

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2008**

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, December 9, 2008, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Shawn Brevard who welcomed staff and 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
 Mrs. Amy Heyer
 Mr. John Nail
 Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy
 Dr. George Noflin
 Mr. David Meadows
 Mrs. Diana Ezell
 Mr. Jim Turner
 Mrs. Julie Hinds
 Mrs. Kay Bishop
 Mrs. Jennifer Strunk
 Ms. Patrice Tate

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

RECOGNITIONS

Upon a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted. 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. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2008 Regular Meetings as presented. Mrs. Brevard declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Public Comments

No requests for public comments were received for this Board Meeting.

B. Recognitions

The Superintendent Search Advisory Committee members will be honored for their service at the 4:00 p.m. meeting of the Board at the Performing Arts Center.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. Curriculum Redesign at THS Career Center

Superintendent Randy McCoy and THS Career Center Principal Evet Topp presented information in regards to the curriculum redesign and implementation of career education at the THS Career Center. Ms. Topp discussed the eight career pathways which were developed and implemented in the 2008-2009 school year. Ms. Topp also outlined the curriculum changes for 2009 and 2010.

A copy of the Curriculum Redesign at THS Career Center is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Safe and Healthy Educational Environment for Staff Update Report

Human Resources Director Jim Turner presented information on the district's safety program for staff members and the plan's results. Mr. Turner reported that during the district's first eight months with the Mississippi Municipal Service Company (coupled with the district's new safety program) the district realized a reduction in costs of \$77,451.35. This reflects a 359% reduction in paid out claims.

A copy of the Safe and Healthy Educational Environment for Staff Update Report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and is held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. TPSD Athletic Handbook

Superintendent Randy McCoy presented for review a revised version of the TPSD Athletic Handbook. The revisions pertained to the "Letter Jacket Policy."

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contractual Agreements #CO9030
Contract for Rental of School Facility #SFR988 and #SFR909
2. Single Source Purchases #SS908 and #SS909
3. Donations #2008-2009-916 and #2008-2009-917
4. Permission to Apply for TPSD Grant #905 and #906
5. Accepted TPSD Grant #907 and #908
6. Adopted Resolution to sell seven hundred and sixty-eight (768) items (including but not limited to computers, keyboards, speakers, printers, chairs, typewriter, televisions, overhead projections, scanners, video records, cameras, radios, and other items) that have been determined to be obsolete or beyond repair, and of no value to the educational environment of the Tupelo Public School District.
7. Granted Permission to Transfer Funds from Sale
(Marlo Hendrix, TMS Cheerleader Adviser, requested that the Board acknowledge and agree to move \$600 from the general budget to Tupelo Middle School activity account in order for the cheerleader adviser to have access to the \$600 earned by selling the cheerleader mats to Nettleton School District in August of 2008. The Board approved the sale of these mats by Resolution at the August 12, 2008 Board Meeting. This requested was approved and submitted by Finance Director Linda Pannell.)

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 4 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. Nail moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

- a. Approval of seven (7) resident student transfers (in-district)
- b. Approval of one (1) nonresident student (tuition)

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer and was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Student Transfer Report is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Heyer moved to approve the Personnel Report which included the following items:

- a. Licensed Personnel
- b. Classified Personnel
- c. Substitutes
- d. One Year License for Visually Impaired Teacher at Lawhon Elementary School

The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 6 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. Heyer reviewed the Docket of Claims and Check Registers prior to the meeting and recommended approval as listed below:

- Docket of Claims for the period November through November 30, 2008, Docket of Claims #68961 through #69928 for Accounts Payable Checks #50489 through #51112 in the amount of \$2,455,117.32.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for November 2008, Checks #2912 through #2929 in the amount of \$6,312.36.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for November 2008, Checks #3771 through #3814 in the amount of \$5,887.70.

The grand total for all funds is \$2,467,317.38.

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

This affirms that the claims and 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 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. October 31, 2008 Financial Statements

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month-ending October 31, 2008, for consideration of approval. Mrs. Pannell stated that a listing by fund is available for the Board's information.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the October 31, 2008 Financial Statements as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the October 31, 2008 Financial Statements is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. Amendment to TPSD Policies JFB School Choice/Open Enrollment, DID Inventories and DID-R Inventories Responsibility; and Deletion of TPSD Policy JFB-R School Choice/Open Enrollment

Superintendent Randy McCoy recommended that TPSD Policy JFB (School Choice/Open Enrollment) dated September 10, 1996, be amended to clarify and strengthen current student transfer practices. Dr. McCoy also proposed that TPSD Policy JFB-R (School Choice/Open Enrollment) be deleted.

Dr. McCoy further recommended that amendments to TPSD Policy DID (Inventories) and DID-R (Inventories Responsibilities) be adopted to reflect changes in the State Auditor's requirements regarding fixed asset inventories.

Mr. Nail moved to approve amendments to TPSD Policy #JFB, #DID and DID-R and the deletion of TPSD Policy JFB-R as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

This action rescinds the following TPSD Policies:

JFB	School Choice/Open Enrollment dated 9/10/96
DID	Inventories dated 6/23/98
DID-R	Inventories Responsibility dated 8/28/01

This action deletes TPSD Board Policy #JFB-R School Choice/Open Enrollment dated 4/16/02.

Copies of the aforementioned amended TPSD Policies are marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

G. Student Discipline Report (Student #1291 and Student #1292)

Dr. McCoy recommended ratification of the readmission of Student #1291 to the Tupelo Public School District contingent upon the conditions outlined in correspondence from Dr. George Noflin dated November 17, 2008, and the expulsion of Student #1292 from the TPSD for one calendar year. Mr. Clayborne 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.

Additional information regarding the abovementioned Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Consider Matter of Recommending a New Superintendent

Board President Shawn Brevard advised that the matter of recommending a new Superintendent to replace retiring Superintendent Randy McCoy will be taken up at the 4:00 p.m. meeting of the Board to be held at the THS Performing Arts Center.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

No Miscellaneous Business agenda items were presented at this meeting of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to recess the meeting and reconvene at 4:00 p.m. at the Tupelo High School Performing Arts Center. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 1:35 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Shawn Brevard, President

Lee Tucker, Secretary