

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES  
October 28, 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 Joyner Elementary School, 1201 Joyner Avenue, 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  
Mr. Mike Clayborne  
Mr. John Nail  
Mr. Lee Tucker

Members Absent: Mrs. Amy Heyer

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy  
Dr. George Noflin  
Mrs. Linda Pannell  
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 Mr. Tucker, 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. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2008, regular meeting as submitted. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

## **WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

### **A. Welcome**

Principal Brenda Johnson welcomed the Board of Trustees and administrative staff to Joyner 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. TPSD Bus Drivers were honored in recognition of National School Bus Safety Week
2. Tupelo Middle School Student Jace King was recognized for earning a Perfect Score on the Algebra I subject area test.
3. Tupelo High School Student Irelina Valchanova earned a Perfect Score on the U.S. History subject area test.

## **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

### **A. English Language Learners (ELL) Status Report**

At the noon meeting Dr. Randy McCoy presented an English Language Learners (ELL) Update Report prepared by Assistant Superintendent Diana Ezell. The report summarized the number of ELL students by languages spoken at home from school year 2002-2003 through Fall 2008.

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 ELL Update Report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

### **B. Possible Budget Reductions for FY09 and FY10**

At the noon meeting Dr. Randy McCoy reviewed with the Board correspondence received from the Mississippi Department of Education regarding state funding for FY09 and FY10. Dr. McCoy reported that he and Finance Director Linda Pannell will attend a meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2008, with Mississippi Superintendent of Education Hank Bounds along with other superintendents and finance directors to discuss potential budget reductions for FY09 and FY10.

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 regarding possible FY09 and FY10 budget reductions 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 #CO9024 through #CO9026  
Chart Bus Service Contract #BC08-06 through #BC08-11  
Contracts for Rental of School Facilities #SFR911 through #SFR916
2. Single Source Purchase #SS907
3. Donations #2008-2009-908 and #2008-2009-909
4. Adopted Resolution to sell four (4) school buses to include Bus numbers 43, 57, 59, and 60 that have been determined to be obsolete or beyond repair, unsafe for students, and of no value to the educational environment of the Tupelo Public School District.
5. Granted permission to purchase a 2009 Nissan Versa vehicle from Paul Barnett Nissan (State Contract Catalog Number 070-81) in the amount of \$13,025.
6. Adopted Resolution to sell a 2009 Nissan Versa vehicle to the City of Tupelo for the sum of \$10.00 to help with the SRO services rendered to the district.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne 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. Clayborne moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

- a. Approval of one (1) resident student transfer (in-district)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker 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**

Mr. Tucker 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.

**E. Docket of Claims**

Mr. Nail reviewed the Docket of Claims for the period October 4 through October 17, 2008, Docket of Claims #67774 through #68376 for Accounts Payable Checks #49746 through #50120 in the amount of \$1,475,035.05.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

This affirms that the claims 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 is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**E. September 30, 2008 Financial Statements**

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month-ending September 30, 2008, 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. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 30, 2008 Financial Statements as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the September 30, 2008 Financial Statements is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**F. First Nine Weeks Student Discipline Report**

Assistant Superintendent George Noflin presented the First Nine Weeks Student Discipline Report for the Board's review. The report includes survey information which analyzes discipline issues per school and also includes Alternative School Placement information for the fourth nine weeks.

Mr. Tucker moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to Alternative School Placement for the first nine weeks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the First Nine Weeks Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. 2008-2009 TPSD Athletic Handbook**

At the noon meeting Superintendent Randy McCoy presented revisions to the 2008-2009 TPSD Athletic Handbook.

At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting. No action was taken on the Athletic Handbook to allow time for parents to view the handbook on the TSPD website and ask questions or offer suggestions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Grant of Easement from Tupelo Public School District to The PUL Alliance**

At the noon meeting Superintendent Randy McCoy presented for review and consideration for approval a Grant of Easement for a temporary and permanent easement on the Tupelo High School campus to The PUL Alliance to construct a sanitary sewer line. The proposed line would run on the west side and parallel to the existing Tupelo Water and Light gravity fed sewer line. Due to the location on the campus and the proximity to the existing line, there are no foreseen conflicts with this proposed sewer line and future expansions of the Tupelo High School facilities.

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

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Grant of Easement for a temporary and permanent easement on the Tupelo High School campus to The PUL Alliance to construct a sanitary sewer line. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Grant of Easement for a temporary and permanent easement on the Tupelo High School campus to The PUL Alliance is marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**B. TPSD 2008-2009 Assurances and Test Security Plan**

At the noon meeting District Test Coordinator Dale Warriner presented for review and consideration for approval the Tupelo Public School District 2008-2009 Assurances and Test Security Plan. The Assurances assure that the TPSD will be in full compliance with the testing requirements as set forth in Appendix F of *Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards, 2008* and Mississippi Code 37-16-04. Mrs. Warriner reported that there is one Security Plan governing the school district and also a Security Plan for each school.

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

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the TPSD 2008-2009 Assurances and Test Security Plan as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the TPSD 2008-2009 Assurances and Test Security Plan is marked EXHIBIT 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**A. Executive Session**

An Executive Session was held during the noon meeting to discuss personnel matters.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, 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 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

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Shawn Brevard, President

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Lee Tucker, Secretary