

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2009**

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, June 23, 2009, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Clayborne 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: Mr. Mike Clayborne
Mrs. Amy Heyer
Mr. John Nail
Mr. Eddie Prather
Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy
Dr. George Noflin
Mr. David Meadows
Mrs. Diana Ezell
Mrs. Linda Pannell
Mr. Jim Turner
Mrs. Julie Hinds
Mrs. Kay Bishop
Mrs. Jennifer Strunk
Ms. Patrice Tate

Mr. Clayborne announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Dr. Randy Shaver was also present at the meeting. Members of the press were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following addition:

1. Add Contractual Agreement #CO9045 for cleaning services at Tupelo High School (GCA Service Group, Inc.)

Mr. Clayborne 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. Prather, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve minutes from the May 26, 2009 special regular meeting as presented. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, Mr. Clayborne declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Public Comments

No requests for public comments were received for this Board Meeting.

B. Recognitions

No recognitions were held at this meeting of the Board.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. FY10 Budget Report

Superintendent Randy McCoy reported that there is still no state education budget passed by the legislators, and Dr. McCoy again discussed the possible need for a special called board meeting should a budget be signed by the Governor to expedite the preparation of contracts for TPSD licensed staff.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

In accordance with Dr. McCoy's recommendations, Mr. Tucker moved to approve and ratify the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Contractual Agreements #CO9046 through #CO9060
Rental of School Facility Contract #SFR932
Renewal of Bids for 2009-2010 #CO9061 through #CO9063
Affirmation of Contractual Agreement #CO9046 (GCA Services Group, Inc.)
for Cleaning Services at Tupelo High School, PO #10020
2. Permission to apply for TPSD Grants #923, #924 and #925
3. Approved modification of TPSD Grant #820 (R.E.A.C.H.) MDE #09-3201-4847-006
4. Approved request from City of Tupelo (Department of Parks and Recreation) to use a TPSD school bus to transport students for field trips throughout the city. Park and Recreation will provide a state and federally certified school bus driver to transport the children and will also pay for the fuel for the operation of the bus. Park and Recreation has also provided a Certificate of Liability Insurance.

5. Authorized continued membership by TPSD during the 2009-2010 school year in the following educational support and enhancement organizations:

North Mississippi Education Consortium	\$ 500.00
PREPS	4,750.00
Mississippi School Boards Association	4,000.00

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 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

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 seventeen (17) resident student transfers (in-district)
- b. Approval of ten (10) nonresident student transfer requests (in-district)
- c. Approval of five (5) nonresident student transfers (tuition)
- d. Denial of three (3) nonresident student transfers (in-district)
- e. Admission of twenty-four (24) nonresident student transfers (tuition)
- f. Denial of one (1) nonresident student (tuition)
- g. Release of two (2) resident students

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail 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

Mr. Prather moved to approve the Personnel Report which included the following items:

- a. Licensed Personnel
- b. Classified Personnel
- c. Substitutes
- d. Transfer of Special Education Position/Teacher (move Position #16-161003 from Joyner to special education office as homebound teacher. Position #42-161003 will fill Position #62-161004 at the special education office)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Docket of Claims/Tupelo High School Activity Check Register and Athletic Activity Check Register

Mr. Nail 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 May 16 through June 12, 2009, Docket of Claims #77968 through #75827 for Accounts Payable Checks #54301 through #54881 in the amount of \$1,314,600.72.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for May, 2009, Checks #3028 through #3056 in the amount of \$3,377.43.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for May, 2009, Checks #4024 through #4040 in the amount of \$3,457.34.

The grand total for all funds is \$1,321,435.49.

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

E. Financial Statements for Month-Ending May 31, 2009

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month-ending May 31, 2009, 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. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the May 31, 2009 Financial Statements as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the May 31, 2009 Financial Statements is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. Fourth Quarter Student Discipline Report

Assistant Superintendent George Noflin presented the Fourth Quarter Student Discipline Report which included the following information:

- Tabulations of incidents from each school. These incidents include fights, drugs, weapons, profanity, bullying and counseling

- List of students placed at the Fillmore Center, their demographic data, the reason for placement, and length of their placement
- Discipline comparison of Fourth Nine Weeks 2007-2008 versus stasis. 2008-2009
- Discipline Comparison of Yearly Totals for 2007-2008 versus stasis. 2008-2009
- Discipline Comparison of Drug and Weapon Categories 2007-2008 versus stasis. 2008-2009

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

A copy of the Fourth Quarter Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

G. Student Discipline Report (Student #2 and Student #21)

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

1. Expulsion of Student #2 from TPSD for one calendar year.
2. Expulsion of Student #21 from TPSD for one calendar year.

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

Additional information regarding the abovementioned Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

H. Policy Changes (Amendment to TPSD Policy JJIE Drug and Steroid Use in School Athletics and TPSD Policy Exhibit EFD-E Food Prices)

1. TPSD Policy JJIE – Drug and Steroid Use in School Athletics

Dr. McCoy recommended an amendment to TPSD Policy JJIE Drug and Steroid Use in School Athletics. Dr. McCoy reported that revisions to the policy are being recommended following lengthy discussions with THS Principal Mac Curlee and Athletic Director Danny Porter. Dr. McCoy stated that the revisions increase the penalty to athletes for testing positive for drugs and also clarifies the responsible parties for the drug counseling and drug testing after a positive test is returned.

Following discussion, Mr. Tucker moved to amend TPSD Policy JJIE Drug and Steroid Use in School Athletics as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

2. TPSD Policy Exhibit EFD-E Food Prices

Dr. McCoy presented for consideration a proposed amendment to TPSD Policy Exhibit EFD-E Food Prices. Dr. McCoy advised that student meal prices have not changed for several years and during the last two years food and supply costs have increased.

