

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a regular meeting of the Board held in open session at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at the BancorpSouth Center, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Clayborne 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: Mr. Mike Clayborne
 Mrs. Amy Heyer
 Mr. John Nail
 Mr. Eddie Prather
 Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present: Dr. Randy Shaver
 Mrs. Diana Ezell
 Dr. Fred Hill
 Dr. George Noflin
 Mr. David Meadows
 Mrs. Linda Pannell
 Mrs. Dale Warriner
 Dr. Derwood Tutor
 Mrs. Julie Hinds
 Mrs. Kay Bishop
 Mrs. Jennifer Strunk
 Ms. Patrice Tate
 Mr. Bobby Sheffield

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Board President Mike Clayborne welcomed the following Apple representatives to the meeting (Mr. Mark Williams, Account Executive; Dr. James Kelly, Development Executive; and Mr. Greg Galanis, Regional Manager). Members of the press were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to add to the agenda a discussion of an initiative to provide Apple laptops for its teachers and all sixth-to 12th grade students. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

REVIEW OF AGENDA TOPICS

Board Members and Tupelo Public School District staff members reviewed agenda topics and heard reports in a work session type format for the October 27, 2009, meeting of the Board of Trustees as follows:

- A. Community Drug Awareness Results
- B. Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Timeline
- C. Consent Agenda
- D. Student Transfer Report
- E. Personnel Report
- F. Docket of Claims
- G. Financial Statements for Month Ending 9-30-09
- H. Policy Changes (IE, CFA, JK-E3, JK-E4, and JICDA)
- I. School Picture Proposals
- J. Contract for Design of THS Maintenance Shop

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Mike Clayborne suggested to the School Board a temporary executive session to determine the need for a permanent executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel and legal matter.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, 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 by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the temporary executive session was called to order by President Mike Clayborne with the following people present: Mr. Mike Clayborne, Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. John Nail, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mr. Lee Tucker, Dr. Randy Shaver, Mrs. Diana Ezell, Dr. George Noflin, Dr. Fred Hill, Mrs. Linda Pannell, Ms. Patrice Tate and Mr. Mark Williams.

The Executive Session was called to order and the Board first considered the reason for entering executive session. Upon a motion by Mr. Nail with a second by Mrs. Heyer the Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel and legal matter.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mr. Clayborne reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into Executive Session was to discuss a personnel and legal matter.

Following the discussion of the legal matter, everyone left except the five board member, Dr. Shaver and Ms. Tate. Discussion continued regarding a personnel matter. No action was taken.

Upon a motion by Mr. Nail with a second by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

RECESS

It was moved by Mr. Nail and duly seconded by Mr. Tucker that the Board recess the meeting until approximately 1:30 p.m. on the stage of the BancorpSouth Arena. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened at approximately 1:30 p.m. on the stage of the BancorpSouth Arena. Board President Mike Clayborne announced that all board members were present. Also present in the arena were all TPSD students and teachers from grades three to 12.

Superintendent Randy Shaver recommended approval of Phase One of a partnership between the district and Apple Computer to provide MacBook computers (laptops) to all TPSD teachers and sixth-to-12th-grade students. Dr. Shaver stated that the laptops will be loaned to administrators, teachers and students, who will be allowed to take the computers home just as they do currently with textbooks. Dr. Shaver proposed that all seniors at Tupelo High School will receive their computers before the end of the first semester. In Phase Two, all sixth- to-12th grade students will receive a laptop at the beginning of the 2010-11 school year. Phases Three and Four will include purchasing computer carts with laptops for use in kindergarten to fifth-grade classrooms and buying other technology like Promethium Boards or SMART Boards that would allow for student interaction in classrooms. The total cost to the district will be approximately \$5.2 million over four years. The cost also includes staff development to assist teachers. Dr. Shaver reported that this project will be largely paid for by money the district normally spends on textbooks and photocopies and the money for the first phase will come from a \$1.5 million bond that the district has already borrowed.

Board President Mike Clayborne voiced his approval of the Apple initiative and called for a motion. Board Member John Nail moved to approve the Master Lease Purchase Agreement between the Tupelo Public School District and Apple, Inc. The motion was seconded by Board Vice-President Lee Tucker and a roll call vote followed:

All yeas (Clayborne, Heyer, Nail, Prather and Tucker)
Motion carried.

A copy of the Master Lease Purchase Agreement between the Tupelo Public School District and Apple, Inc. is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

Mr. Clayborne announced that the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Mike Clayborne, President

Arlissa Heyer, Secretary