

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
APRIL 23, 2018**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a special called meeting of the Board held in open session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018, at the Performing Arts Center, located on the Tupelo High School campus, 4125 Golden Wave Drive Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Eddie Prather called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The following School Board members were present during roll call:

Members Present: Mr. Joe Babb
Ms. Sherry Davis
Mr. Rob Hudson
Mr. Eddie Prather

Board Member Kenneth Wheeler was absent during the Board meeting, however, he entered the auditorium in time to hear Dr. Rob Picou's remarks. Board Attorney Otis Tims of Mitchell, McNutt and Sams was also present.

Mr. Prather announced a quorum and stated that the Special Called meeting was called pursuant to Mississippi Open Meeting Law (MS Code Sections 25-41-1 through 25-41-17). A copy of the Notice calling the meeting is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 27, 2018, 8:30 A.M., Special Called Meeting

Mrs. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2018, Special Called Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Babb and approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Prather declared the motion passed.

March 31, 2018, 8:30, A.M., Special Called Meeting

Mr. Babb made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2018, Special Called Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis and approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Prather declared the motion passed.

IV. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Approval of New Positions (Part-Time Nurse Positions and Full-Time Nurse Positions)

Mrs. Davis moved to approve new part-time nurse positions and full-time nurse positions as recommended. Mr. Babb seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Prather declared the motion passed.

B. Approval of 2018-2019 Licensed Staff Supplements

On a motion by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Babb, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the 2018-2019 Licensed Staff Supplements as submitted. Mr. Prather declared the motion passed.

The Personnel Report is marked **EXHIBIT 2** and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

V. ELECTION OF NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Sherry Davis stood and moved to elect Dr. Robert Joseph Picou as the new Superintendent of the Tupelo Public School District for a term to begin July 1, 2018, or upon an earlier vacancy. Board President Eddie Prather put the question to a “standing vote,” the result was as follows:

Board Member Joe Babb	Voted <u>Yea by standing</u>
Board Member Sherry Davis	Voted <u>Yea by standing</u>
Board Member Eddie Prather	Voted <u>Yea by standing</u>
Board Member Rob Hudson	Voted <u>Yea by standing</u>
Board Member Ken Wheeler	Voted <u>ABSENT</u>

The motion having passed unanimously, the President of the Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District, Tupelo, Mississippi, declared the motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT FOR DR. ROBERT JOSEPH PICOU

Mr. Rob Hudson moved to approve Dr. Robert Joseph Picou’s employment agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis and approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Prather declared the motion passed.

A copy of Dr. Rob Picou’s Employment Agreement is marked **EXHIBIT 3** and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

VII. APPROVAL OF DR. ROBERT PICOU AS SIGNATORY OF THE DISTRICT ALONG WITH FINANCE DIRECTOR RACHEL MURPHREE AND ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR RACHEL MITCHELL

Mr. Joe Babb moved to add Dr. Robert Picou as a signatory for the District’s financial accounts, along with Finance Director Rachel Murphree and Assistant Finance Director Rachel Mitchell, as well as a signatory for other purposes, with such authority to be effective upon his assuming the office of Superintendent of Schools on July 1, 2018, or upon an earlier

vacancy. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis and approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Prather declared the motion passed.

VIII. Adjournment

As the purpose of the called meeting was fulfilled, Mr. Hudson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Davis seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by all members present, and the Board stood adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Eddie M. Prather, President

Robert L. Hudson, II, Secretary