

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES
January 29, 2008**

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, January 29, 2008, at Martin Luther King, Jr., Early Education Childhood Center, 1402 North Green Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Shawn Brevard 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. Shawn Brevard
Mr. Mike Clayborne
Mr. Steve Ludt
Mr. John Nail
Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy
Mr. David Meadows
Mr. George Noflin, Jr.
Mrs. Diana Ezell
Mr. Jim Turner
Mrs. Dale Warriner
Mrs. Kay Bishop
Mr. Bob Monroe
Ms. Patrice Tate

Mrs. Brevard announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Members of the press and several guests were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Ludt, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to delete the following item:

- Delete second name listed under "For Your Information" regarding Family/Medical Leave

Mrs. Brevard announced that the motion passed. 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. Ludt, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2008 regular meeting as submitted. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Welcome

Lead Teacher Anita Buchanan and Mrs. Dale Warriner welcomed the Board of Trustees and administrative staff to the Early Education Childhood Center

B. Public Comments

No requests for Public Comments were received at this meeting of the Board.

C. Recognitions

The following recognitions were held:

- A. National Board Certified Educators
 - Laurie Alford – Rankin
 - Dana Boozer – TMS
 - Anita Buchanan –ECEC
 - Kim Chambers – Carver
 - Lindy Graham – TMS
 - Melissa Harris – Lawndale
 - Amy McCain – Church St.
 - Yolanda Randle – TMS
- B. 2007 Mississippi Hall of Master Teachers
 - Diane Hink – Lawndale
- C. Mississippi Secondary Division Outstanding Art Educator of the Year
 - Barbara Eaton – Lawndale
- D. Mississippi Master Teacher in Economics
 - Angie Davis – THS
- E. National Federation of High Schools Outstanding Music Educator
 - Vance and Dale Wiggington
- F. Mississippi Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Outstanding Advocate for Healthy Kids Program at Milam Elementary
 - Duane Jones

G. PREPS Value Added Awards

- Brenda Johnson Joyner
- Christy Carroll Lawhon
- Travis Beard Milam
- Joan Dozier Parkway
- Debbie Davis Pierce
- Glenda Scott Rankin
- Brenda Robinson Thomas

H. 2008 TPSD Teachers of the Year

- Emily Rea Carver
- Amy McCain Church Street
- Cindy Davis ECEC
- Rosalind McGaha Fillmore
- Sherry Willis Joyner
- Joanie Word Lawhon
- Andrea Harrell Lawndale
- Kathryn Marcy Milam
- April West Parkway
- Lee Ann Grace Pierce Street
- Sarah Lambert Rankin
- Lynda Bullard Thomas
- Lindsay Brett TMS
- Debby Gibbs THS

- I. Tupelo High School Teacher Debby Gibbs was named the 2008 TPSD Teacher of the Year.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. AEE Support for Senior Projects at Tupelo High School

At the noon meeting Mrs. Beth Stone represented AEE and presented an overview of AEE's 2007-2008 planner support for Senior Projects at Tupelo High School. The Association of Excellence in Education plans to support the 2007-2008 Senior Projects through both financial means as well as member volunteers. At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

B. TPSD Fourth Quarter Strategic Plan Update

At the noon meeting Dr. Randy McCoy provided an overview of the TPSD Strategic Plan Fourth Quarter 2007 Update Report which encompasses October, November and December, 2007 and focuses on Goals 1 through 4 of the TPSD Strategic Plan. At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

A copy of the TPSD Fourth Quarter Strategic Plan Update Report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. TPSD Survey Update Report

At the noon meeting Dr. McCoy presented for consideration and review four questions that administrators would like to use to survey the district's patrons and community to assist in evaluating and improving our school district. The survey questions and process involved in conducting the survey were discussed. At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

A copy of the abovementioned schedule is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. 2007-2008 TPSD First Semester Non-Resident/Resident Transfer Report

At the noon meeting Dr. McCoy presented for review a report regarding students who do not live in our district (non-resident) as well as students who live in our district, but requested to attend another district (resident) during first semester of the 2007-2008 school year. The report includes grade, district, and reason for the transfer. At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

A copy of the 2007-2008 TPSD First Semester Non-Resident/Resident Transfer Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. Behavior/Academic Interventionists Report

At the noon meeting Assistant Superintendent Diana Ezell presented a report on the progress of the Behavior/Academic Interventionists Program. At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

A copy of the Behavior/Academic Interventionists Program Report is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. Student to Counselor Ratio Report

