

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2015**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a special called meeting of the Board held in open session at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at the Central Administrative Office, 72 South Green Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board 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 announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Gearl Loden, Dr. Eddie Peasant, Mrs. Kimberly Britton, Mrs. Modesty Shumpert, Ms. Patrice Tate, and Attorney Otis Tims.

Board President Kenneth Wheeler announced: “Pursuant to the Mississippi Open Meetings Law, Sections 25-41-1 through 25-41-17 of the Mississippi Code, this meeting was called for the purpose of conducting a special called meeting to discuss specific student discipline matters and consideration of an Executive Session.”

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

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Wheeler suggested that the Board consider entering temporary executive session to consider whether to go into executive session to discuss specific student discipline matters. Mr. Hudson made a motion that the Board enter temporary executive session to discuss specific student discipline matters. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis and adopted unanimously.

Mr. Wheeler declared the temporary executive session to order for the purpose of determining whether to enter executive session. Thereupon, Mr. Hudson made a motion that the Board enter executive session to discuss specific student discipline matters. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis and adopted unanimously. Mr. Wheeler then left the room and announced to those waiting that the Board had voted to enter executive session to discuss specific student discipline matters.

Mr. Wheeler returned to the room and declared the executive session to order. Upon Mr. Wheeler's return, Mrs. Kimberly Britton gave summary information on the first Student Discipline Case #28-2015-2016.

At this point, student #28-2015-2016 entered the room along with her parents. Security Director Terry Hatch also entered the room. After addressing the Board, the student and her parents left the room along with Mr. Hatch.

Whereupon the Board discussed Student Discipline Case #28-2015-2016 at length.

Next, Dr. Eddie Peasant presented summary information on the second Student Discipline Case #34-2015-2016.

At this point, student #34-2015-2016 entered the room along with his parents. Security Director Terry Hatch also entered the room. After addressing the Board, the student and his parents left the room along with Mr. Hatch.

The student matter was studied at length; whereupon Mr. Hudson made a motion to leave executive session and return to open session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis and adopted unanimously. Mr. Wheeler left the room to announce that the Board was returning to open session.

IV. ACTION BY THE BOARD IN OPEN SESSION

Student Discipline Case #28-2014-2015

Upon Mr. Wheeler's return, Mr. Hudson made a motion to uphold the decision of the District Disciplinary Hearing Committee and Assistant Superintendent Kimberly Britton to assign the student (case #28-2014-2015) to the Structured Day Program for 45 school days. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis and adopted unanimously. Detailed information regarding Student Case #28-2015-2016 is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein. These materials are marked "Sealed and Confidential" to comply with legal requirements.

Student Discipline Case #34-2014-2015

Mr. Babb made a motion to uphold the decision of the District Disciplinary Hearing Committee and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Eddie Peasant to assign the student (case #34-2014-2015) to the Structured Day Program for 45 school days contingent upon a positive hair follicle drug test. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis and adopted unanimously. Detailed information regarding Student Case #34-2015-2016 is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein. These materials are marked "Sealed and Confidential" to comply with legal requirements.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Babb made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was adopted unanimously by all members present, and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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ATTEST:

Kenneth Wheeler, President

Eddie Prather, Secretary