

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 P.M. MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2014**

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, October 14, 2014, at Milam Elementary School, 720 West Jefferson Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Rob Hudson who welcomed guests attending the meeting.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board members present during roll call were: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Rob Hudson, and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. Mr. Prather was absent. Mr. Hudson announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Attorney Otis Tims was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved at the noon meeting. A copy of the agenda is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

September 9, 2014, Noon Regular Meeting

Mr. Babb made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2014, noon regular meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

September 9, 2014, 5 p.m. Regular Meeting

Mr. Babb made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2014 5 p.m. regular meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No requests for public comments were received for this meeting of the Board.

WELCOME

Principal Paul Moton welcomed the Board of Trustees, parents, staff and visitors to Milam Elementary School.

RECOGNITIONS

On behalf of the Mississippi Association of School Administrators, Dr. Charles Garrett walked to the podium and made a surprise announcement that Dr. Gearl Loden has been named Mississippi's Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Garrett stated that Dr. Loden will be recognized formally during the MASA state conference in Jackson on Tuesday.

Following comments by Board President Rob Hudson and Superintendent Gearl Loden, Mr. Hudson called for a brief recess.

After the short recess, Mr. Hudson announced that the Board was back in Open Session.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Gearl Loden summarized the following reports for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting:

- A. Dr. Eddie Peasant presented a report on the 63% Rule (TPSD Goals #1 and #3)
- B. Mr. Jason Harris provided a report on SAT Scores and the National Merit Semi Finalists (TPSD Goal #1)
- C. Dr. Mitzi Moore and Dr. Leigh Mobley provided an report on their trip to the Edivation Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah (TPSD Goal #1)
- D. Mr. Andy Cantrell gave an update on Buildings and Grounds, Safe Rooms, and Long Range Plans (TPSD Goals #2 and #4)
- E. Mrs. Linda Pannell gave an update on Ad Valorem Collections, Closing of FY14, and FY14 Audit (TPSD Goal #4)

Copies of the above reports are on file in the Superintendent's Office.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Office of Finance Director Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #4)

1. Contractual Agreements
 - Contracts for Rental of School Facilities #SFR1502 through #SFR1510
 - Ratification of Contract #CO1510 through #CO1514 and #CO1520
2. Accepted Donations #2014-2015-004 through #2014-2015-010
3. Permission to Accept TPSD Grant #1432
 - Fender Music Foundation Grant, \$3,689.55
4. Permission to Award Bid BD1504 Tablet Charging Carts
5. Addition of 2 Items and Deletion of 38 Items from TPSD Asset Listing

B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Eddie Peasant

1. Student Transfer Report (TPSD Policy JBCD Transfers and Withdrawals of Students)
2. Readmission of Student #45-2013-2014
3. Overnight Field Trip Request
 - Vocal Jazz & Madrigals to San Antonio, TX March 25-29, 2015
 - Vocal Jazz & Madrigals & Varsity Choir to Atlanta, GA May 1-2, 2015
 - DECA to Gulfport, MS November 8-10, 2014
 - Varsity Girls Basketball to Montgomery, AL December 29-31, 2014

C. Office of Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Kimberly Britton

- TPSD 2014-2015 Test Security Plan

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Office of Director of Finance Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #5)

1. Docket of Claims

Board Member Sherry Davis recommended approval of the Docket of Claims and Check Registers as follows:

- Docket of Claims for the period August 30, 2014 through September 30, 2014, Docket of Claims #21928 through #22777, Accounts Payable Checks #13694 through #14239 in the amount of \$4,305,985.54
- The Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period September 2014, Checks #1529 through #1545 in the amount of \$4,526.25
- Athletic Activity check Register for the period September 2014, Checks #2055 through #2142 in the amount of \$7,802.04

The grand total for all funds is \$4,318,313.83.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Hudson 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 Report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

2. Required Monthly Financial Reports – Month Ending August 31, 2014

Following a review of each report and discussion, on a motion by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the following financial reports:

- Bank Reconciliation Report
- Revenue and Expenditure Report with Budget Status
- TPSD Cash Flow Statement
- Combined Balance Sheet
- August 31, 2014 Financial Statements

Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed. The Financial Reports for Month Ending August 31, 2014, are marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Office of Director of Human Resources Mr. Jim Turner (TPSD Goal #3)

Licensed Personnel Recommendations

Dr. Loden presented an amended Licensed Staff report for consideration for approval. Mr. Babb moved to approve the Licensed Personnel Report, as amended, as presented. Mrs. Davis seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all members present. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

The Licensed Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Diana Ezell (TPSD Policy BDC)

1. Second Reading of New TPSD Policies

Dr. Ezell presented the following new policies for a second reading and recommended approval:

EBBAA	Staff Identification Procedures
EBBCA	Bomb Threats
EBC	Security
EEA	Free/Reduced Meal Services
EF	Data Management

Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the aforementioned policies as presented. Mr. Babb seconded the motion. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

2. Revision to TPSD Policy KJA School Volunteers Policy

Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the aforementioned policy as presented. Mrs. Davis seconded the motion. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed.

The aforementioned policies are marked EXHIBIT 6, and are and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Office of Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Eddie Peasant (TPSD Goals #2)

1. Student Discipline Report Case #01-2014-2015

On a motion by Mr. Babb, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to ratify administrative decision to expel Student #01-2014-2015 from TPSD for one calendar year (September 3, 2014 – September 2, 2015) for violation of TPSD Policy JCB #30. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed. Information regarding Student Discipline Case #01-2014-2015 is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

2. Student Discipline Report Case #05-2014-2015

On a motion by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Babb, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to ratify administrative decision to expel Student #05-2014-2015 from TPSD for one calendar year (August 12, 2014 – August 11, 2015) for violation of TPSD Policy JD-E5 #5. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed. Information regarding Student Discipline Case #05-2014-2015 is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

3. Student Discipline Report Case #13-2014-2015

On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to ratify administrative decision to expel Student #13-2014-2015 from TPSD for one calendar year (September 3, 2014 – September 2, 2015) for violation of TPSD Policy JCB #30. Mr. Hudson declared the motion passed. Information regarding Student Discipline Case #13-2014-2015 is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. Office of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gearl Loden (TPSD Goals #3)

1. Information Items:

- Fall Athletic Update by Mr. Andy Schoggin
- Employee of the Month Program
- Healthy Kids Campaign

- Lamar University Superintendent's Academy New York Field Trip Report

2. Dates to Remember

- MSBA Fall Conference—November 10-11, 2014
- NSBA, March 21-24, 2015—Nashville, TN (Registration Opens October 15)
- November 18, 2014 Work Session 9:30 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Patrice Tate presented the proposed 2015 School Board Meeting Dates for initial review.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics – Superintendent Gearl Loden

Proposed Agenda Topics for November 18, 2014 Board Meeting

- Approval of School Board Meeting Dates for 2015
- District Report Card Update Report
- Test Scores
- Title III English Language Acquisition Program
- Application and Title I-Part D
- PLC Update
- ABC Mouse
- Snap Shot
- Engrade
- Farm to School
- Food Packs
- Employee of the Month

B. Future Agenda Topics – Board Members

Board Member Sherry Davis suggested that Handwriting be added to TPSD Curriculum. Board Member Joe Babb requested an update report on school climate, and Dr. Loden stated that an update report on recent teacher and parent surveys will be placed on the agenda for the November Board meeting.

C. Executive Session

An Executive Session was held at noon to discuss litigation, personnel, and student matters.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 5:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rob Hudson, II, President

Joseph Babb, Secretary