

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES  
January 17, 2012**

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, January 17, 2012, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Staff Present:	Mr. David Meadows	Ms. Patrice Tate
	Dr. Fred Hill	Mrs. Pamela Traylor
	Mrs. Kay Bishop	Mr. Jim Turner
	Mrs. Julie Connolly	Mrs. Dale Warriner
	Mrs. Julie Hinds	Mrs. Mary Ann Plasencia
	Ms. Lea Johnson	Mr. Jason Harris
	Mrs. Marisa Martin	Ms. Talina Knight
	Mrs. Rachel Murphree	Dr. Derwood Tutor
	Mrs. Linda Pannell	

Mrs. Heyer announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. School Board Attorney Otis Tims was also present. Members of the press were also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to confirm the agenda, amended as follows:

ADD:    Item C. Consideration of Reimbursement to Tupelo Public School District Learning Foundation, Inc. to Section IX. New Business

## **REVIEW OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 13, 2011, noon meeting was presented by Board Clerk Patrice Tate for consideration for approval.

## **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

### **A. Superintendent Search Update**

Board Member Eddie Prather reported that a Special Called Meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at the Hancock Leadership Center to meet with Dr. Michael Waldrop, Executive Director of the Mississippi School Boards Association regarding the Superintendent Search for Tupelo Public Schools.

### **B. Discussion of TPSD School Calendar 2012-2013 Drafts**

In Mrs. Ezell's absence, Interim Superintendent David Meadows presented two drafts of the TPSD School Year 2012-2013 Calendar for the Board of Trustees to consider. Mr. Meadows reported that both calendars are in line with calendars of state universities and surrounding school districts. Also discussed were the pros and cons of each draft calendar (copy on file).

### **C. Report on SATP2 Tutoring and Retesting**

Ms. Lea Johnson and Ms. Talina Knight presented information concerning the tutoring used to assist students taking the SATP2 retests during fall, 2011 (copy on file).

### **D. Achievement Gap Information from the first District Common Assessment**

Ms. Johnson provided a report regarding economically disadvantaged students and their results on the first District Common Assessment (copy on file). Assessments were administered the week of October 11-14, 2011.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

The following Consent Agenda items were presented by Interim Superintendent David Meadows for discussion:

1. Contracts for Rental of School Facilities #SFR1222 and #SFR1223
2. Donations #2011-2012-018 and #20-11-2012-019
3. Permission to Apply for TPSD Grants #1209 and #1210
4. Authorization to Accept TPSD Grants #1127 and #1128

## **B. Student Transfer Report**

Mrs. Pamela Traylor, Director of Support Services, presented for review the following in-district transfers:

- Approval of three (3) resident student transfers (in-district)
- Approval of seven (7) resident student transfer (in-district for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year
- Approval of admission of three (3) non-resident students (tuition)

## **C. Personnel Recommendations**

Interim Superintendent David Meadows and Human Resource Director Jim Turner presented Licensed Staff recommendations. Mr. Turner also updated the Board regarding 2011-2012 TPSD Staffing.

## **D. Docket of Claims**

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

- Docket of Claims for the period December 6, 2011, through January 6, 2012, Docket of Claims #98958 through #99796, Accounts Payable Checks #69359 through #69871 in the amount of \$1,390,788.35.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period December 2011, Checks #3458 through #3474 in the amount of \$3,288.55.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period December 2011, Checks #5149 through #5177 in the amount of \$2,743.40.

The grand total for all funds is \$1,396,820.30.

## **E. November 30, 2011, Financial Statements**

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month ending November 30, 2011, for consideration of approval. Mrs. Pannell stated that a listing by fund is available for the Board's information.

## **F. Statement of Cash Flow for Month Ending October 31, 2011**

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Cash Flow for month ending October 31, 2011, for information and review (copy on file).

**G. Policy Changes (TPSD Policy IKF Graduation Requirements, IKF-E1, IKF-E2, IKF-E3)**

Assistant Superintendent Fred Hill presented the proposed changes of TPSD Policy IKF Graduation Requirements for a second reading, along with new policy exhibits IKF-E1, IKF-E2 and IKF-E3.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No “Unfinished Business” items were presented at this meeting of the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration for Approval of Tupelo High School Varsity Band Field Trip**

Assistant Superintendent Fred Hill presented a request from THS Band Director Tim Matlock for an overnight field trip to San Antonio, Texas on April 11-15, 2012.

**B. Consideration for Approval of Tupelo High School Cheerleaders National Competition Trip**

Assistant Superintendent Fred Hill submitted a request from Ms. Kama Alford, THS Cheerleader Coach, for THS cheerleaders to attend the National Competition scheduled for February 9-14, 2012.

**C. Consideration of Reimbursement to Tupelo School District Learning Foundation, Inc.**

Discussion was held regarding the Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District reimbursing the Tupelo School District Learning Foundation, Inc. for expenses incurred in the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school year.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**A. Future Agenda Topics**

1. At an earlier meeting, Board Member Lee Tucker had requested an update on the added support being provided for extra-curricular activities.
2. Mr. Meadows reported that an update report on TPSD Teacher Advisory Council will be scheduled.
3. Mr. Hudson requested that Common Assessment results become a regular part of the agenda.

## **B. Executive Session**

Board President Amy Heyer suggested to the School Board an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. 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 Mrs. Heyer with the following people present: Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mrs. Beth Stone, Mr. Lee Tucker, Mr. David Meadows, Mr. Otis Tims, Mrs. Julie Connolly, and Ms. Patrice Tate.

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

Mrs. Heyer reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into Executive Session was to discuss personnel matters.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Mr. Prather with a second by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to come out of Executive Session. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, Mrs. Heyer declared the motion passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 3:05 p.m.

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Arlissa C. Heyer, President

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth Stone, Secretary