

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
APRIL 5, 2011**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a special called meeting of the Board held in open session at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at the Tupelo Public School District Administrative Office, 72 South Green Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Amy Heyer.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The following School Board members were present during roll call:

Members Present: Mrs. Amy Heyer
Mr. John Nail
Mr. Eddie Prather
Mrs. Beth Stone
Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present: Ms. Patrice Tate
Mrs. Kelly Stimpson (via WebEx)

Attorneys Guy Mitchell, III and Otis Tims of Mitchell, McNutt and Sams were also present. Also in attendance were members of the press and several community members (parents).

Board President Amy Heyer 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).

III. Executive Session – Personnel Matter

Board President Amy Heyer 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. Prather, seconded by Mr. Tucker, 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, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the temporary executive session was called to order by Mrs. Heyer with the following people present: Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. John Nail, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mrs.

Beth Stone, Mr. Lee Tucker, Ms. Patrice Tate, Mrs. Kelly Stimpson (via WebEx), Mr. Guy Mitchell, III, and Mr. Otis Tims.

The Executive Session was called to order and the Board first considered the reason for entering Executive Session. Upon a motion by Mr. Prather with a second by Mr. Tucker, 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, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Ms. Heyer reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into Executive Session was to discuss a personnel matter.

Following the discussion, Mr. Prather moved to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion, and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed and the Board in open session.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT RANDY SHAVER’S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

In open session, Board President Amy Heyer announced that Superintendent Randy Shaver has requested a release from the final two years of his contract. Mrs. Heyer reported that In his letter requesting an early release Dr. Shaver stated that he feared that public outcry over his decision to replace high school principal Lee Stratton would become contentious to the point where he felt his leadership would distract the Board and the school system from its mission.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the negotiation of Superintendent Randy Shaver’s contract regarding a release from the final two years of his contract. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

V. Adjournment

It was moved by Mrs. Stone and duly seconded by Mr. Nail that the Board adjourn. Mrs. Heyer declared the meeting in adjournment at 4:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Arissa Heyer, President

Elizabeth Stone, Secretary