At the noon meeting Superintendent Randy McCoy presented information as requested at the last board meeting regarding student-to-counselor ratio. Tupelo Public Schools has 23.5 counselors for a 306-to-1 ratio. Dr. McCoy reported that the high school level, the national average is 882-to-1. At the high school level, the national average is 229 students per counselor. At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

A copy of the Student-to-Counselor Ratio Report is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contractual Agreements
Charter Bus Service Contracts: #BC08-10
Rental of School Facilities: #SFR821 and SFR822
2. Donations
Donations: #2007-2008-831 and #2007-2008-832
3. Permission to Apply for TPSD Grants #277-811 through #277-814
4. Grant Acceptance of TPSD Grants #277-811 through #277-814

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker 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 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Student Transfer Report

In accordance with Dr. McCoy's recommendations, Mr. Tucker moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

- a. Approval of one (1) resident student transfers (in-district)
- b. Approval of two (2) non-resident student transfers (tuition)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Ludt and was approved unanimously by all members present.

A detailed copy of the Student Transfer Report is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Clayborne moved to approve the Personnel Report which included the following items:

- a. Licensed Personnel
- b. Classified Personnel
- c. Substitutes

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A detailed copy of the Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Docket of Claims/Tupelo High School Activity Check Register and Athletic Activity Check Register

Mrs. Brevard reviewed the Docket of Claims and Check Registers prior to the meeting and recommended approval as listed below:

- Docket of Claims for the period January 1 through January 18, 2008, Docket of Claim #59971 through #60386 for Accounts Payable Checks #44521 through #44795 in the amount of \$498,464.74.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period December 1 through December 31, 1997, Checks #2688 through #2732 in the amount of \$10,926.36.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period December 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, Checks #3340 through #3366 in the amount of \$2,730.26.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

This affirms that the claims 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 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. December 31, 2007 Financial Statements

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month-ending December 31, 2007, for consideration of approval. Mrs. Pannell stated that a listing by fund is available for the Board's information.

On a motion by Mr. Ludt, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the December 31, 2007 Financial Statements as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the December 31, 2007 Financial Statements is marked EXHIBIT 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. Second Quarter Student Discipline Report

Assistant Superintendent George Noflin presented the Second Quarter Student Discipline Report for the Board's review. The report includes survey information which analyzes discipline issues per school and also includes Alternative School Placement information for the second nine weeks.

Mr. Clayborne moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to Alternative School Placement for the first nine weeks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Second Quarter Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 12 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

G. Student Discipline Report

Dr. McCoy recommended ratification of expulsion of Student #27 for one calendar year due to reasons outlined in great length in the supporting documentation.

Mr. Ludt moved to ratify the above recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Detailed information regarding the abovementioned Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 13 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

H. Policy Changes – Proposed Amendment to TPSD Policy IKC and Policy Exhibits IKA-E and IKE-E

Following discussion regarding proposed amendment to TPSD Policy IKC and Policy Exhibits IKA-E and IKE-E the matter was tabled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Lawndale Amphitheater

At the noon meeting Mrs. Julie Hinds presented for review and consideration a request from the Lawndale PTO to construct a roof structure over the existing stage at the

amphitheater. At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

Mr. Tucker moved to approve a request from the Lawndale PTO to construct a roof structure over the existing stage at the amphitheater. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Additional information the Lawndale Amphitheater is marked EXHIBIT 14 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Mississippi School Boards Association 36th Annual Conference

Superintendent Randy McCoy reported that on February 25-27, 2008, the MSBA will hold their annual conference. A school board meeting is scheduled on February 26, therefore, if any board members would like to attend the conference we would need to look at changing our February 26th meeting.

As several board members expressed an interest in attending the conference, Mr. Nail moved to amend TPSD Policy Exhibit BEA-E and move the February 26, 2008 school board meeting to March 4, 2008 with a noon and 5:00 pm meeting held at Rankin Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

C. School Board Meeting Attendance Annual Report

Superintendent Randy McCoy advised that before February 1 of each year, the president of each local school board is required to submit a report to the State Board of Education containing the names of any members of the school board who missed twenty percent (20%) or more of the school board meetings during the preceding calendar year. The 2007 School Board Meeting Attendance Annual Report was presented for consideration for approval.

Mr. Clayborne moved to approve the 2007 School Board Meeting Attendance Annual Report and directed that the report be submitted to the State Board of Education as required. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the 2007 School Board Meeting Attendance Annual Report is marked Exhibit 15 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

An Executive Session was held during the noon meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Ludt, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 5:40 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Shawn Brevard, President

Mike Clayborne, Secretary