

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 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, October 27, 2009, at the Fillmore Center, 903 Fillmore, 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 Shaver
Mrs. Diana Ezell
Dr. Fred Hill
Dr. George Noflin
Mr. David Meadows
Mrs. Dale Warriner
Mrs. Mary Ruth Wright
Mrs. Kay Bishop
Mrs. Jennifer Strunk
Ms. Patrice Tate
Mr. Bobby Sheffield

Mr. Clayborne announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

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. Nail, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2009, regular meeting as presented. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Welcome

Principal Larry Harmon welcomed the Board of Trustees and administrative staff to the Fillmore Center.

B. Public Comments

No requests for Public Comments were received at this meeting of the Board.

C. Recognitions

The following recognitions were held:

1. Tupelo Middle School Bridge Building National Competition Winners
2. Tupelo High School Girls' Volleyball State Champions
3. Algebra I Perfect Scores

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. Community Drug Awareness Results

At the 11:00 a.m. meeting Dr. Ezell and Dr. Hill gave a brief report on the recent Community Drug Awareness Survey. At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy Shaver summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting. A copy of the Community Drug Awareness Report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Timeline

Mrs. Julie Hinds presented a proposed timeline for the Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations at the 11:00 a.m. meeting. A copy of the timeline is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Article – *How to Bring Our Schools Out of the 20th Century*

Superintendent Randy Shaver shared a copy of the article *How to Bring Our Schools Out of the 20th Century* (Time, December 18, 2006) with the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Rental of School Facilities #SFR107 through #SFR114
Contracts for Charter Bus Service #BC09-02 through #BD09-05
2. Single Source Purchases #SS117 through #SS119
3. Donation #2009-2010-109
4. Granted Permission to Advertise for Sealed Bids #BD1002 through #BD1004

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker 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. Noflin's recommendations, Mr. Nail moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

- a. Approval of one (1) resident student transfer (in-district)
- b. Admission of two (2) non-resident students (tuition)

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer 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. Prather 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.

D. Docket of Claims

Mr. Clayborne reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and recommended approval of the Docket of Claims as outlined below:

Docket of Claims for the period October 3 through October 16, 2009, Docket of Claims #78060 through #78642 for Accounts Payable Checks #56459 through #56769 in the amount of \$834,566.91.

Mr. Nail moved to approve the Docket of Claims as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

This affirms that the claims 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, 2009 Financial Statements

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month-ending September 30, 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 Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the September 30, 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 September 30, 2009 Financial Statements is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. Policy Changes

Superintendent Randy Shaver recommended that the following TPSD Policies be amended:

DESCRIPTOR	DESCRIPTOR ITEM
IE	Organization of Instruction
CFA	School Principals/Building Administrators
JK-E3	Student Discipline: Middle School Students
JK-E4	Student Discipline: High School
JICDA	Student Code of Conduct

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to amend the above policies as recommended. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Copies of the aforementioned policies are marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Acknowledge and Award School Picture Proposals

Superintendent Randy Shaver and Finance Director Linda Pannell recommended that the low bidder Lisa Browning Photography of Tupelo, Mississippi, be awarded the school day pictures proposal to provide school picture services for Tupelo Public Schools during the 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. Pannell reported that the best cost per package was offered by Lisa Browning Photography.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge and award the 2009-2010 school picture proposal to Lisa Browning Photography as recommended.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. Additional information regarding the school day pictures proposal is marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Contract for Design of Tupelo High School Maintenance Shop

At the noon briefing session Mrs. Julie Hinds presented for approval a contract with Byrd Consultants, LLC for the design services for the construction of a new maintenance shop at Tupelo High School.

At the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board, on a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with Byrd Consultants, LLC for design services for the construction of a new maintenance shop at Tupelo High School as presented.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the contract with Byrd Consultants, LLC is marked EXHIBIT 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

No future agenda topics were suggested.

B. Executive Session

An Executive Session was held during the noon meeting to discuss a personnel and legal matter.

B. Phase One – Apple Initiative

Dr. Shaver announced that at the afternoon meeting of the Board, Phase One of an initiative to provide laptops to teachers and sixth- to 12th-grade students was approved unanimously by the Board of Trustees. Dr. Shaver stated that this is part of a partnership between the district and Apple and that the MacBook computers will be given out in phases.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 5:35 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Mike Clayborne, President

Arlissa Heyer, Secretary