

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES
March 31, 2009**

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, March 31, 2009, at Tupelo Middle School, 1009 Varsity Drive, 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 McCoy
Mrs. Diana Ezell
Dr. George Noflin
Mrs. Kay Bishop
Mrs. Jennifer Strunk
Ms. Patrice Tate

Mr. Clayborne announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Several members of the press were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Nail the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Mr. Clayborne 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. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2009, regular meeting as presented. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Welcome

Principal Linda Clifton welcomed the Board of Trustees and administrative staff to Tupelo Middle School.

Mr. Clayborne announced that incumbent superintendent Dr. Randy Shaver was present at the board meeting and welcomed him. Mr. Clayborne reported that Dr. Shaver and his wife Carolyn moved to Tupelo over the past weekend and welcomed them to Tupelo.

B. Public Comments

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

C. Recognitions

The following recognitions were held:

1. Mrs. Dale Wigginton – George Henry Schultz Award for Outstanding Band Director for Northeast Mississippi
2. Mrs. Lynne Rogers – has earned distinction of Certified School Food Administrator
3. Mrs. Ruth Baker has been selected for the J. K. Betterworth Award for Outstanding History Teacher
4. THS Student Bess Ruff – earned Lindy Callahan Scholar Athlete award
5. Tupelo High School Math and Science Team – competed in MS Math and Science Tournament at MS College (numerous individual awards)
6. Tupelo High School Structure – Most Outstanding Combo at the Music City Shoppe Show Choir Invitational
7. Tupelo High School Wave Connection – Grand Champions at the Petal Show Choir Invitational
8. Tupelo Middle School Boys and Girls Basketball Team – won the 2009 Golden Triangle Athletic Conference Tournament
9. 2009 TPSD Parent of the Year from Each School was honored
10. Tupelo High School 2009 Parent of the Year Mary Ann Plasencia was named 2009 TPSD Parent of the Year

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. Milam 6th Grade Transition Report

At the noon meeting Milam Principal Travis Beard presented a brief report on the transition of Milam from a 4th through 6th grade school to a 6th grade school. Mr. Beard reported on his visits to other school districts that have single 6th grade schools and the innovative ideas planned for the 2009-2010 school year.

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 Milam 6th Grade Transition Report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. 2009 Mississippi Legislative Session Report

At the noon meeting Superintendent Randy McCoy reviewed correspondence received from State Superintendent Hank Bounds concerning the 2009 Mississippi Legislative session and how this impacts the district's FY10 Budget. Dr. McCoy also provided information on State Statue 37-9-105 regarding notification of non-reemployment of licensed staff.

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 2009 Mississippi Legislative Session Report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. FY10 Budget Report

At the noon meeting Superintendent Randy McCoy presented for information and discussion preliminary proposed expenditures for the FY10 Budget.

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 FY10 Budget Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Strategic Plan Budget Report

At the noon meeting Superintendent Randy McCoy presented a report prepared by Finance Director Linda Pannell which demonstrated how the district's 2008-2009 Budget expenditures support the district's Strategic Plan Goals.

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 Strategic Plan Budget Report is marked EXHIBIT 5 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. Contracts for Charter Bus Service #BC08-22 and #BC08-23
Rental of School Facilities #SFR926 and #SFR927

2. Donations #2008-2009-932 and #2008-2009-937
3. Granted Permission to Apply for TPSD Grant #916

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 6 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 seventeen (17) resident student transfers (in-district) for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year
- b. Approval of three (3) nonresident student transfers (tuition)
- c. Denial of one (1) nonresident student transfer (tuition)
- d. Approval of release of one (1) resident student

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer and was approved unanimously by all members present.

A detailed copy of the Student Transfer Report is marked EXHIBIT 7 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

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

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

E. Docket of Claims

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

- Docket of Claims for the period March 1 through March 20, 2009, Docket of Claims #72266 through #72874, Accounts Payable Checks #52682 through #53069 in the amount of \$646,249.67

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

This affirms that the claims 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 is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. February 28, 2009 Financial Statements

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month-ending February 28, 2009, 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 Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 28, 2009 Financial Statements as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the February 28, 2009 Financial Statements is marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. Policy Changes (Amendment to TPSD Policy Exhibit EFD-E Food Prices)

Superintendent Randy McCoy reported that the Mississippi Department of Education has instructed TPSD Food Service Director Lynne Rogers to increase lunch prices for staff and visitors. Dr. McCoy stated that student breakfast or lunch meal prices will not be affected. Dr. McCoy recommended that TPSD Policy Exhibit EFD-E Food Prices be amended to reflect an increase of 25 cents to breakfast meals for staff and visitors and an increase of 25 cents to lunch meal prices for staff and visitors.

Mr. Prather moved to amend TPSD Policy Exhibit EFD-E Food Prices as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of TPSD Policy Exhibit EFD-E Food Prices is marked EXHIBIT 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

G. Student Discipline Report (Student #75, Student #76 and Student #331)

Dr. McCoy recommended ratification of the following student discipline issues as listed below:

1. Expulsion of Student #75 from the TPSD for one calendar year.
2. Expulsion of Student #76 from the TPSD for one calendar year.
3. Expulsion of Student #331 from the TPSD for one calendar year.

Mrs. Heyer moved to ratify the above recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Additional information regarding the abovementioned Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 12 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

A. Computer Replacement Report

At the noon meeting Technology Director Brenda Meriweather and Superintendent Randy McCoy led a discussion regarding a proposed plan for replacement of end of life classroom computers.

Following a lengthy discussion, on a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to table the discussion until further information could be provided at a later board meeting. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy announced that the Computer Replacement report was tabled pending further information.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Executive Session

An Executive Session was held during the noon meeting to discuss student, litigation and personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Prather, 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 5:55 p.m.

March 31, 2009
5:00 P.M.

Tupelo Public School District
Board of Trustees – Meeting Minutes

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Mike Clayborne, President

Arlissa Heyer, Secretary