

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES
November 11, 2008**

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, October 28, 2008, at Lawhon Elementary School, 140 Lake Street, 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

Members Absent: Mr. Mike Clayborne

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy
Dr. George Noflin
Mrs. Diana Ezell
Mr. Jim Turner
Mrs. Kay Bishop
Mrs. Jennifer Strunk
Ms. Patrice Tate

Mrs. Brevard announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session.

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. 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. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2008, regular meeting as submitted. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Welcome

Principal Christy Carroll welcomed the Board of Trustees and administrative staff to Lawhon Elementary School.

B. Public Comments

No requests for Public Comments were received at this meeting of the Board.

C. Recognitions

The following recognitions were held:

1. Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) representatives received the TPSD Golden Apple award.
2. Tupelo High School Boys Swim Team – 5A State Championship

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. Possible Budget Reductions for FY09 and FY10

At the noon meeting Dr. Randy McCoy reviewed with the Board information received at a meeting on October 29, 2008, with State Superintendent Hank Bounds regarding possible budget reductions for FY09 and FY10. Dr. McCoy reported that Governor Haley Barbour is calling for a 2 percent reduction in the state's adequate education funds for FY09 and 4 percent for FY10. Dr. McCoy stated that a 2 percent reduction for Tupelo Public Schools would be approximately \$600,000. Dr. McCoy reported that if the 2 percent becomes reality the district has some funds left in its personnel budget above the estimated allocations to absorb the reduction. Superintendent McCoy reported that a 4 percent reduction would amount of approximately \$1.2 million and the district would have to find ways to cut the FY10 budget.

At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

A copy of Budget Reductions for FY09 and FY10 Report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Assigned Accreditation Status for School Year 2008-2009

At the noon briefing session Dr. McCoy reported that a letter from the Director of the Office of Accreditation of the Mississippi Department of Education dated October 27, 2008, was received notifying us that the Commission on School Accreditation has assigned our school district “accredited” for school year 2008-2009.

At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

A copy of the correspondence from the MDE, Office of Accreditation 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, Mr. Nail moved to approve and ratify the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Contractual Agreements #CO9027 through #CO9029
Chart Bus Service Contract #BC08-11
Contract for Rental of School Facilities #SFR917
2. Donations #2008-2009-910 through #2008-2009-915

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 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 one (1) resident student transfer (in-district)
- b. Approval of two (2) nonresident student transfers (in-district)
- c. Approval of four (4) nonresident student transfers (tuition)
- d. Approval to release one (1) resident student

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

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

Mrs. Heyer moved to approve the Personnel Report which included the following items:

- a. Licensed Personnel
- b. Classified Personnel
- c. Substitutes

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail 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/Tupelo High School Activity Check Register and Athletic Activity Check Register

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

- Docket of Claims for the period October 18 through October 31, 2008, Docket of Claims #68377 through #68960 for Accounts Payable Checks #50121 through #50488 in the amount of \$3,617,367.49.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for October 2008, Checks #2882 through #2911 in the amount of \$9,066.32.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for October 2008, Checks #3723 through #3770 in the amount of \$7,827.12.

The grand total for all funds is \$3,634,260.93.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail 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 and Check Registers are marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Amendment to TPSD Policy Regulation IJND-E Technology Resources: Responsible Access and Use and Policy Exhibit BEA-E Regular Board Meetings -- 2009

Dr. McCoy recommended an amendment to TPSD Policy Exhibit IJND-E Technology Resources: Responsible Access and Use since our district no longer goes through the Mississippi Department of Education's Frame Relay Network.

Dr. McCoy also recommended that TPSD Policy Exhibit BEA-E be amended to reflect the suggested dates for Regular School Board Meetings during 2009.

Mr. Tucker moved to approve amendments to TPSD Policy Regulation IJND-R1 and Policy Exhibit BEA-E as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Copies of the aforementioned TPSD Policies are marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Executive Session

An Executive Session was held during the noon meeting to discuss a student and personnel matter.

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 5:25 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Shawn Brevard, President

Lee Tucker, Secretary