

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
APRIL 2, 2018**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a special called meeting of the Board held in open session at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2018, at the law firm of Mitchell, McNutt, & Sams, 105 South Front Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Eddie Prather called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The following School Board members were present during roll call:

Mr. Joe Babb
Ms. Sherry Davis
Mr. Rob Hudson
Mr. Eddie Prather

Mr. Kenneth Wheeler was absent. Board Attorney Otis Tims of Mitchell, McNutt and Sams was also present.

Mr. Prather announced a quorum and stated that the Special Called meeting was called pursuant to Mississippi Open Meeting Law (MS Code Sections 25-41-1 through 25-41-17 for the purpose of continued consideration of the superintendent search with potential candidates. A copy of the Notice calling the meeting is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

III. Executive Session

As the topic of the meeting involved sensitive and confidential personnel matters, Mr. Prather suggested to the School Board the need for a temporary executive session to determine the need for a permanent executive session.

On a motion by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mr. Babb, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to enter temporary executive session for the purpose of determining a need for permanent executive session. The room was cleared, leaving the following persons present: Mr. Joe Babb, Ms. Sherry Davis, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, and Mr. Otis Tims.

Mr. Prather called the temporary executive session to order and the Board first considered the reason for entering executive session. Upon a motion by Ms. Davis, with a second by Mr. Babb, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to remain in executive session for the purpose of discussing sensitive and confidential personnel matters in regards to the current superintendent search. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mr. Prather announced to those outside the meeting that the Board had voted unanimously by all members present to go into executive session.

Mr. Prather called the executive session to order. After lengthy discussion, the Board asked Dr. Rob Picou to enter the meeting, and discussion of the superintendent's position continued. Members of the Board invited Dr. Picou to enter into employment contract negotiations with the Board's attorney. Dr. Picou then left the meeting.

Mr. Hudson moved to come out of executive session. Mr. Babb seconded the motion and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed and the Board in open session.

Mr. Prather announced that the Board had met in executive session to discuss sensitive and confidential personnel matters in regards to the current superintendent search. He stated that no action was taken by the Board in executive session.

IV. Adjournment

As the purpose of the called meeting was fulfilled, Mr. Babb made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Hudson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, and the Board stood adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Eddie M. Prather, President

Robert L. Hudson, II, Secretary