

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2008**

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, August 12, 2008, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, 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

Members Absent: Mr. Lee Tucker (entered during Executive Session)

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

Mrs. Brevard 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 Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted. 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 Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2008 Regular Meetings as presented. Mrs. Brevard 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 scheduled for this meeting of the Board.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. TPSD Accreditation Status for School Year 2008-2009

Superintendent Randy McCoy reported that based on an August 28, 2008, letter received from Jean Massey, Director of the Office of Accreditation, the 2008-2009 Recommended Accreditation Status for the Tupelo Public School District is “accredited.” The 2008-2009 Recommended Accreditation Status of “accredited” will be presented to the Commission on School Accreditation on October 2, 2008, for assignment as the Tupelo Public School District’s official accreditation rating for school year 2008-2009.

A copy of the August 28, 2008 correspondence 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. Nail moved to approve and ratify the Consent Agenda as listed below with the noted change on #SFR909:

1. Contractual Agreements #CO9015 through #CO9018
Contract for Rental of School Facility #SFR905 through #SFR909
2. Donation #2008-2009-902 (\$500.00 cash to Joyner Elementary School for Art Program)
3. Accepted TPSD Grants #823, #900 and #901
TPSD Grant #823 NASA/MS Space Grant Consortium
TPSD Grant #900 MS Department of Education/Healthy Schools
TPSD Grant #901 MS Arts Commission Grant – The Discovery Zone

4. North Mississippi Education Consortium Dues for 2008-2009 (\$500.00/year)

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

- a. Approval of four (4) resident student transfers (in-district)
- b. Approval of two (2) nonresident student transfers (in-district)
- c. Approval of seven (7) nonresident student transfers (tuition)
- d. Approval to release one (1) resident student

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 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.

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

Mrs. Heyer reviewed the Docket of Claims and Check Registers prior to the meeting and recommended approval as listed below:

- Docket of Claims for the period August 16 through August 31, 2008, Docket of Claims #66163 through #66577 for Accounts Payable Checks #48696 through #48997 in the amount of \$925,132.91.

- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for August 2008, Checks #2842 through #2860 in the amount of \$2,535.38.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for August 2008, Checks #3631 through #3656 in the amount of \$3,826.75.

The grand total for all funds is \$931,495.04.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Awarding of Advertised Bids -- #BD563 Adding Lockers THS 9th Grade

Operations Director Julie Hinds and Superintendent Randy McCoy recommended awarding of the following advertised bid:

BD563 Adding Lockers – Tupelo High School 9th Grade
Recommendation: Weatherall's, Inc. (low bid)
Funding Source: District Construction Funds
Bid Cost: \$32,989.00

Mr. Clayborne moved to award BD563 Adding Lockers THS 9th Grade as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Detailed information regarding BD563 is marked EXHIBIT 17 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Amendment to FY09 Budget

Superintendent Randy McCoy recommended that the FY09 Budget be reduced by \$425,379.00 to stay under the 55-mill cap set by state law. Dr. McCoy also proposed that bus purchases be postponed until the fund balance is determined. Dr. McCoy stated that now that school is underway and all positions are staffed Finance Director Linda Pannell is checking the personnel line items (salary, insurance, social security, retirement and workers compensation) to determine the budgeted amounts over actual needs, and this process will give a more accurate picture of the district's fund balance.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to amend the FY09 Budget by a reduction of \$425,379.00 as recommended. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Discussion was also held regarding calculation of the homestead tax credit. Dr. McCoy reported that after working with city, county and state officials, the state education formulas do not account for the homestead tax credit and that is the source of the shortfall for the last two years, which does not become apparent until you get close to the 55-mill cap. Dr. McCoy stated that he and Finance Director Linda Pannell will continue to work with city, county and state officials to prevent future shortfall calculations.

Additional information regarding the FY09 Budget Amendment is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Mississippi Beginning Teacher Support Plan

Dr. Randy McCoy and Assistant Superintendent Diana Ezell recommended that the Board of Trustees approve and authorize submission to the Mississippi Department of Education the district's proposed Mississippi Beginning Teacher Support Plan.

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve and authorize submission to the Mississippi Department of Education the district's proposed Mississippi Beginning Teacher Support Plan as presented.

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

A copy of the TPSD Mississippi Beginning Teacher Support Plan is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. School Year 2008-2009 Opening of School Enrollment Comparisons

Mr. David Meadows presented comparisons of School Year 2007-2008 Enrollment on 8/14/07 as compared to School Year 2008-2009 Enrollment on 8/15/08. Mr. Meadows report also included Before Labor Day Enrollment on 8/15/08 as compared to After Labor Day Enrollment on 9/2/08.

B. Executive Session – Personnel Matter

Board President Shawn Brevard suggested to the School Board a temporary executive session to determine the need for a permanent executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, 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 Shawn Brevard with the following people present: Mrs. Shawn Brevard, Mr. Mike Clayborne, Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. John Nail, and Dr. Randy McCoy.

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. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

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

Mrs. Brevard reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into Executive Session was to discuss the potential sale of a personnel matter.

Board Member Lee Tucker entered the meeting during the Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Mr. Nail with a second by Mr. Clayborne, 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.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, 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:

Shawn Brevard, President

Lee Tucker, Secretary