

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2011**

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, August 9, 2011, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Eddie Prather 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. Rob Hudson
 Mr. Eddie Prather
 Mrs. Beth Stone
 Mr. Lee Tucker

Members Absent: Mrs. Amy Heyer

Staff Present:	Mr. David Meadows	Ms. Patrice Tate
	Mrs. Diana Ezell	Mr. Jim Turner
	Dr. Fred Hill	Mrs. Dale Warriner
	Mrs. Kay Bishop	Ms. Lea Johnson
	Mrs. Julie Connolly	Ms. Pam Traylor
	Mrs. Julie Hinds	Mrs. Lynne Rogers
	Mrs. Marissa Martin	Dr. Derwood Tutor
	Mrs. Rachel Murphree	Mrs. Mary Ann Plasencia
	Mrs. Linda Pannell	Ms. Glenda Scott

Mr. Prather announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. School Board Attorney Otis Tims was also present. Several members of the press were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Interim Superintendent David Meadows recommended the agenda be amended as follows:

1. Added an appeal of a Student Transfer Request (Student A) to be conducted in Executive Session.
2. Tabled Number 1. TPSD Policy ID School Day, under Section VII. Superintendent's Report, Item E. Policy Changes.
3. Amended the order of the meeting to move the Executive Session after Section VII. Superintendent's Report, Item A. Consent Agenda.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to amend the agenda as recommended.

A copy of 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. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve minutes of the July 19, 2011, Regular Meeting and July 19, 2011, FY12 Budget Hearing as submitted. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Public Comments

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

B. Recognitions

No recognition ceremony was held at this meeting of the Board.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

Food Service Biometric Cashier System

Mrs. Julie Hinds and Mrs. Lynne Rogers presented information regarding the use of a finger imaging biometric cashier system for the serving lines in the school cafeterias to enhance the speed and accuracy of the payment process.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contractual Agreements #CO1217 through #CO1221
2. Donation #2011-2012-001

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone and was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the Consent Agenda is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Executive Session

Board Vice President Eddie Prather suggested there is a need for the Board to close the meeting to decide whether or not to enter Executive Session.

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session for the purpose of considering the need for an 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 Executive Session was called to order by Mr. Prather with the following people present: Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mrs. Beth Stone, Mr. Lee Tucker, Mr. David Meadows, Mr. Otis Tims, Mrs. Diana Ezell, Mrs. Pamela Traylor, Mrs. Julie Connolly, and Ms. Patrice Tate.

The Board first considered the reason for entering Executive Session. Upon a motion by Mrs. Stone with a second by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a student matter. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mr. Prather reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into Executive Session was to discuss a student matter.

At this point, the grandmother of Student A entered the Executive Session and addressed the Board. After expressing her concerns and answering questions by the Board, the grandmother of Student A left the meeting.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Stone with a second by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Prather declared the motion passed.

C. Student Transfer Report

Mr. Tucker moved to affirm the Student Transfer Report as presented with the exception of Student A. No action was taken on Student A.

- Approval of ten (10) resident student transfer requests (in-district)
- Approval of three (3) non-resident student transfer requests (in-district)
- Denial of one (1) resident student transfer (in-district)
- Approval of admission of 21 non-resident students (tuition)
- Approval to release seven (7) resident students

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone and was approved unanimously by all members present. The Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Student Transfer Report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Personnel Recommendations

Licensed Staff Recommendations

Interim Superintendent David Meadows presented for approval the Licensed Staff recommendations (which included an Addendum approved for inclusion earlier in the meeting).

Mr. Hudson moved to approve the Licensed Staff recommendations as presented. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all members present. The Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mr. Turner also presented for information and review the 2011-2012 Staffing Statistics Report.

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

E. Docket of Claims

Mr. Tucker reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and recommended approval as outlined below:

- Docket of Claims for the period July 1 through July 31, 2011, Docket of Claims #95007 through #95192 for Accounts Payable Checks #66721 through #66885 in the amount of \$1,558,054.02.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone and approved unanimously. The Vice 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 Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 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

Approval of 2011-2012 School District Budget and Ad Valorem Tax Request

Finance Director Linda Pannell recommended adoption of the Tax Levy Resolution requesting a tax levy for the support of the Tupelo Public School District for the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. Pannell explained that adoption of the Resolution formally approves the FY112Budget.

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Tax Levy Resolution for the support of the Tupelo Public School District for the 2011-2012 school year. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the Tax Levy Resolution for school year 2011-2012 is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

Mr. Prather reminded Mr. Meadows that he would like to receive a report of longitudinal data for third grade students who attended the MLK Early Childhood Education Center versus students who did not attend the MLK Early Childhood Education Center.

B. Review and Discussion of Board Goals for 2011-2012

Mr. Meadows will provide proposed performance targets at August 23rd Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to adjourn the meeting. The Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 2:10 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Arlissa C. Heyer, President

Elizabeth Stone, Secretary