

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 12 NOON MEETING MINUTES
January 29, 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, January 29, 2008, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Shawn Brevard.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The following School Board members were present during roll call:

Members Present: Ms. Shawn Brevard
 Mr. Mike Clayborne
 Mr. Steve Ludt
 Mr. John Nail
 Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy
 Mr. David Meadows
 Dr. George Noflin, Jr.
 Mrs. Diana Ezell
 Mr. Jim Turner
 Mrs. Linda Pannell
 Mrs. Julie Hinds
 Mrs. Kay Bishop
 Mr. Bob Monroe
 Ms. Patrice Tate
 Dr. Derwood Tutor

Mrs. Brevard announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Members of the press were also present.

III. REVIEW OF AGENDA TOPICS

Board Members and Tupelo Public School District staff members reviewed agenda topics and heard reports in a work session type format for the January 29, 2008, meeting of the Board of Trustees as follows:

- **AEE Support for Senior Projects at Tupelo High School**

Mrs. Beth Stone represented AEE and presented an overview of AEE's 2007-2008 planner support for Senior Projects at Tupelo High School. The Association of Excellence in Education plans to support the 2007-2008 Senior Projects through both financial means as well as member volunteers.

- **TPSD Strategic Plan – Fourth Quarter Report**

Dr. Randy McCoy provided an overview of the TPSD Strategic Plan Fourth Quarter 2007 Update Report which encompasses October, November and December, 2007 and focuses on Goals 1 through 4 of the TPSD Strategic Plan.

- **TPSD Survey Report**

Superintendent Randy McCoy presented for consideration and review four questions that administrators would like to use to survey the district's patrons and community to assist in evaluating and improving our school district. The survey questions and process involved in conducting the survey were discussed.

- **2007-2008 TPSD First Semester Transfer Report**

Dr. Randy McCoy and Dr. George Noflin presented for review a report regarding students who do not live in our district (non-resident) as well as students who live in our district, but requested to attend another district (resident) during first semester of the 2007-2008 school year. The report includes grade, district, and reason for the transfer.

- **Academic/Behavior Interventionists Report**

Superintendent Diana Ezell presented a report on the progress of the Behavior/Academic Interventionists Program.

- **Student-to-Counselor Ratio Report**

Superintendent Randy McCoy presented information as requested at the last board meeting regarding student-to-counselor ratio. Tupelo Public Schools has 23.5 counselors for a 306-to-1 ratio. Dr. McCoy reported that the high school level, the national average is 882-to-1. At the high school level, the national average is 229 students per counselor.

The following agenda items were also reviewed:

- Consent Agenda
- Student Transfers
- Personnel Changes
- Docket of Claims
- Financial Statements Month-Ending December 31, 2007
- Second Quarter Discipline Report
- Ratification of Expulsion of Student #27
- Proposed amendment to TPSD Policy IKC and Policy Exhibits IKA-E and IKE-E (this item was tabled)

- Lawndale Amphitheater
- MSBA 36th Annual Conference
- School Board Meeting Attendance Annual Report

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. 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. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to enter temporary executive session for the purpose of determining a need for permanent executive session. 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, Mr. Steve Ludt, Mr. John Nail, Mr. Lee Tucker, and Dr. Randy McCoy.

The Board first considered the reason for entering executive session. Upon a motion by Mr. Clayborne with a second by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to remain in executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. 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 a personnel matter.

Upon a motion by Mr. Clayborne with a second by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to come out of executive session. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Mr. Ludt and duly seconded by Mr. Tucker that the Board adjourn. Mrs. Brevard declared the meeting in adjournment at 2:30 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Shawn Brevard, President

Michael K. Clayborne, Secretary