

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
November 18, 2014**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a regular meeting of the Board held in Open Session at noon on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge 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, Mr. Eddie Prather and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. Mr. Rob Hudson announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in Session. Attorney Otis Tims was also present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda for the regular November 18, 2014, Board meeting as presented with an addendum to the Personnel Report.

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes from the following meetings were presented for consideration for approval:

September 9, 2014	Regular Meeting, Noon, Hancock Leadership Center
September 9, 2014	Regular Meeting, 5:00pm – Tupelo Middle School

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**RECOGNITIONS**

Executive Director of Operations Mr. Andy Cantrell recognized Director of Food Service, Ms. Lynn Rogers for her service and dedication to the students in our district.

Ms. Lynn Rogers recognized Ms. Yevonne Henry and Ms. Shirley Montgomery for their selfless service in the Food Service Department.

## COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

The following informational reports were presented to the Board of Trustees:

- A. Mr. Eddie Prather, Mr. Joe Babb, Mr. Kenneth Wheeler, and Mr. Rob Hudson all gave information on their trip to the Mississippi School Boards Association Fall Conference Update
- B. Mr. Andy Cantrell, along with Mr. Will Lewis and Mr. Charles Laney of JBHM, provided a report on Long Term Maintenance and Building Plans (TPSD Goal #2)
- C. Ms. Mary Ann Plasencia gave an update on Teacher and Parent Surveys (TPSD Goal #3)
- D. Mr. Jim Turner provided a report on Employee Exit Interview Surveys (TPSD Goal #3)
- E. Ms. Kimberly Britton, Ms. Amy Ferguson, and Ms. Anna Guntharp gave an update on MKAS, 3<sup>RD</sup> grade Gate, RTI, and ECEC (TPSD Goal #1)
- F. Dr. Leigh Mobley, and Ms. Anita Buchanan gave an update on ABC Mouse (TPSD Goal #1)
- G. Dr. Eddie Peasant and Mr. Jason Harris gave a report on a Japanese Course for THS Students.
- H. Ms. Lindsey Alade gave an update on the Farm to School Program. (TPSD Goal #1)
- I. Mrs. Rachel Murphree gave an update on Ad Valorem Collections for FY 15. (TPSD Goal #4)

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for consideration for approval.

### A. Office of Finance Director Mrs. Rachel Murphree (TPSD Goal #4)

1. Contractual Agreements
  - Acknowledge and Award Contracts #CO1528 through #CO1537 and bus contract BC#2014-2015-001
  - Ratification of Contract #CO1526 through #CO1527
2. Accepted Donation #2014-2015-011
3. Permission to Submit TPSD Grant #1502 and #1503
  - MDE: MCOPS \$40,000.00
  - MS Arts Commission \$1,000.00
4. Single Source/Emergency Purchase
  - #SS1501 Engrade \$62,119.70
  - #SS1502 Prepworks \$12,000.00

5. Addition of 15 Items and Deletion of 77 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 #48-2-2013-2014
3. Overnight Field Trip Request
  - THS Synergy group to Orlando, FL

**C. Office of Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Kimberly Britton**

1. General Assurances Title I D 2014
2. Title III English Language Acquisition Program Assurances

**D. Office of Executive Director of Operations Mr. Andy Cantrell**

1. JBHM and Brauddus and Associates Agreements to further explore FEMA Shelter opportunities
2. JBHM Agreement to further explore Facility Needs Assessment
3. Change Directive No. 1 for Joyner Damage Repairs
4. Change Directive No. 2 for Joyner Storm Damages

**E. Office of Superintendent Dr. Gearl Loden**

1. Approval of Appropriate Travel Expenses for Board Members to attend the National School Board Association (NSBA) Conference March 21-23, 2015, in Nashville, TN

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Office of Director of Finance Mrs. Rachel Murphree (TPSD Goal #4)**

**1. Docket of Claims**

Board President Rob Hudson reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and advised that at the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board he will recommend approval of the following:

- Docket of Claims for the period October 1, 2014 through November 7, 2014, Docket of Claims #22778 through #23957, Accounts Payable Checks #14240 through #14991 in the amount of \$5,357,286.77
- The Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period October 2014, Checks #1546 through #1573 in the amount of \$9,898.80
- Athletic Activity check Register for the period October 2014, Checks #2143 through #2181 in the amount of \$3,957.92

The grand total for all funds is \$5,371,143.49.

