

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a duly called special meeting of the Board held in open session at noon on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Clayborne.

II. 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. Eddie Prather
 Mr. Lee Tucker

Members Absent: Mr. John Nail

Staff Present: Dr. Randy Shaver
 Mrs. Diana Ezell
 Dr. Fred Hill
 Dr. George Noflin
 Mr. David Meadows
 Mrs. Julie Hinds
 Mrs. Linda Pannell
 Mr. Jim Turner
 Mrs. Dale Warriner
 Mrs. Mary Ruth Wright
 Mrs. Kay Bishop
 Dr. Derwood Tutor
 Mrs. Jennifer Strunk
 Ms. Patrice Tate

Board President Mike Clayborne announced a quorum and stated that the special called meeting was called pursuant to Mississippi Open Meetings Law Sections 25-41-1 through 25-41-17. TPSD Administrators were also present in addition to members of the press.

III. PERMISSION TO SUBMIT GRANTS (ARTS IN THE CLASSROOM, WHOLE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE, AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – ARTS MODEL)

Assistant Superintendent Diana Ezell reported on the following grant opportunities.

Arts in the Classroom

Arts in the Classroom (AIC) is a program designed to primarily provide professional development for teachers and administrators of preK-12 schools in the foundations of arts integration as a teaching tool to enhance teaching skills and improve student achievement through the infusion of the arts into the basic curriculum. Secondly, pure arts experiences in visual and performing arts are brought into the school by artists and teaching artists to enrich the lives of students and teachers by increasing their skills and knowledge in all arts disciplines. AIC is a way to bring more arts into the school environment.

Whole Schools Initiative

The Whole Schools Initiative is about comprehensive school reform using the arts, and requires a strong six-year commitment from the school and district. It is expected that school districts and the communities in which they exist will continue to support their Whole Schools project site after the six years is complete. Unlike the other grant categories, Whole Schools offers, indeed requires, a training component. The Initiative is open to elementary, middle and high schools. The goal of the Initiative is to educate every child in a school *in and through* the arts. All members of the school community play an important role in this Initiative: the superintendent, the principal, arts and classroom teachers, students, parents, community organizations, local artists and businesses.

UNITED STATES DEPT. OF EDUCATION
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION- ARTS MODELS

The program supports the enhancement, expansion, documentation, evaluation, and dissemination of innovative, cohesive models that demonstrate effectiveness in:

- Integrating into and strengthening arts in the core elementary and middle school curricula;
- Strengthening arts instruction in those grades; and
- Improving students' academic performance, including their skills in creating, performing, and responding to the arts.

Following discussion, Superintendent Randy Shaver recommended that the Board grant permission to apply for the above grant opportunities.

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the submission of grants as outlined above. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

IV. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED 2010-2011 TPSD SCHOOL CALENDAR

Administrative Assistant Bob Monroe led a discussion regarding a proposed revised "Draft Two" version of the 2010-2011 TPSD School Calendar. Dr. Shaver reported that further changes to the calendar may be necessary due to pending budget and legislative requirements.

V. SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION

Dr. Shaver presented the Board of Trustees with a Resolution from Governor Haley Barbour which proclaimed February 15-19, 2010 as School Board Appreciation Week in Mississippi. Staff and students presented gifts and tokens of appreciation to school board members in honor of their service to the district.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – 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 matters.

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, 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. Eddie Prather, Mr. Lee Tucker, and Dr. Randy Shaver.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Prather with a second by Mrs. Heyer, 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.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Mr. Tucker and duly seconded by Mr. Prather that the Board adjourn. Mr. Clayborne declared the meeting in adjournment at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Mike Clayborne, President

Amy Heyer, Secretary