

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 P.M. MEETING MINUTES
March 27, 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 Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at Joyner Elementary School, 1201 Joyner Avenue, 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, and Mrs. Beth Stone. Mr. Prather announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Attorneys Otis Tims and Kelly Stimpson were also present.

The District's next Superintendent, Dr. Gearl Loden, was also present and was recognized by Mr. Prather.

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.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2012, noon and 5:00 p.m. regular meetings as presented. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Welcome

Mrs. Kimberly Foster, Principal of Joyner Elementary School, welcomed the Board of Trustees, parents, and staff to Joyner Elementary School.

B. Recognitions

1. THS Student Mary Catherine Miller was chosen as Delegate with People to People Student Ambassador Program
2. THS Teachers Selected to Participate in MDE's SATP2 Teacher Workshops

3. Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics Jr. High Math Competition
4. THS Star Student – Eli Jones
5. THS Scholastic Art Winner
6. TMS Science Bowl Winners
7. THS Boys Bowling State Champions
8. THS Girls Bowling State Champions
9. THS Cheerleaders 6A State Champions
10. THS Soundwave Show Choir Grand Champions Nashville Music City Shoppe Show Choir Invitational
11. 2012 Parents of the Year
12. Dr. Harry Rayburn was named 2012 TPSD Parent of the Year

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

Interim Superintendent David Meadows summarized the below reports for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

A. Report on Moving Forward Together Component Four

Interim Superintendent David Meadows provided a report on Moving Forward Together Component Four (copy on file). Mr. Meadows addressed the following general categories:

1. Template for collecting common themes
2. Time/task responsibility matrix
3. Suggested process for implementation

B. Update Report on THS Block Scheduling for 2012-2013 School Year

Tupelo High School Principal Jason Harris presented an update report on the transition to block scheduling for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Harris stated that parent meetings for question and answer sessions will be held at Tupelo High School, St. James Catholic Church and Haven Acres.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

In accordance with Mr. Meadow's recommendations, Mrs. Stone moved to approve and ratify the Consent Agenda as listed below with the noted change on SS#1222:

1. TPSD Contracts #CO1246 and #CO1247
Bus Service Contracts #BC11-12-011 through #BC11-12-014 and
Revision to #BC-12-008
Contracts for Rental of School Facilities #SFR1225 through #SFR1228
2. Single Source Purchase #SS1222 (should be Lawhon not Joyner Elementary)
3. Donations #2011-2012-030 through #20-11-2012-033
4. Approved Overnight Field Trip Request:
 - Tupelo Middle School Science Bowl Team, Washington, D.C., April 26-30, 2012, to compete in national competition

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson 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 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Student Transfer Report

Mr. Hudson moved to affirm the Student Transfer Report as presented:

- Approval of eleven (11) resident student transfers (in-district) for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year
- Approval of admission of two (2) non-resident students (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 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Personnel Recommendations

Interim Superintendent David Meadows recommended approval of the Licensed Staff recommendations. Mrs. Stone moved to approve the Licensed Staff recommendations as presented. Mrs. Heyer seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. The Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Docket of Claims

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

- Docket of Claims for the period February 25, 2012, through March 19, 2012, Docket of Claims #1 through #487, Accounts Payable Checks #1 through #323 in the amount of \$505,176.73.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period February 2012, Checks #3494 through #3506 in the amount of \$1,634.84.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period February 2012, Checks #5226 through #5267 in the amount of \$6,182.28.

The grand total for all funds is \$512,993.85.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone 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 aforementioned Docket of Claims and Check Registers are marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. February 29, 2012, Financial Statement

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 29, 2012, Financial Statement as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The February 29, 2012, Financial Statement is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. Cash Flow Statements for Month Ending February 29, 2012

Mr. Meadows explained that at the noon meeting of the Board of Trustees Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Cash Flow for month ending February 29, 2012, for information and review (copy on file).

G. Student Discipline Report – Case #31-2

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve and ratify the administrative decision to expel Student #31-2 from the Structured Day Program for one calendar year (February 7, 2012, through February 7, 2013), for violation of TPSD Policy JK-E5. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Detailed information regarding Student Discipline Report (Case #31-2) is marked EXHIBIT 7 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

A. 2012-2013 Alternative Education Program Options and Cost Comparison

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Interim Superintendent David Meadows to notify Ombudsman in writing that the District will not be renewing the contract for the 2012-2013 school year. This notification will present an automatic renewal of the contract. By making the notification, the District will leave its options open.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Alternative Education Program Options and Cost Comparison Report is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Summer 2012 Opportunity Camp

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed plans for the Summer 2012 Opportunity Camp to be held in June, 2012.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Additional information regarding Summer 2012 Opportunity Camp is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Local Plan Updates for Fiscal Year and Program Change Form

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to approved the proposed Local Plan Updates for Fiscal Year 2013 and Program Change Form. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Local Plan Updates for Fiscal Year 2013 and Program Change Form is marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

Several topics were discussed and recorded at the noon meeting of the Board.

B. Executive Session

An Executive Session was held at the noon meeting to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Eddie M. Prather, President

Rob Hudson, Secretary