

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2009**

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, September 8, 2009, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, 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
Mr. Jim Turner
Mrs. Dale Warriner
Mrs. Julie Hinds
Mrs. Kay Bishop
Mrs. Jennifer Strunk
Mrs. Mary Ruth Wright
Dr. Derwood Tutor
Ms. Patrice Tate

Mr. Clayborne announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Members of the press were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following change:

Delete Item C. Report on Drug Deterrent Meeting under Section VI. Communications to the Board and add consideration of an Executive Session to discuss student matters

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 Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve minutes from the August 11, 2009 regular meeting with a noted correction on page 3 of the minutes. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, Mr. Clayborne declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Public Comments

No requests for public comments were received for this Board Meeting.

B. Recognitions

No recognitions were held at this meeting of the Board.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. Board Audit Committee Report for 2007-2008 School Year

Board Members John Nail and Lee Tucker reported on their recent meeting with auditors during the 2007-2008 Audit Exit Interview. The meeting was conducted by auditors from J. E. Vance and Company and was also attended by Dr. Randy McCoy and Finance Director Linda Pannell.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to accept and acknowledge the Audit Report for FY08 as presented. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Audit Report for FY08 is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. 2008-2009 Licensed Staff Attrition Report and Licensed Staff New Hires for 2009-2010 School Year

Human Resources Director Jim Turner presented a 2008-2009 Licensed Staff Attrition Report and also updated the Board on Licensed Staff New Hires for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Tucker requested a report listing of minority licensed staff employed at each school.

A copy of the above presentation is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contractual Agreements #CO1026 through #CO1030
2. Single Source Purchases #SS108 through #SS110
3. Donation #2009-2010-100
4. Permission to Apply for TPSD Grant #1004
5. Ratify and Accept TPSD Grant #925
6. Permission to Advertise for Sealed Proposals -- #RFP1000 and #RFP1001

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer 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 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Student Transfer Report

In accordance with Dr. Noflin's recommendations, Mr. Tucker moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

- a. Approval of one (1) resident student transfer (in-district)
- b. Approval of one (1) nonresident student transfer (in-district)
- c. Admission of four (4) nonresident student transfers (tuition)
- d. Denial of one (1) nonresident student (tuition)
- e. Release of one (1) resident student

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Student Transfer Report is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Personnel Recommendations

Upon the recommendation of Human Resources Director Jim Turner and Superintendent Randy Shaver, Mrs. Heyer moved to approve the Personnel Report which included the following items:

- a. Licensed Personnel
 - b. Classified Personnel
 - c. Substitutes
- (deletion of pay master only on page 44 under Tutors for Homeless Shelters)

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

A detailed copy of the Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Docket of Claims

Mrs. Heyer reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and recommended approval of the Docket of Claims for August 15 through August 31, 2009, Docket of Claims #76824 through #77076, Accounts Payable Checks #55632 through #55822 in the amount of \$861,606.89.

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 for August 15 through August 31, 2009, is marked EXHIBIT 7 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. Consideration for Approval of Jobs for Mississippi Graduates Memorandum of Understanding for Tupelo High School for 2009-2010 School Year

Superintendent Randy Shaver presented for consideration for approval the Jobs for Mississippi Graduates Memorandum of Understanding for Tupelo High School for the 2009-2010 school year. Dr. Shaver reported that funds have been rewarded through Three Rivers Planning and Development District to continue the dropout prevention program for seniors during the 2009-2010 school year.

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Jobs for Mississippi Graduates Memorandum of Understanding for THS for the 2009-2010 school year as recommended. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the above mentioned Memorandum of Understanding is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Items

During the discussion following Mr. Turner's report on Licensed Staff Attrition and New Hires for 2009-2010, Mr. Tucker requested a report on minority licensed staff at each school.

B. Executive Session – Student Matters

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 student matters.

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, Dr. Fred Hill, Mr. David Meadows, Mrs. Diana Ezell, Dr. George Noflin, and Ms. Patrice Tate.

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 student matters.

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 student matters.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 1:30 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mike Clayborne, President

ATTEST:

Arlissa Heyer, Secretary