

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES  
October 9, 2007**

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 9, 2007, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President John Nail 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: Mr. Mike Clayborne  
Mr. Steve Ludt  
Mr. John Nail  
Mr. Lee Tucker

Members Absent: Mrs. Shawn Brevard

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy  
Mr. David Meadows  
Mr. George Noflin, Jr.  
Mrs. Diana Ezell  
Mrs. Linda Pannell  
Mr. Jim Turner  
Mrs. Dale Warriner  
Ms. Marilyn Russell  
Ms. Patrice Tate

Mr. Nail 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. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Ludt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted. M. Nail 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. Tucker seconded by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2007 Regular Board Meetings as submitted. The Vice-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. Tupelo High School Career Center Goals for 2007-2008 School Year**

Tupelo High School Principal Mac Curlee presented an overview of THS Career Center goals for the 2007-2008 school year.

Additional information regarding the THS Career Center Report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

### **B. Alternative School Visit – Board Member Report**

Board Member Steve Ludt presented his thoughts and issues regarding a recent visit to the Fillmore Alternative School and an earlier visit to Tupelo Middle School.

A written copy of Mr. Ludt's report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

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

1. Contractual Agreements  
Contractual Agreements #CO8011 through #CO8015  
Rental of School Facilities: #SFR810 through #SFR812  
Charter Bus Service Contracts #BC08-03 and #BC08-04
2. Permission to Apply for TPSD Grant #803
3. Approval of Resolution to sell \$1,075 items including but not limited to student desks, computers, teacher desks, chairs, tables, printer, typewriters, televisions, overhead projectors, scanners, video recorders, cameras, radios, copiers, chalk and dry erase board, and other items that have been determined to be obsolete or beyond repair, and of no value to the educational environment of the Tupelo Public School District.

4. Acknowledged and agreed to sell the “old” Golden Wave bus in the amount of \$6,500.00 to the Carroll County School District. The bus will be sold with no warranty or recourse.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and was approved unanimously by all members present. The Vice-President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the Consent Agenda report is marked EXHIBIT 4 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. Clayborne moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

- a. Approval of one (1) resident student transfer (in-district)
- b. Approval for admission of two (2) non-resident students (tuition)
- c. Approval of two (2) GED student transfers

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ludt and was approved unanimously by all members present. The Vice-President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Student Transfer Report is marked EXHIBIT 5 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. Clayborne and was approved unanimously. The Vice-President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **D. Docket of Claims**

In Mrs. Brevard’s absence, Mr. Nail reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and recommended approval of the Docket of Claims as submitted. Mr. Clayborne moved to approve the Docket in the amount of \$660,198.13 for the period September 15, 2007, through September 30, 2007, Docket Claim #56619 through #57075 for Accounts Payable Checks #42405 through #42708. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and approved unanimously. The Vice-President of the Board declared the motion passed.

This affirms that the claims 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 is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business agenda items were presented at this board meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A 2007-2008 MDE Title I, Part D Grant Application for Neglected and Delinquent Students**

Ms. Dale Warriner, Federal Programs Coordinator, requested approval of the 2007-2008 TPSD/MDE Title I, Part D Grant Application. Mrs. Warriner reported that the TPSD serves as the fiscal agent for this flow-through grant. While the grant neither increases nor decreases the district's other Title I funds, it does enable services to be provided at the Tupelo-Lee County Juvenile Detention Center. This particular grant has increased from \$17,375.00 in school year 2004-2005 to \$86,376.66 in school year 2007-2008.

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Ludt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2007-2008 MDE Title I, Part D Grant Application as recommended. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Vice-President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the 2007-2008 MDE Title I, Part D Grant Application is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

### **A 2007-2008 TPSD/MDE Title III Grant Application for English Language Acquisition for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students**

Ms. Dale Warriner, Federal Programs Coordinator, requested consideration for approval of the 2007-2008 TPSD/MDE Title III Grant Application for English Language Acquisition for Limited English Proficient (LEP) and LEP Immigrant Students. This grant is not considered part of the Consolidated Federal Programs Grant and therefore requires separate action. It was recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the 2007-2008 Title III Grant Application in the amount of \$37,673.40 for Title III Limited English Proficient students and \$1,612.30 for Immigrant students.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Ludt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2007-2008 TPSD/MDE Title III Grant Application for English Language Acquisition for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students as recommended. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Vice-President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the 2007-2008 TPSD/MDE Title III Grant Application for English Language Acquisition for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **1. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Vice-President John Nail suggested to the School Board a temporary executive session to determine the need for a permanent executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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 Vice-President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the temporary executive session was called to order by Vice-President John Nail with the following people present: 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. Ludt with a second by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to remain in executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The Vice-President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mr. Nail reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into executive session was to discuss personnel matters.

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.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Ludt, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Vice-President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 2:00 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