

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
MAY 26, 2009**

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 26, 2009, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Clayborne 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: Mr. Mike Clayborne
 Mrs. Amy Heyer
 Mr. John Nail
 Mr. Eddie Prather
 Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy
 Mr. David Meadows
 Mrs. Diana Ezell
 Dr. George Noflin
 Mrs. Linda Pannell
 Mr. Jim Turner
 Mrs. Julie Hinds
 Mrs. Kay Bishop
 Mrs. Jennifer Strunk
 Ms. Patrice Tate

Mr. Clayborne 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 with the deletion of one name on page 47 of the Personnel Report. Mr. Clayborne announced that the motion passed. 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. Prather, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve minutes from the May 12, 2009 regular meeting with a noted correction. Mr. Clayborne declared that the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Public Comments

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

B. Recognitions

No recognitions were scheduled for this meeting of the Board.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. TPSD F10 Budget

Superintendent Randy McCoy presented a comparison between FY09 and FY10 MAEP allocations as proposed by the Governor, the Senate and House.

A copy of the MAEP Allocations Report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

Mr. Warren Greenlee of Watkins and Young law firm provided information regarding federal stimulus funds and 3 mill money available for construction, renovation, technology and bus purchases.

B. GAC Services Group, Inc. (Proposed Cleaning Service for Tupelo High School)

Superintendent Randy McCoy presented information from the GAC Services Group, Inc. which provides cleaning services in nearly 1,400 schools and over 100 K-12 school districts. The written report included cleaning schedule and description of work performed, in addition to contract terms, payment and pricing terms and price adjustments. Dr. McCoy reported that discussions with THS Principal Mac Curlee will continue regarding the proposal from GAC Services Group for proposed cleaning service for Tupelo High School.

A copy of the GAC Services Group, Inc. proposal is marked EXHIBIT 3 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, Mrs. Heyer moved to approve and ratify the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Contractual Agreements #CO9041 through #CO9044
2. Single Source Purchases #SS924 and #SS925
3. Donations #2008-2009-945 through #2008-2009-948
4. Granted permission to apply for TPSD Grants #919, #920, #921 and #922
5. Accepted TPSD Grant #918

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail 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 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Student Transfer Report

In accordance with Dr. McCoy's recommendations, Mr. Tucker moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

- a. Approval of nineteen (19) resident student transfers (in-district) for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year
- b. Approval of two (2) non-resident student transfer requests (in-district) for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year
- c. Admission of one (1) non-resident student transfer (tuition)

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer 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 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Prather moved to approve the Personnel Report which included the following items:

- a. Licensed Personnel
- b. Classified Personnel
- c. Employing an additional band director (for Milam Elementary School)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker 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.

D. Docket of Claims

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

- Docket of Claims for the period May 2 through May 15, 2009, Docket of Claims #74366 through #74967, Accounts Payable Checks #53962 through #54300 in the amount of \$1,189,071.33.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker 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 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. April 30, 2009 Financial Statements

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month-ending April 30, 2009, 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. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 30, 2009, 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, 2009 Financial Statements is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. Tupelo Public School District Assets (Removal/Addition to TPSD Asset Inventory)

Superintendent Randy McCoy and Finance Director Linda Pannell recommended changes to the Tupelo Public School District Asset List due to changes in requirements by the Office of State Auditor. The recommendations include deletions and additions to the TPSD Asset List.

Mr. Tucker moved to approve deletions and additions to the TPSD Asset List as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the recommended deletions/additions to the TPSD Asset List report is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. AdvancED Report of the Quality Assurance Review Team for the Tupelo Public School District held on April 19-22, 2009

Dr. Randy McCoy recommended that the Board of Trustees accept the AdvancED Report of the Quality Assurance Review Team for the Tupelo Public School District conducted on April 19-22, 2009, which states that the TPSD has successfully completed the review and is being recommended to the AdvancED Accreditation Commission for "District Accreditation" by the Review Team.

Dr. McCoy reported that the district received highly functional in all seven standards. The following commendations were described in the report:

1. The Tupelo Public School District, from the boardroom to the classroom, embraces the district's vision, mission, and goals.
2. The district is committed to the allocation of sufficient resources which support teaching and learning initiatives.
3. The district utilizes multiple methods to ensure effective communications between and among all stakeholders.
4. The superintendent, board, and administrators are committed to open, honest, and transparent decision-making and communications.

The Quality Assurance Review Team made the following recommendations for improvements:

1. Develop a plan to ensure that all students in each location have equitable opportunities for educational experiences.
2. Develop a plan in collaboration with community agencies to address the issues of dropout and graduation rates.
3. Increase the utilization of technology in the teaching and learning process.

The implementation phase of the District Accreditation process requires that the school district will:

1. Review and communicate the findings and observations contained in the report.
2. Initiate steps to address the recommendations in the report.
3. Continue to monitor accreditation requirements for the system and its schools.
4. Monitor the execution and impact of strategies for improvement.
5. Continue to engage methods that provide for quality assurance.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to accept the AdvancED Report of the Quality Assurance Review Team for the TPSD conducted on April 19-22, 2009.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the AdvancED Report of the Quality Assurance Review Team is marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

The following future agenda topics were discussed:

1. Review of TPSD Athletic Drug Policy (next board meeting)
2. Hancock Leadership Center Financials (next board meeting)
2. Deeper discussion of 10-point Grading Scale

B. Executive Session – Student and Personnel Matters

Board President Mike Clayborne suggested to the School Board a temporary executive session to determine the need for a permanent executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and student matters.

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to enter temporary executive session for the purpose of determining a need for permanent executive session. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the temporary executive session was called to order by President Mike Clayborne with the following people present: Mr. Mike Clayborne, Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. John Nail, Mr. Lee Tucker, Mr. Eddie Prather, Dr. Randy McCoy, Mrs. Lea Johnson (THS Assistant Principal) and THS Principal Mac Curlee.

The Executive Session was called to order and the Board first considered the reason for entering executive session. Upon a motion by Mrs. Heyer with a second by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and student matters.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mr. Clayborne reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into Executive Session was to discuss personnel and student matters.

Following a discussion of student matters, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Curlee left the Executive Session. At that point, Mr. David Meadows entered the Executive Session. A discussion followed regarding personnel matters.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to eliminate the Elementary Spanish Program for the 2009-2010 school year which will involve 10 assistant teachers and to also eliminate 30 elementary assistant teacher

positions for the 2009-2010 school year. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Heyer with a second by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 2:40 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Mike Clayborne, President

Arlissa Heyer, Secretary