

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES  
October 14, 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, October 14, 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. Lee Tucker

Members Absent: Mr. John Nail

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy  
Mr. David Meadows  
Mrs. Diana Ezell  
Mrs. Linda Pannell  
Mrs. Dale Warriner  
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 Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, 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. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 23, 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. Student Transfer Policies – JFB and JFB-R**

Superintendent Randy McCoy led a discussion regarding School Board Policies JFB and JFB-R School Choice/Open Enrollment. Dr. McCoy stated that administrative implementation of Policy JFB and JFB-R result in the recommendation to approve student transfers for:

1. Students with handicapping conditions recommended for a program provided at a school other than a home school
2. The parent or legal guardian of a student is a fulltime employee in the school to which a transfer has been requested
3. An extreme hardship
4. A student will be allowed to continue in the school of previous enrollment for the third or sixth grade

Dr. McCoy reported that if students are allowed to stay at a school outside of their home school zone (tuition students do not have a home school), the following issues may develop:

1. The equity issue of transportation – those who must ride the bus versus those who have automobile transportation
2. Tardiness
3. Overcrowding
4. Disproportionate demographics – our school sizes are so small a few students may make a significant difference in the socioeconomic percentages attending individual schools

Policy JFB-R will be revisited in the near future for clarification before the 2009-2010 School Year.

Copies of School Board Policies JFB and JFB-R are marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**B. SearchSoft Solutions**

Superintendent Randy McCoy reported that on Friday, October 3, 2008, he and Human Resource Director Jim Turner visited Biloxi Public Schools to look at their SearchSoft Applicant Tracking System. SearchSoft is a software program which electronically handles applications.

**C. Status Report on Counselor Partnership between TPSD and the University of Mississippi**

Assistant Superintendent Diana Ezell presented a status report on the partnership between TPSD and the University of Mississippi.

**D. TPSD Website – DynaCal Calendar Visit Report**

Dr. Randy McCoy stated that during the month of September, 2008, there were 71,796 visits to our district's public DynaCal calendar and 71,796 pages viewed.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Consent Agenda**

In accordance with Dr. McCoy's recommendations, Mr. Tucker moved to approve and ratify the Consent Agenda as listed below with the noted change on #SFR909:

1. Contractual Agreements #CO9021 through #CO9023  
Contract for Rental of School Facility #SFR910
2. Donations #2008-2009-905 through #2008-2009-907
3. Single Source Purchases #SS903 through #SS906
4. Accepted TPSD Grants #903 and #904  
TPSD Grant #903 Wal-Mart Grant (Lawndale)  
Grant Title: Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year  
  
TPSD Grant #904 Wal-Mart Grant (Lawndale)  
Grant Title: Science is Alive

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 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**

The Board took action on the Student Transfer Report after the Executive Session.

**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. Tucker and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 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. Brevard reviewed the Docket of Claims and Check Registers prior to the meeting and recommended approval as listed below:

- Docket of Claims for the period September 13 through October 2, 2008, Docket of Claims #66949 through #67773 for Accounts Payable Checks #49263 through #49745 in the amount of \$1,096,531.45.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for September 2008, Checks #2861 through #2881 in the amount of \$2,860.55.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for September 2008, Checks #3657 through #3722 in the amount of \$5,087.30.

The grand total for all funds is \$1,104,479.30.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne 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 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business items were presented at this meeting of the Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. FY09 Title I, Part D, Local Education Agency's Neglected or Delinquent Facilities Application**

Federal Programs Director Dale Warriner recommended that the Board of Trustees approve and authorize submission to the Mississippi Department of Education the district's FY09 Title I, Part D Application and Statement of Assurances for the Local Education Agency's Neglected or Delinquent Facilities (Tupelo-Lee County Juvenile Detention Center).

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve and authorize submission to the Mississippi Department of Education the district's FY09, Title 1, Part D Application and Statement of Assurances as presented.

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

A copy of the FY09, Title 1, Part D Application and Statement of Assurances is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

### **B. FY09 McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Application**

Federal Programs Director Dale Warriner presented the FY09 McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Application for approval and submission to the Mississippi Department of Education.

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 FY09 McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Application as presented.

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

A copy of the FY09 McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Application is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**C. Title III Limited English Proficient (LEP) Revised Funding Allocation for FY09**

Mrs. Warriner reported that the Title III Limited English Proficient (LEP) grant has been approved for FY09. The original Title III allocation was in the amount of \$33,206.32, however, with the notification of approval, the FY09 allocation has been revised in the amount of \$43,942.00.

Mrs. Warriner requested that the Board acknowledge and accept the revised allocation in the amount of \$43,942.00 which reflects an increased of \$10,735.68 for FY09.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge and accept the revised Title III LEP grant amount of \$43,942.00.

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

**D. Agreement with Pinnacle Arbitrage Compliance, LLC**

Finance Director Linda Pannell recommended that the district enter into an agreement with Pinnacle Arbitrage Compliance, LLC for calculation of the arbitrage rebate amount for the following bond issues:

General Obligation Bonds, Series 1999  
General Obligation Bonds Refunding Bonds, Series 2004

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with Pinnacle Arbitrage Compliance, LLC for calculation of the arbitrage rebate amount of the abovementioned bonds.

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

A copy of the agreement with Pinnacle Arbitrage Compliance, LLC is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**A. Executive Session**

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 property, litigation, student transfers and personnel matters.

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, 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. Lee Tucker, Dr. Randy McCoy, Dr. George Noflin Mr. David Meadows and Mrs. Diana Ezell.

The Executive Session was called to order and the Board first considered the reason for entering executive session. Upon a motion by Mrs. Heyer with a second by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing property, litigation, student transfers and personnel matters.

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 property, litigation, student transfers, and personnel matters.

Mrs. Julie Hinds entered the Executive Session during the discussion of the first property matter. Mrs. Hinds left the Executive Session and Dr. Derwood Tutor and Mr. Mike Ferris entered the Executive Session and were present during discussion of litigation and another property matter. Dr. Tutor and Mr. Ferris left the meeting and a discussion was held regarding student transfers and personnel matters.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Heyer 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.

## **B. Student Transfers**

In regards to the Student Transfer Requests included on the 10-14-08 board agenda, Mr. Clayborne moved to approve two (2) resident student transfers (in-district) and two (2) nonresident students (tuition).

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 dated 10-14-08 is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

Next, the Board revisited Student Transfer Requests presented at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting. Mr. Tucker moved to approve transfer requests of three students which were denied at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting. (Because of confidentiality criteria, the three student names are marked Exhibit 9a and included in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer and was approved unanimously by all members present.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, 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 3:15 p.m.

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

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Shawn Brevard, President

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Lee Tucker, Secretary