

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARCH 31, 2020
3:00 P.M. VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a Special Called meeting of the Board held in Open Session using video conferencing using equipment located at the Hancock Leadership Center, the place where the Board usually meets at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Kenneth Wheeler called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The following Board members were present and participated through video conferencing: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Paul Mize, Mr. Eddie Prather, and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session.

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann., §25-41-5, as amended, participation at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi, was made available to the general public, Assistant Technology Director T. J. Higgins was present at the Hancock Leadership Center.

Superintendent Rob Picou, Attorney Otis Tims, Deputy Superintendent Kimberly Britton, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Brock English also participated in the video conference along with Board Clerks Patrice Tate and Modesty Shumpert. The following administrative staff members also took part in the meeting by means of video conferencing: Rachel Murphree, Julie Weaver, and Gregg Ellis. The video conferencing equipment used allowed all members of the Board and any members of the public attending the meeting to hear the deliberations of the Board.

Also, in compliance with Miss. Code Ann., §25-41-5, as amended, Mr. Higgins was responsible for the audio recording of the meeting which will be preserved for a period of three (3) years following the date of the meeting and shall be available to the public.

Mr. Wheeler announced a quorum and stated that the Special Called meeting was called pursuant to Mississippi Open Meeting Law (MS Code Sections 25-41-1 through 25-41-17).

A copy of the Notice calling the meeting is marked **EXHIBIT 1** and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

III. AWARDING OF ADVERTISED BID FOR BD2014 -- CHROMEBOOKS

After due discussion and consideration, Ms. Davis moved to award Bid BD2014 ChromeBooks to Trinity 3 as this vendor was deemed the best bid with a price of \$393 per Dell 3100 ChromeBook with chrome management software including a 4 year extended warranty on each device in addition to being the best bid based on several bid specifications not being met by the two (2) lower bidders along with very positive prior experience with Trinity 3 as a vendor. The total number of devices to be purchased from this bid is plus or minus 2150 at a cost of \$844,950 based on 2150 devices.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather and approved unanimously. Voting for the motion: Babb, Davis, Mize, Prather and Wheeler. Voting against the motion: None. Mr. Wheeler declared the motion passed.

Detailed information regarding the BD2014 Chromebooks bid is marked **EXHIBIT 2** and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

IV. Adjournment

The president of the Board announced that all decisions taken in the meeting were approved unanimously by the five Board members present at the meeting, and all Board members were present throughout the meeting.

As the purpose of the called meeting was fulfilled, Ms. Davis made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Babb seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, and the Board stood adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Voting for the motion: Babb, Davis, Mize, Prather and Wheeler. Voting against the motion: None. Mr. Wheeler declared the motion passed.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Kenneth R. Wheeler, President

Paul E. Mize, III, Secretary