

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES  
January 15, 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 15, 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  
Mr. Steve Ludt  
Mr. Lee Tucker

Members Absent: Mr. John Nail

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

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Mr. Ludt, seconded by Mr. Tucker, 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. Ludt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2007 Regular Board Meeting as submitted. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

### **A. Public Comments**

No requests for Public Comments were received at this meeting of the Board.

### **B. Recognitions**

No recognitions were scheduled for this meeting of the Board.

## **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

### **A. TPSD Virtual Tour**

Mrs. Kay Bishop presented an overview of the TPSD Virtual Tour designed by Mr. Glen Allison of Allison Digital. Renasant Bank has underwritten the cost of this project.

### **B. Partnership Proposal Between University of Mississippi and Tupelo Public Schools to Develop Measures of Success for School Counseling**

Dr. David Spruill of the University of Mississippi presented a brief synopsis of his work with TPSD counselors and discussed a partnership proposal between the University of Mississippi and Tupelo Public Schools to improve student learning and achievement by providing professional development for practicing school counselors and administrators and providing university school counseling students hands-on learning experiences in schools practicing new approaches to school counseling.

Upon a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the formal partnership proposal between the University of Mississippi and Tupelo Public Schools to develop measures of success for school counselors. Mrs. Brevard announced that the motion passed. The agenda is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

### **C. TPSD Car Tag Proposal**

Mrs. Kay Bishop provided information on a proposed TPSD car tag program. Mrs. Bishop stated that each tag with the TPSD design will cost \$31.00 (over cost of regular tag), with \$24.00 of each tag reimbursed back to the district. The \$31.00 is an annual cost for persons wanting the special TPSD tag. The Mississippi State Tax Commission has advised that 300 tags must be pre-sold before production could begin. This would result in our district receiving at least \$7,200.00. Dr. McCoy advised that the design was not completed, but recommended that the concept be approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Ludt, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the concept of the TPSD Car Tag and instructed administrators to proceed with the proposed program.

#### **D. Initial Discussion of TPSD School Calendar for 2008-2009 School Year**

Superintendent Randy McCoy presented a draft copy of the proposed TPSD School Calendar for 2008-2009 for review and initial discussion. Dr. McCoy advised that preliminary calendar information from neighboring universities and junior colleges for the 2008-2009 school year spring holiday schedule conflicts with state mandated testing. Dr. McCoy reported that he will be meeting with several North Mississippi superintendents next week and this topic will be addressed.

#### **E. Reminder – Strategic Plan Meeting Dates**

Superintendent Randy McCoy reminded board members of upcoming Strategic Plan meeting dates.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **A. Consent Agenda**

In accordance with Dr. McCoy's recommendations, Mr. Clayborne moved to approve and ratify the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Contractual Agreements  
Contractual Agreements #CO8027 through #CO8029  
Charter Bus Service Contract #BC-08-09
2. Donations #2007-2008-828 through #2007-2008-830
3. Single Source Purchases #SS802 and #SS803
4. Acceptance of TPSD Grants #803 and #277-809
5. Acceptance and Ratification of TPSD Grant #810

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker 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. Ludt moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

- a. Approval of five (5) resident student transfers (in-district)
- b. Denial of three (3) resident student transfers (in-district)
- c. Approval for admission of five (5) non-resident student transfers (tuition)

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 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. Tucker 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. Ludt 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**

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

- Docket of Claims for the period December 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, Docket of Claim #59361 through #59970 for Accounts Payable Checks #44121 through #44520 in the amount of \$1,395,700.26.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period November 1 through November 30, 2007, Checks #2653 through #2687 in the amount of \$9,638.42.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period November 1, 2007 through November 30, 2007, Checks #3281 through #3339 in the amount of \$21,178.05.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

This affirms that the claims 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.

**E. November 30, 2007 Financial Report**

The November 30, 2007 Financial Report was presented to the Board and a listing by fund was available for the Board's information and review.

On a motion by Mr. Ludt, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Financial Report for the month ending November 30, 2007, as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the November 30, 2007 Financial Report is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**G. Student Discipline Report**

Dr. McCoy recommended ratification of the following student discipline issues as listed below:

1. Readmission to Student #44 contingent upon the students' successful completion of 45 days at the Fillmore Center.
2. Expulsion of Student #48 for one calendar year.
3. Expulsion of Student #50 for one calendar year.
4. Expulsion of Student #68 for one calendar year.

