

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2011**

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, April 26, 2011, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Heyer who announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. School Board Attorney Otis Tims was also present. Members of the press were also present.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The following School Board members were present during roll call:

Members Present: Mrs. Amy Heyer
Mr. Rob Hudson
Mr. Eddie Prather
Mrs. Beth Stone
Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present:	Mr. David Meadows	Mr. Kenneth Roberts
	Mrs. Diana Ezell	Mrs. Glenda Scott
	Dr. Fred Hill	Mrs. Julie Connolly
	Mrs. Kay Bishop	Ms. Evet Topp
	Mr. Terry Hatch	Mrs. Pamela Traylor
	Mrs. Julie Hinds	Mr. Jim Turner
	Mrs. Marissa Martin	Dr. Derwood Tutor
	Mrs. Brenda Meriweather	Mrs. Dale Warriner
	Mr. Marvin Nickels	Mr. Danny Porter
	Mrs. Linda Pannell	Mrs. Kelly Stimpson via Webex

OATH OF OFFICE – MR. ROBERT L. HUDSON, II

Attorney Otis Tims of Mitchell, McNutt and Sams performed the Oath of Office ceremony for Mr. Robert L. Hudson, II. A copy of the signed Oath of Office is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following additions:

1. Add Item E. Office for Civil Rights (OCR) Compliance Report Update Report under Section VI. Communications to the Board.

2. Add Item A. Merger of Carver Elementary and Church Street Elementary Student Population Update Report under Section VIII. Unfinished Business.

Mrs. Heyer announced that the motion passed. A copy of the amended Agenda is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

REVIEW OF AGENDA TOPICS

Board Members and Tupelo Public School District staff members reviewed agenda topics and heard reports in a work session type format for the April 26, 2011, meeting of the Board of Trustees as follows:

- A. Consent Agenda
- B. Personnel Report
- C. Docket of Claims and Check Registers
- D. Financial Statements for Month Ending March 31, 2011
- E. 2011-2012 District Teacher Salary Schedule
- F. 2011-2012 Assistant Teacher Salary Schedule
- G. 2011-2012 Consolidated Federal Programs Application

The following detailed reports were given:

A. Ad Valorem Update

Finance Director Linda Pannell updated the Board on ad valorem received through April, 2011.

B. Budget Development Process and Plan for 2011-2012

Mrs. Linda Pannell and Mr. David Meadows provided information concerning a plan and process for development and finalizing the 2011-2012 Operation Budget of Tupelo Public School District

C. Tupelo High School Career Center Culinary Arts Lab

The Board heard a report from Mrs. Julie Hinds and Ms. Evet Topp on a proposed move of the Culinary Arts Lab from the Link Centre to Tupelo High School Career Center.

D. Trip Report – National School Boards Association Conference, April 8-11, 2011

Dr. Fred Hill and Board Members Amy Heyer, Lee Tucker and Beth Stone presented a trip report on the recent National School Boards Association Annual Conference in San Francisco, California.

E. U. S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Compliance Review Report

The Board received information from Interim Superintendent David Meadows regarding a compliance review of the Tupelo Public School District pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. part 100. Mr. Meadows explained that the purpose of the compliance review is to assess whether the District discriminates against African-American students by disciplining them more frequently and more harshly than other similarly-situated students in violation of Title VI and 34 C.F.R. § 100-3.

F. Discussion and Review of TPSD Board Policy BEDH Public Participation in Meetings

Suggested changes to TPSD Board Policy BEDH Public Participation in Meetings were discussed, however, no formal action was taken on amending the policy.

Executive Session – Potential Litigation Matter

Board President Amy Heyer suggested to the School Board an executive session for the purpose of discussing a potential litigation matter.

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing a potential litigation matter. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the executive session was called to order by Mrs. Heyer with the following people present: Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mrs. Beth Stone, Mr. Lee Tucker, Mr. David Meadows, Mr. Otis Tims, Mrs. Julie Connolly and Mrs. Kelly Stimpson (via Webex).

The Board first considered the reason for entering Executive Session. Upon a motion by Mr. Prather with a second by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mrs. Heyer reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into executive session was to discuss a potential litigation matter.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Mrs. Stone and duly seconded by Mr. Prather that the Board adjourn. Mrs. Heyer declared the meeting in adjournment at 3:26 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth Stone, Secretary