**2. Required Monthly Financial Reports – Month Ending September 30, 2014**

In accordance with MS Code 37-9-18 the following Financial Reports for month ending September 30, 2014, were reviewed:

- Bank Reconciliation Report
- Revenue and Expenditure Report with Budget Status
- TPSD Cash Flow Statement
- Combined Balance Sheet
- September 30, 2014 Financial Statements

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

**Licensed Personnel Recommendations**

Mr. Jim Turner presented a job description for District Academic Interventionist and the Licensed Personnel Recommendations with addendum for consideration of approval.

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

**1. First Reading of New TPSD Policies**

Dr. Ezell presented the following new policy for a first reading:

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**JGEB Concussion Management and Return to Play**

**2. Revisions to TPSD Policies AF and EBHA**

Dr. Ezell presented the following policies for revisions:

**AF School Day**  
**EBHA Use of School Property**

**D. Office of Superintendent Dr. Gearl Loden (TPSD Goals #3)**

**1. Information Items:**

- Safety Audit Timeline Update- Mr. Andy Cantrell
- TPSD Assigned Accredited Status-Dr. Gearl Loden
- Retiree Reception November 19, 2014 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.-Dr. Gearl Loden
- December Holiday Calendar – December 19, 2014-January 2, 2015
  - Last Day for Students- December 18, 2014
  - Teachers Return January 5, 2015
  - Students Report January 6, 2015
- Scholarship Opportunities with University of MS for Employees – Dr. Gearl Loden
- 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks Discipline Review—Dr. Diana Ezell

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Superintendent Gearl Loden and Ms. Patrice Tate will present the 2015 School Board Meeting Dates for consideration of approval.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Finance Director Ms. Rachel Murphree recommended the consideration of adopting a Resolution for Treasury Management Services.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **A. Future Agenda Topics – Superintendent Gearl Loden**

#### **Tentative Agenda for December 9, 2014 Regular Meeting**

- **ECEC Update**
- **Secondary Transition Update**
- **Athletic Update-Mr. Andy Schoggin**

### **B. Future Agenda Topics – Board Members**

No Future Agenda Topics

### **C. Executive Session**

Board President Rob Hudson suggested to the School Board a temporary Executive Session to determine the need for a permanent Executive Session for the purpose of discussing several matters.

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to enter temporary Executive Session for the purpose of determining a need for permanent Executive Session. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the temporary Executive Session was called to order by Mr. Hudson with the following people present: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Rob Hudson, Dr. Gearl Loden, Mr. Kenneth Wheeler, Mr. Otis Tims, Ms. Patrice Tate, Mrs. Modesty Shumpert, and Mrs. Kimberly Britton.

The Executive Session was called to order and the Board first considered the reason for entering Executive Session. Upon a motion by Mr. Prather, with a second by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation, personnel, and student matters. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. Mr. Hudson left the room.

Mr. Hudson reentered the Executive Session, to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into Executive Session was to discuss potential litigation, personnel and student matters.

First, Mr. Otis Tims opened the discussion of the potential litigation matter and a personnel matter.

Next, Mrs. Kimberly Britton opened the discussion on the student matter. Dr. Gearl Loden stepped out, and the discussion continued. Dr. Loden reentered the meeting. The discussion was concluded, and Mrs. Kimberly Britton exited the meeting.

Mr. Andy Cantrell entered the meeting, and a second personnel matter was discussed with the Board of Trustees. Mr. Andy Cantrell exited the meeting.

Lastly, Dr. Eddie Peasant, Mr. Jason Harris, and Mrs. Kimberly Britton entered, and another student matter was discussed.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Prather moved to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion, and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed and the Board in Open Session.

Mr. Hudson reopened the meeting to tell all in attendance that the Board was back in Open Session. Everyone waiting re-entered the meeting, and Mr. Hudson stated that the Board was back in Open Session and no action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Babb, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to support the administration's decision to assign the student to the Structured Day Program in Case #33-2014-2015.

## **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 4:03 p.m.

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

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Robert L. Hudson, II, President

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Joseph Babb, Secretary