

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES  
April 14, 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, April 14, 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  
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. Members of the press were also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

1. Move Item D Employment of 2009-2010 School Year Licensed Staff and TPSD School Administrators under Superintendent's Report to the Executive Session at the end of the meeting.
2. Add an item to each School Board Agenda under Miscellaneous Business for Board Members to add Future Agenda Items

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. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve minutes from the March 31, 2009, noon and 5:00 p.m. meetings 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. NSBA Annual Conference Report**

School Board Members Amy Heyer and Mike Clayborne attended the National School Boards Association 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in San Diego, on April 3-6, 2009, and gave a brief synopsis of the conference.

### **B. FY10 Budget Report**

Superintendent Randy McCoy presented FY10 Budget Information as outlined below:

1. FY10 Budget Worksheet
2. Title Program Overview

A copy of the FY10 Budget Report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **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. Charter Bus Service Contracts #BC08-24 through #BC08-26  
Contract for Rental of School Facilities #SFR928 and #SFR929
2. Single Source Purchases #SS913 through #SS923

3. Donations #2008-2009-938 through #2008-2009-942
4. Permission to Apply for TPSD Grant #917

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 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, Mr. Nail moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

- a. Approval of ten (10) resident student transfers (in-district) for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year
- b. Approval of one (1) nonresident student transfer request (in-district) for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year
- c. Approval of three (3) nonresident student transfers (tuition)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather 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 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

#### **C. Personnel Recommendations**

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

- a. Licensed Personnel
- b. Classified Personnel
- c. Substitutes

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer 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.

#### **D. Employment of 2009-2010 School Year Licensed Staff and TPSD School Administrators**

(This report was moved to the end of the agenda).

#### **E. 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 March 21 through April 3, 2009, Docket of Claims #72875 through #73354 for Accounts Payable Checks #53070 through #53387 in the amount of \$1,110,627.67.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for March, 2009, Checks #3002 through #3013 in the amount of \$3,343.68.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for March, 2009, Checks #3917 through #3960 in the amount of \$2,855.25.

The grand total for all funds is \$1,116,826.60.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker 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 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

#### **F. Third Nine Weeks Discipline Report**

Assistant Superintendent George Noflin presented the Third 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 third nine weeks. Dr. Noflin also provided a comparison of 2007-2008 versus 2008-2009 during the Third Nine Weeks of each year.

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

A copy of the Third Nine Weeks 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 #18 and Student #67)**

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

1. Readmission of Student #18 contingent upon the student's initial placement at the Fillmore Center.
2. Readmission of Student #67 contingent upon the student's initial placement at the Fillmore Center.

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.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Computer Replacement Report**

Discussion continued from the March 31<sup>st</sup> board meeting regarding the expenditure of technology funds for the purchase of computers. Superintendent Randy McCoy and Technology Director Brenda Meriweather provided additional information regarding the proposed recommendation that 497 computers be purchased at a cost of approximately \$500,000.

After a lengthy discussion, Board Member Lee Tucker moved to approve the purchase of 497 computers as outlined in the Computer Replacement Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Computer Replacement Report is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Summer 2009 Food Service Programs**

Assistant Superintendent George Noflin and Food Service Director Lynne Rogers recommended that the following Summer 2009 Food Service Programs be approved:

- Fillmore Center (snack program for Special Education program)
- King Early Childhood Center – breakfast and lunch
- Tupelo Middle School (breakfast and lunch)
- Christ the King Lutheran Church (satellite meal service from Tupelo Middle School for breakfast and lunch)
- Additional sites (as needed for the operation of the TPSD Extended School Year programs which may consist of breakfast, lunch and/or snacks)

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Summer 2009 Food Service Programs as recommended.

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

Additional information regarding the 2009 Food Service Program 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 the Rankin Elementary Addition Project No. 2007526, Sanderson Construction Company**

Dr. Randy McCoy and Mrs. Julie Hinds recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Rankin Elementary Addition Project No. 2007526 under the contract with Sanderson Construction Company and Pryor & Morrow Architects, P.A.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Rankin Elementary Addition Project No. 2007526.

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 Rankin Elementary Addition Project No. 2007526 is marked EXHIBIT 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**C. 2009 Summer Camps – “Camp Opportunity”, June 1-26, 2009**

Assistant Superintendent Diana Ezell recommended approval of the 2009 Summer Camp schedule, programs and teachers as outlined in the 2009 Summer Camp Brochure.

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2009 Summer Camp schedule, programs and teachers as recommended.

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

A copy of the 2009 Summer Camps “Camp Opportunity” brochure is marked EXHIBIT 12 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**D. Local Education Agency (LEA) 5-Year Local Plan Application for Federal Program Years 2008-2012 (Tupelo Career-Technical Center)**

Superintendent Randy McCoy and THS Career Center Director Evet Topp recommended approval of the 5-Year Local Plan Application for the Tupelo High School Career Center for Federal Program Years 2008-2012.

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the LEA 5-Year Local Plan Application for Federal Program Years 2008-2012 for the Tupelo High School Career Center as recommended.

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

A copy of the LEA 5-Year Local Plan Application for Federal Program Years 2008-2012 for the THS Career Center is marked EXHIBIT 13 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **A. Future Agenda Items**

It was the consensus of the Board at the beginning of the board meeting to add a section to each School Board Agenda to provide an opportunity for board members to suggest agenda topics or reports for future board meeting.

Board Member Amy Heyer stated that she would like to hear a report on Dr. Johnny Purvis' recent visit to the district for the purpose of conducting a safety/security audit. Dr. Noflin explained that Dr. Purvis' final report has not been received yet, but will be added to a future board meeting agenda when Dr. Purvis' report is received.

### **B. 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. Nail, 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, Mrs. Diana Ezell, Dr. George Noflin and Mr. David Meadows

The Executive Session was called to order and the Board first considered the reason for entering executive session. Upon a motion by Mr. Nail with a second by Mr. Prather 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. Nail 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.

**C. EMPLOYMENT OF TPSD LICENSED STAFF FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

Superintendent Randy McCoy recommended the employment of TPSD Licensed Staff for the 2009-2010 school year as listed below:

1. Reemployment of TPSD Licensed Staff for the 2009-2010 school year.
2. Reemployment of TPSD Licensed Staff for the 2009-2010 School Year Contingent Upon Receipt of Valid Endorsed License
3. Recommended 2009-2010 TPSD School Administrators

Upon a motion by Mrs. Heyer with a second by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to reemploy TPSD licensed staff for the 2000-2010 school year, reemploy TPSD licensed staff for the 2009-2010 school year contingent upon receipt of a valid endorsed license, and approve 2009-2010 TPSD School Administrators as recommended by Superintendent Randy McCoy.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The Employment of TPSD Licensed Staff Report for School Year 2009-2010 is marked EXHIBIT 14 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**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 2:35 p.m.

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

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Mike Clayborne, President

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Amy Heyer, Secretary