

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2009**

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, February 10, at Tupelo High School, 4125 Cliff Gookin, 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
Mrs. Amy Heyer
Mr. John Nail
Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy
Mrs. Diana Ezell
Dr. George Noflin
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 Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2009, regular meeting with noted corrections. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Welcome

Principal Mac Curlee welcomed the Board of Trustees and administrative staff to Tupelo High 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. Governor Haley Barbour proclaimed the week of February 15-21, 2009 as School Board Recognition Week and TPSD Board Members were honored at the noon and 5:00 pm meetings.
2. Seventeen TPSD teachers who recently earned National Board Certification were recognized.
3. The THS Fine Arts Department participated in the Mid South Scholastic Art Regional Competition held at the Brooks Museum in Memphis. Several student won at the highest levels and were honored for their achievement. THS Art Teachers Karen Barclay, Anna Lindsey, and Don Barnes were also recognized.
4. In October and November, 2008, THS participated in its first "Promote the Vote Project" sponsored by the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office. THS Teacher Beverly Cotton was recognized for her role as project coordinator. Several THS students were honored for earning honors in art and essay writing divisions of the project.
5. THS Student Max Holman was recognized for being named the Gatorade Mississippi Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year for the second year in a row.
6. On January 30-31, 2009, THS Theatre students attended the State Thespian Conference in Gulfport, Mississippi, along with 12 other schools from across the sate, Nine THS students, under the leadership of sponsor Debby Gibbs, participated in Individual Events, performing in front of 3 judges. Student who earned Superior or Excellent at the conference were recognized for their achievement.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. Instructional Coaches Progress Report

At the noon meeting Assistant Superintendent Diana Ezell presented an update report on the Instructional Coaches Program. Mrs. Ezell outlined the goals and progress of the program as follows:

1. Demonstrate exemplary classroom literacy practice and a deep understanding of literacy theory.

2. Help improve instruction by engaging teachers in intensive professional development and promote a school-based professional community
3. Manage and evaluate the school's literacy program to ensure the highest level of quality
4. Provide leadership for literacy across the school community

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

B. PSAT Preparation Status Report

Tupelo High School Principal Mac Curlee presented a status report on PSAT Preparation at Tupelo High School. Mr. Curlee reported that a pilot program consisting of current THS eleventh grade students are participating in PSAT Preparation studies during the 2008-2009 school year and the program will be expanded during the 2009-2010 school year on students entering Tupelo High School as ninth graders.

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

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 Agreement #CO9034
Contracts for Charter Bus Service #BC8-14
2. Single Source Purchases #SS911 and #SS912
3. Donations #2008-2009-924 and #2008-2009-925
3. Granted Permission to Apply for TPSD Grant #910, #911 and #912

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 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Student Transfer Report

In accordance with Dr. McCoy's recommendations, Mrs. Heyer moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

- a. Approval of four (4) resident student transfers (in-district)
- d. Approval of two (2) nonresident student transfers (tuition)

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 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Clayborne 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 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Employment of 2009-2010 School Year Administrative Personnel

In compliance with Section 37-9-15 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Superintendent Randy McCoy recommended the employment of assistant superintendents and principals for the 2009-2010 school year.

Dr. McCoy stated that salaries for administrators are not recommended at this time pending additional state budget information:

Mrs. Heyer moved to approve employment of assistant superintendents and principals for the 2009-2010 school year as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Employment of 2009-2010 School Year Administrative Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. 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 January 17 through January 31, 2009, Docket of Claims #71178 through #71519, Accounts Payable Checks #51910 through #52168 in the amount of \$705,047.81.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for January, 2009, Checks #2960 through #2985 in the amount of \$4,403.24.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for January, 2009, Checks #3844 through #3890 in the amount of \$4,381.94.

The grand total for all funds is \$736,470.67.

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 and Check Registers are marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. Second Nine Weeks Discipline Report

Assistant Superintendent George Noflin presented the Second 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 second nine weeks.

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

A copy of the Second Nine Weeks Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

G. Student Discipline Report (Student #02091, Student #02092 and Student #02093)

Dr. McCoy recommended ratification of the following student discipline issues as listed below:

1. Readmission of Student #02091 to the Fillmore Center.
2. Expulsion of Student #02092 from the TPSD for one calendar year.
3. Expulsion of Student 302093 from the TPSD for one calendar year.

Mr. Tucker moved to ratify the above recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Additional information regarding the abovementioned Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consideration of 2009-2010 TPSD School Calendar

At the noon meeting Superintendent Randy McCoy recommended that the Board adopt "Draft 2" of the proposed 2009-2010 School Calendar with students beginning school on August 14, 2009. Dr. McCoy stated that it is his opinion that the district will need the additional week for the preparation of schools to receive children due to the reorganization.

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

Mr. Nail moved to approve "Draft 2" of 2009-2010 TPSD School Calendar with students beginning classes on August 14, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

B. FY09 Budget Amendment

At the noon meeting Superintendent Randy McCoy reported that due to recent revenue budget reductions from the state he is recommending that the Board amend the district's original FY09 Budget to reflect revenue reductions and corresponding expenditure reductions to balance the FY09 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 and recommended that the Board amend the district's original FY09 Budget to reflect revenue reductions and corresponding expenditure reductions to balance the FY09 Budget.

Mr. Clayborne moved to amend the FY09 Budget as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Information regarding the state revenue reductions and the district's FY09 expenditure reductions is marked EXHIBIT 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

A. McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Application FY09 Allocation Increase

At the noon meeting Federal Programs Director Dale Warriner reported that the Mississippi Department of Education through the Office of Financial Management has issued a revised Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Grant award. The original allocation was in the amount of \$34,350.77 and the revised allocation is in the amount of \$55,223.99, which is an increase of \$20,873.22. Mrs. Warriner recommended that the Board accept the allocation increase in the amount of \$20,873.22 for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Grant.

At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting and recommended that the Board accept the allocation increase in the amount of \$20,873.22 for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Grant.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to accept the allocation increase in the amount of \$20,873.22 for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Grant. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Executive Session

An Executive Session was held during the noon meeting to discuss student and 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 5:42 p.m.

February 10, 2009
5:00 P.M.

Tupelo Public School District
Board of Trustees – Meeting Minutes

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Shawn Brevard, President

Lee Tucker, Secretary