Mr. Clayborne moved to ratify the above recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ludt and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Additional information regarding the abovementioned Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Thomas Street Playground Relocation**

Mrs. Julie Hinds presented for review and consideration for approval a recommendation to relocate the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade playground at Thomas Street Elementary School to the existing softball field.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Ludt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the relocation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade playground at Thomas Street Elementary

School to the existing softball field. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the above report is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**B. Carver Old Food Service Building Demolition**

Mrs. Julie Hinds requested approval to demolish the old food service building located to the left of the main building. Mrs. Hinds reported that several years ago an engineer's report had reported the structure to be unsafe due to a compromised roof structure and extensive mold damage to the interior surfaces.

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Ludt, the Board voted unanimously to accept the playground equipment and layout plans contingent upon Mrs. Hinds criteria and specifications. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the above report is marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**C. Resolution Approving Trustmark National Bank as Trustee of the EdPool Investment Program**

Finance Director Linda Pannell BancorpSouth reported that BancorpSouth has been the Trustee of the Mississippi Education Investment Pool Trusts A and B; however, due to changes in BancorpSouth strategy for business related to investments, they have resigned as trustee of the EdPool on February 29, 2008. Mrs. Pannell stated that Trustmark National Bank is willing to accept the role of successor trustee of the Trusts effective on February 29, 2008. If approved, Trustmark National Bank will accept the role of successor trustee of the Trusts, effective that day. This governing board consists of representatives from Mississippi School Board Association, Mississippi Association School Superintendents, Mississippi Association of School Administrators and Mississippi Association of School Business Officials.

Mrs. Pannell requested consideration for approval adoption of a formal Resolution approving Trustmark National Bank as trustee of the EdPool Investment Program, approving Trustmark Investment Advisors, Inc., as investment advisor for the EdPool Investment Program and taking other necessary and lawful actions as required for this transition.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker seconded by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to adoption a Resolution approving Trustmark National Bank as trustee of the EdPool Investment Program, approving Trustmark Investment Advisors, Inc., as investment advisor for the EdPool Investment Program and taking other necessary and lawful actions as required for this transition.

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

A copy of the aforementioned Resolution is marked EXHIBIT 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**D. Consideration of the 2008-2009 E-Rate “Letter of Intent to Budget Funds” for the District’s Portion of the Projected Year 11 E-Rate Program and the MDE Recommended Revisions to the 2007-2010 TPSD Technology Plan**

Superintendent David Meadows presented for consideration for approval a “Letter of Intent to Budget Local E-Rate Funds” for the district’s portion of the total proposed E-Rate Program purchases for the 2008-2009 school year (E-Rate Year 11) in the projected amount of \$2,852,792.00. If approved, the district’s portion of the total projected Year 11 E-Rate purchases of \$2,852,792.00 will be \$782,000.00.

In addition, MDE E-Rate Program specialists have recommended that the TPSD acknowledge the construction and opening of the Toyota Motor Corporation Facility in the district’s 2007-2010 Technology Plan. If approved, the Executive Summary of the 2007-2010 Technology Plan will be modified as indicated along with Page 33 in the Environment and Infrastructure Section to acknowledge the opening of this facility in 2010.

Attached are draft copies of the proposed “Letter of Intent” along with the proposed changes to the 2007-2010 TPSD Technology Plan.

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve a “Letter of Intent to Budget Local E-Rate Funds” for the district’s portion of the total proposed E-Rate Program purchases for the 2008-2009 school year (E-Rate Year 11) in the projected amount of \$2,852,792.00 and modify the Executive Summary of the district’s 2007-2010 Technology Plan to acknowledge the construction and opening of the Toyota Motor Corporation Facility. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the “Letter of Intent to Budget Local E-Rate Funds” and the modified Executive Summary of the district’s 2007-2010 Technology Plan is marked EXHIBIT 12 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**1. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROPERTY MATTER**

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 property matter.

On a motion by Mr. Ludt, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, 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. Lee Tucker, Dr. Randy McCoy and Dr. Derwood Tutor.

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

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Ludt, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

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Shawn Brevard, President

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Mike Clayborne, Secretary