented for consideration: Mr. Jason Miller for the position of Activities Director, Mr. Ty Hardin for the position of Head Football Coach, Mr. T. J. Higgins for the position of Technology Director, and Mr. Gary Enis for the position of Transportation Director. After due discussion and consideration, Ms. Davis moved to approve the personnel report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Babb and approved unanimously. Voting for the motion: Babb, Davis, Mize, Prather and Wheeler. Voting against the motion: None. Mr. Wheeler declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Personnel Report is marked **EXHIBIT 3** and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

V. Adjournment

The president of the Board announced that all decisions taken in the meeting were approved unanimously by the five Board members present at the meeting, and all Board members were present throughout the meeting, with the exception of Mr. Prather who left the meeting shortly before adjournment.

As the purpose of the called meeting was fulfilled, Mr. Mize made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Babb seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, and the Board stood adjourned at 1:22pm. Voting for the motion: Babb, Davis, Mize, and Wheeler. Voting against the motion: None. Mr. Wheeler declared the motion passed.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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ATTEST:

Kenneth R. Wheeler, President

Paul E. Mize, III, Secretary