Mr. Prather moved to amend TPSD Policy Exhibit EFD-E Food Prices as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Copies of TPSD Policy JJIE and Policy Exhibit EFD-E are marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Awarding of Advertised Bids #BD576 and #BD578

Superintendent Randy McCoy and Finance Director Linda Pannell recommended that the following bids be awarded as recommended:

#BD576 Dish Machine Rental
Recommendation: Auto Chlor System (lowest and best bid)
Yearly Cost 8 sites: \$629.55 per machine
Yearly Cost THS: \$1,755.00 for one THS machine
Total Cost for 10 Months: \$6,791.40
Funding Source: Food Service Funds

#BD578 Athletic Supplies (Term Bid for 2009-2010)
Recommendation: Award "Per Line Item"
Total Award: Determined by Actual Orders
Funding Source: Athletic Funds

Mrs. Heyer moved to award Bid #BD576 and #BD578 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Detailed information regarding Bid #BD576 and Bid #BD578 is marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Consideration of Certificate of Substantial Completion for Parkway Elementary School Addition, Sanderson Construction Company

Dr. Randy McCoy and Mrs. Julie Hinds recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Parkway Elementary Addition Project, under the contract with Sanderson Construction Company and Pryor & Morrow Architects, P.A.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Parkway Elementary Addition Project.

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

A copy of the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Parkway Elementary Addition Project is marked EXHIBIT 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Consideration of Certificate of Substantial Completion for Pierce Street Elementary School Addition, TL&C Construction, Inc.

Dr. Randy McCoy and Mrs. Julie Hinds recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Pierce Street Elementary Addition Project, under the contract with TL&C Construction, Inc. and Pryor & Morrow Architects, P.A.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Pierce Street Elementary Addition Project.

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

A copy of the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Pierce Street Elementary Addition Project is marked EXHIBIT 12 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Mural Camp Proposal

Assistant Superintendent Diana Ezell presented for consideration a proposal from Ms. Anna Lindsey, an art teacher at Tupelo High School, to conduct a camp for high school students to equip interested students with the knowledge and skills needed to paint murals. The students would be trained to paint murals on commission at TPSD schools as needed with the stipulation that any murals painted at any Tupelo Public Schools be approved in advance by Operations Director Julie Hinds.

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Mural Camp Proposal as recommended.

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

A copy of the Mural Camp Proposal is marked EXHIBIT 13 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. GED Option Program for 2009-2010 School Year

Assistant Superintendent George Noflin recommended approval of the 2009-2010 School Year GED Option Program at Tupelo High School and the Fillmore Center.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the GED Option Program at THS and the Fillmore Center for the 2009-2010 School Year as recommended.

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

A copy of the 2009-2010 GED Option Program is marked EXHIBIT 14 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. School Security-Safety Audit Report

Superintendent Randy McCoy and Assistant Superintendent George Noflin reported that on February 8-13, 2009, Dr. Johnny Purvis from the University of Central Arkansas conducted a safety and security audit of the entire Tupelo Public School District. Dr. Noflin advised the Board that Dr. Purvis visited each site and personally inspected each building as well as observed various procedures such as loading and unloading buses, fire and tornado drills, changing of classes, playground supervision, and normal operations of the schools.

Dr. McCoy recommended that the Board accept the School Security-Safety Audit Report as presented. Dr. McCoy further advised that the administrative staff will review and analyze Dr. Purvis' report to prioritize the suggestions outlined in the report. Mr. Clayborne suggested that it would be helpful to the Board of Trustees to hear a report at a later date regarding any changes made in accordance with the School Security-Safety Audit Report.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to accept the School Security-Safety Audit Report as presented.

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

A copy of the TPSD School Security-Safety Report conducted on February 8-13, 2009, is marked EXHIBIT 15 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Consideration of Resolution Declaring Necessity for the Intention of Borrowing Money

Superintendent Randy McCoy recommended that the Board adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT DELCARING THE NECESSITY FOR AND ITS INTENTION OF BORROWING MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS DESCRIBED HEREIN; ORDERING SAID RESOLUTION TO BE PUBLISHED; AND SETTING THE DATE UPON WHICH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS TO TAKE FINAL ACTION UPON THE QUESTION OF AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF SAID MONEY

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the aforementioned Resolution which declares the necessity of borrowing money for the purpose of construction, renovations, and equipping of said facilities. This Resolution also documents the fact that the school district has no other source of funds for which to pay for these projects.

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

A copy of the above Resolution is marked EXHIBIT 16 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. Qualified School Construction Bonds Application Resolution

Superintendent Randy McCoy recommended that the Board adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT STATING ITS INTENT TO ISSUE INTEREST-FREE QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS PURSUANT TO THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009, AUTHOIRIZING THE FILING OF A FINANCING APPLICATION, RETAINING COUNSEL TO ASSIST WITH THE PROPOSED FINANCING, AND TAKING RELATED ACTIONS

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the aforementioned Resolution which allows the superintendent, board president and secretary to take all actions necessary to submit an application to the Mississippi Department of Education for school construction bonds pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the above Resolution is marked EXHIBIT 17 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Items

Board President Mike Clayborne stated that he would like to hear a report on the process and procedures for drug testing of athletes.

B. Executive Session – Student 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 student matters.

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Prather, 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. John Nail, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mr. Lee Tucker, Dr. Randy McCoy, 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 Mrs. Heyer with a second by Mr. Prather the Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing student 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 student matters.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

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

Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting
Noon – June 23, 2009

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Nail, 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 2:20 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Mike Clayborne, President

Amy Heyer, Secretary