

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2010**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a regular meeting of the Board held in open session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at Carver Elementary School, 910 North Green Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Lee Tucker 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
Mrs. Amy Heyer
Mr. John Nail
Mr. Eddie Prather
Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present:	Dr. Randy Shaver	Mrs. Jennifer Strunk
	Dr. George Noflin, Jr.	Mrs. Kay Bishop
	Mrs. Dale Warriner	Mrs. Marissa Martin
	Mr. David Meadows	Ms. Patrice Tate
	Mrs. Julie Hinds	Mr. Brenda Meriweather
	Mrs. Mary Ruth Wright	Mr. Kenneth Roberts
	Mr. Jim Turner	Mr. Bobby Sheffield
	Mrs. Linda Pannell	TPSD Principals

Mr. Tucker announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Several members of the press were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Prather the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted.

Mr. Tucker 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. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2010, regular meeting as presented. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Welcome

Principal Brenda Robinson welcomed the Board of Trustees and administrative staff to Carver Elementary School.

B. Public Comments

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

C. Recognitions

The following recognitions were held:

1. Tupelo High School Cheerleaders – 13th in Nation
2. Tupelo High School District Skills USA Competition Winners
3. Milam Teachers Leigh Ann Hopkins and Kathryn Marcy – Mimeo Masters
4. Tupelo High School FCCLA State Leadership Winners
5. Science Fair Regional Winners – Lawhon, Milam, Lawndale
6. State Geography Bee Semifinalist – Tate Clayton
7. Sound Wave Grand Champions at Petal and Homewood Competitions
8. Tupelo Middle School Mathcounts – Multiple Competition Winds
9. Duke TIP Scholars
10. Thomas Street Elementary School – Governor’s Award
11. Ford AAA Exam – Tupelo Career Center Students Scoring in Top 10 Percent
12. Tyler Pirkle – STAR Student and Shelley Miller – STAR Teacher
13. Gumtree Writing Contest Award Winners
14. Michael Kaltchenko and Yasmen Ghaem – Kroger Black History Month
15. Tupelo Middle School – School of Excellence Award for Arts Education from the Mississippi Alliance for the Arts
16. Mid-South Regional Stock Market Game Winners
17. Tupelo Middle School Students Penelope Dao, Yarah Amador, and Tyler Swinney were invited to teach bridge building at the AASHTO Conference in Natchez, MS
18. Church Street Elementary School – 2010 North Mississippi Inspiring Readers Award Winner

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

The following reports were presented at the noon meeting of the Board:

A. Apple Tech Class Offering

THS Career Center Director Evet Topp presented for initial discussion the addition of “Advanced Software Topics” as a course offering at Tupelo High School. Ms. Topp reported that this course will include certification preparation for Apple Tech programs.

B. Tupelo High School Advancement Academy

TMS Assistant Principal Brad Mixon presented a status report on the proposed High School Advancement Academy. Mr. Mixon reported that, if approved, the proposed program will be available for seventh, eighth, and ninth grade students who are two or more grades behind.

C. School Aged Mothers Program

Dr. Denecise Salters presented recommendations for the program design of the proposed School Aged Mothers Program.

At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy Shaver summarized the above reports for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting. Copies of the above reports are on file in the Superintendent's Office. No action was taken on the above items as these were provided for information only.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contract for Rental of School Facility -- #SFR130
Contracts for Charter Bus Service -- #BC09-20 and #BC09-21
2. Single Source Purchase #SS127 -- Apple
3. Donations #2009-2010-138 through #2009-2010-148
4. Granted Permission to Apply for TPSD Grant #1024
5. Permission to Advertise for Sealed Bids #BD1016 through #BD1020
6. Authorized the Removal of 16 Assets and the Addition of 6 Assets

The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather 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 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Student Transfer Report

In accordance with Dr. Shaver's recommendations, Mrs. Heyer moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

Approval of two (2) resident student transfers (in-district)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously by all members present.

A detailed copy of the Student Transfer Report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Nail 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. Prather 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

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

- Docket of Claims for the period April 17 through April 30, 2010, Docket of Claims #84045 through #84399, Accounts Payable Checks #59964 through #60212 in the amount of \$1,072,321.10.

Mrs. Heyer moved to approve the Docket of Claims as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne and approved unanimously. The 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 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. Cash Flow Statements for Month Ending 3-31-10

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Cash Flow for month ending March 31, 2010, for information and review (copy on file).

F. Third Quarter Student Discipline Report

Assistant Superintendent George Noflin presented the Third Quarter Student Discipline Report which included the following information:

- Tabulations of incidents from each school in the district. These incidents include fights, drugs, weapons, profanity, bullying and counseling
- Discipline comparison of Third Nine Weeks 2008-2009 versus 2009-2010
- List of students placed at the Fillmore Center, their demographic data, the reason for placement, and length of their placement
- Suspension Comparison Report for K-2, 3-5, and 6-12 students by demographic data (gender, race, and free/reduced or paid lunch)

Mr. Clayborne moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to Alternative School Placement for the third nine weeks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Third Quarter Student Discipline Report is on file in the Superintendent's Office.

G. Student Discipline Report (Student #85)

Dr. Shaver and Dr. Noflin recommended ratification of the following student discipline incident:

Expulsion of Student #85 from the TPSD for one calendar year for violation of TPSD Policy JK-E5 #5.

Mr. Nail moved to ratify the expulsion of Student #85 from the district for one calendar year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Additional information regarding the abovementioned Student Discipline Report is on file in the Superintendent's Office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Awarding of Advertised Bids #BD1007, BD1008, and BD1009

Finance Director Linda Pannell and Superintendent Randy Shaver recommended that the following advertised bids be awarded as recommended:

BD1007 Symphony Math
 Recommendation: Educational Materials Specialists (lowest and only bid)

BD1008 Church Street Windows Restoration
 Recommendation: Century Construction & Realty, Inc. (lowest bid)

BD1009 Rankin School Improvements
Recommendation: Sanderson Construction Company, Inc. (lowest bid)

Mrs. Heyer moved to award Advertised Bids #BD1007, #BD1008, and #BD1009 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Detailed information regarding the above bids is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment to Owner/Architect Agreement for Tupelo High School Site Improvements

Operations Director Julie Hinds presented for consideration for approval the AIA Document G802 Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with JBHM Architects for the Tupelo High School Site Improvements Project.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the AIA Document G802 Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with JBHM Architects for the Tupelo High School Site Improvements Project as presented.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with JBHM Architects for the Tupelo High School Site Improvements Project is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

Mrs. Heyer requested that a report be presented on the recent National School Boards Conference which was attended by several board members and Dr. Randy Shaver.

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the above future agenda topic. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

B. Executive Session

An Executive Session was held during the noon briefing session to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken.

May 11, 2010
5:00 P.M.

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Board of Trustees – Meeting Minutes

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Nail, 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 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Lee Tucker, President

Eddie Prather, Secretary