

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES  
October 25, 2011**

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 25, 2011, at Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Childhood Education Center, 1402 North Green Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Heyer 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. Amy Heyer  
Mr. Rob Hudson  
Mrs. Beth Stone  
Mr. Lee Tucker

Members Absent: Mr. Eddie Prather

Staff Present:	Mr. David Meadows	Mr. Jason Harris
	Mrs. Diana Ezell	Mr. Larry Harmon
	Dr. Fred Hill	Ms. Anita Buchanan
	Mrs. Kay Bishop	Dr. Kristy Luse
	Mrs. Julie Hinds	Ms. Patrice Tate
	Mrs. Marisa Martin	Mr. Jim Turner
	Mrs. Linda Pannell	Mrs. Dale Warriner

Mrs. Heyer announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. School Board Attorney Otis Tims was also present. Members of the press were also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE 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**

Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2011, called meeting and October 11, 2011, regular meetings with a noted correction to the September 26, 2011, called meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

## **WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

### **A. Welcome**

Ms. Anita Buchanan, Lead Teacher of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Childhood Education Center, welcomed the Board of Trustees, parents, and staff to the Early Childhood Education Center.

### **B. Public Comments**

No requests for public comments were received for this board meeting.

### **C. Recognitions**

1. National Merit Semifinalists – THS Students Abby Grace and Rick Deaton
2. TPSD Summer Curriculum Writing Project Team Members Grades 6-12
3. Tupelo High School Lady Wave Volleyball Team – 6A State Champions

## **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

No “Communication” reports were given at this meeting of the Board.

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

In accordance with Mr. Meadow’s recommendations, Mrs. Stone moved to approve and ratify the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Contract for Rental of School Facilities #SFR1206 through #SFR1215  
Charter Bus Service Contracts #BC11-12-003 and #BC11-12-004
2. Granted Permission to Apply for TPSD Grant #1204
3. Granted Permission to Remove 34 Assets from the TPSD Capital Assets Listing

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson 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**

Mr. Tucker moved to affirm the Student Transfer Report as presented:

- Approval of two (2) resident student transfers (in-district)
- Approval of one (1) resident student transfer (in-district for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year)
- Approval of admission of four (4) non-resident students (tuition)

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone 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 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

### **C. Personnel Recommendations**

Interim Superintendent David Meadows recommended approval of the Licensed Staff recommendations. Mrs. Stone moved to approve the Licensed Staff recommendations as presented. Mr. Hudson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. 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 and Check Registers prior to the meeting and recommended approval of the Docket of Claims and Check Registers as outlined below:

- Docket of Claims for the period September 30 through October 14, 2011, Docket of Claims #96538 through #96888, Accounts Payable Checks #67754 through #67977 in the amount of \$638,891.45.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for September, 2011, Checks #3403 through #3417 in the amount of \$1,875.62.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for September, 2011, Checks #5004 through #5071 in the amount of \$5,617.39.

The grand total for all funds is \$646,384.46.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone and approved unanimously by all members present. 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.

**E. TPSD Policies GCRD Tutoring for Pay and GBEA Staff Conflict of Interest**

No action was taken on TPSD Policies GCRD Tutoring for Pay and GBEA Staff Conflict of Interest. Mr. Meadows stated that the administrative staff will continue to review and study these policies to ensure compliance with the Mississippi Educator Code of Ethics Standards of Conduct before a final recommendation is presented to the Board of Trustees.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Change Order Number Five (5), Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Phase II Project, Century Construction Company**

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve Change Order Number Five (5), Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Phase II Project, Century Construction Company as presented. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of Change Order Number Five (5) for the Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Phase II Project is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**B. Thomas Street Elementary School Sign**

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve a proposed new sign at Thomas Street Elementary School. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**A. Future Agenda Topics**

Board Member Lee Tucker requested an update on the added support being provided for extra-curricular activities.

**B. Superintendent Search**

During the noon meeting Board Member Beth Stone had led a discussion on the timeline, criteria, and information to be included in the superintendent search pamphlet.

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Tucker the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the timeline, criteria and information to be included in the superintendent search pamphlet. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of information to be included in the superintendent search brochure is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Stone, 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 5:31 p.m.

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

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Arlissa C. Heyer, President

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Elizabeth Stone, Secretary