

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2016**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a special called meeting of the Board held in open session at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, August 29, 2016, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Joe Babb called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board members present during roll call were: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Gearl Loden, Mrs. Kimberly Britton, Mrs. Modesty Shumpert, Ms. Patrice Tate, and Attorneys Otis Tims and John Hill.

Board President Joe Babb 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 consider the following:

- Legal Update
- Student Discipline

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Babb entertained a motion to enter temporary Executive Session to determine the need for an Executive Session. Mr. Hudson made a motion that the Board enter into temporary Executive Session. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Mr. Babb declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the temporary Executive Session was called to order by Mr. Babb with the following people present: Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mr. Kenneth Wheeler, Mr. Otis Tims, Mr. John Hill, Dr. Gearl Loden, Mrs. Kimberly Britton, Ms. Patrice Tate, and Mrs. Modesty Shumpert. The Board first considered the reason for entering Executive Session. Upon a motion by Mr. Hudson, with a second by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a legal update as it pertained to a student discipline matter. Mr. Babb declared the motion passed and went out into the hallway to let everyone know that the Board would remain in Executive Session.

Mr. Babb called the Executive Session to order and there followed a discussion of a legal update as it pertained to a student discipline matter. The Board took no action, and at the end of the discussion, Mr. Hudson made a motion to return to Open Session. Mr. Wheeler

seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the Board in Open Session.

Mr. Babb reopened the meeting to tell all in attendance that the Board was back in Open Session. No one was waiting to re-enter.

OPEN SESSION

Upon returning to Open Session, Mrs. Davis made the following motion:

Because of the nature of the disruptive behavior involved in Discipline Cases #134-2015-2016 and #135-2015-2016, the students in those cases will be assigned to the Fillmore Center until the end of the first nine weeks of the 2016-2017 school year, with any unexcused absences during this period after today to be made up at the Fillmore Center. After completing the first nine weeks plus any make-up days for unexcused absences, and assuming there are no new discipline issues, Student #134-2015-2016 and Student #135-2015-2016 will be reassigned to Tupelo Middle School.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Babb entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hudson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prather, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was adopted unanimously by all members present, and the called meeting stood adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Joe Babb, President

Sherry Davis, Secretary