

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
WORK SESSION
MARCH 8, 2016**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a work session of the Board held in open session at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Kenneth Wheeler called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

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

Mr. Wheeler stated that pursuant to the Mississippi Open Meetings Law, Sections 25-41-1 through 25-14-17 of the Mississippi Code, this meeting was called for the purpose of conducting a work session to review several TPSD Board policies.

District administrators present included the following: Dr. Gearl Loden, Dr. Eddie Peasant, Mr. Jason Harris, Ms. Talina Knight, Mr. Brock English, Mrs. Mary Ann Plasencia, Ms. Modesty Shumpert and Ms. Patrice Tate.

Also in attendance was *Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal* Education Report Emma Crawford Kent.

III. Discussion of TPSD Discipline Policies and Procedures (TPSD Goals #1 and #2)

Board members and District administrators discussed current discipline practices and procedures at Tupelo High School and Tupelo Middle School. The Board and administrators offered different options and suggestions that could be taken to refine the current discipline policies with the goal of providing a safe, secure and orderly environment at the schools in addition to ensuring student success.

IV. Adjournment

Mr. Wheeler entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Babb made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hudson, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Kenneth Wheeler, President

Eddie Prather, Secretary