

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2013**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a called meeting of the Board held in open session at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Beth Stone called the meeting to order.

**II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Board members present during roll call were: Mr. Joseph Babb, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mrs. Beth Stone and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. Mr. Rob Hudson was absent for this meeting. Mrs. Stone announced that four members were present constituting a quorum, therefore, the meeting is lawfully in session.

Also in attendance were members of the press.

Board President Beth Stone announced: “Pursuant to the Mississippi Open Meetings Law, Sections 25-41-1 through 25-14-17 of the Mississippi Code, this meeting was called for the purpose of conducting a special called meeting to consider awarding advertised bids for the cafeteria addition and renovation project, and consideration of personnel recommendations.”

**III. Consideration of Awarding of Advertised Bid #BD1304 Cafeteria Addition and Renovations (TPSD Goals #2 and #5)**

Mrs. Julie Hinds recommended that the Board award Advertised Bid #BD1304 Cafeteria Addition and Renovations to Century Construction in the amount of \$747,000.00 (base bid only) as it submitted the lowest and best bid having met all the specifications listed on the architectural proposal. Mrs. Hinds reported that the funding source is the Qualified School Construction Bond #3.

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to award Advertised Bid #BD1304 Cafeteria Additional and Renovations to Century Construction in the amount of \$747,000.00 (base bid only). Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of Advertised Bid #BD1304 Addition THS Cafeteria is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

#### IV. Consideration of Personnel Recommendations (TPSD Goal #3)

##### A. Grants-Arts Coordinator Job Description

Superintendent Gearl Loden recommended approval of the Grants-Arts Coordinator job description. Dr. Loden explained that this position will be serving all the schools in the district working directly with school faculty and building administrators in identifying grants and in expanding arts integrated instruction in Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Babb, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the Grants-Arts Coordinator job description. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Grants-Arts Coordinator job description is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

##### B. Consideration of Licensed Staff

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the following personnel recommendations by Superintendent Gearl Loden:

1. **Add New Position** (Full-Time Grants-Arts Coordinator at Church Street, effective July 1, 2013).
2. **New Personnel:**
  - a. Mr. Chad Chism, elementary principal at Thomas Street Elementary School, replacing Mrs. Kay Collins, effective July 1, 2013 for the 2013-14 school year.
  - b. Dr. Mitzi Moore, elementary principal at Parkway Elementary School, replacing Mrs. Anna Guntharp, effective July 1, 2013 for the 2013-14 school year.
  - c. Dr. Eddie Moore, curriculum specialist at Church Street, replacing Ms. Brandie Freed, effective July 1, 2013, for the 2013-14 school year.
  - d. Ms. Tracey Taylor, grants-arts coordinator at Church Street, replacing Ms. MaryAnn Dillon, who was parts-time grants coordinator.
3. **Change of Status** – Ms. Andrea Harrell from elementary teacher at Lawndale Elementary School to curriculum specialist at Church Street, replacing Marty Clark, effective July 1, 2013, Position #93-017001.

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

A detailed report listing the above personnel recommendations is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

Mr. Chad Chism, Ms. Tracey Taylor, Dr. Mitzi Moore and Dr. Eddie Moore were present at the meeting, and each expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to serve Tupelo Public Schools.

**V. Adjournment**

Mrs. Stone entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Babb made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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Elizabeth Stone, President

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Kenneth Wheeler, Secretary