

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARCH 24, 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 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 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: Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Joe Babb, Mr. Eddie Prather and Mr. Rob Hudson. Mr. Kenneth Wheeler was absent. Mr. Babb announced that four members were present constituting a quorum.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Gearl Loden, Dr. Diana Ezell, Mrs. Kimberly Britton, Dr. Eddie Peasant, Mrs. Modesty Shumpert, and Attorney Otis Tims. Members of the press were also present.

Board President Joe Babb announced: "Pursuant to the Mississippi Open Meetings Law, Sections 25-41-1 through 25-14-17 of the Mississippi Code, this meeting was called for the purpose of conducting a special called meeting to consider personnel recommendations."

III. CONSIDERATION OF LICENSED STAFF

Superintendent Gearl Loden recommended approval of the following licensed personnel:

CHANGE OF STATUS:

- Mr. Ryan Curry, from Assistant Principal at Lawhon to Principal at Lawhon, replacing Ms. Corlis Curry. Effective July 1, 2016. Rate of pay will be Step 101 on the 240 Day Administrative Salary Guide. Position #20-102001.
- Ms. Merritte Morgan Abraham, from Elementary Teacher at Parkway to Assistant Principal at Lawhon, replacing Mr. Ryan Curry. Effective July 1, 2016. Rate of pay will be Step 92 on the 203 Day Administrative Salary Guide. Position #20-021001.
- Ms. Adra Sparkman, from Secondary Biology Teacher at THS to Assistant Principal at Rankin, replacing Mr. Bobby Cossey. Effective July 1, 2016. Rate of pay will be Step 92 on the 203 Day Administrative Salary Guide. Position #32-021001.

RESIGNATION:

- Mr. Jeffrey Credille, Assistant Principal at THS, effective at the end of the 2015-2016 School Year. Position #40-021001.

RETIREMENT:

- Mr. Raymond L. Stratton, Director of Transportation, effective at the end of the 2015-2016 School Year. Position #98-008001.

CHANGE OF STATUS:

- Mr. Larry Harmon, from Director of Innovative and Alternative Programs to Transportation Director, replacing Mr. Raymond Stratton. Remains at current Step, effective 2016-2017 School Year. Position #98-008001.

Dr. Loden introduced the new staff members to the Board of Trustees.

Upon a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Licensed Personnel Recommendations as presented. The Board President declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Babb entertained a motion to enter temporary Executive Session for the purpose of determining the need to enter permanent Executive Session. Mr. Hudson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board enter temporary Executive Session. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board 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. Otis Tims, Mrs. Kimberly Britton, Dr. Gearl Loden, Dr. Eddie Peasant, and Mrs. Modesty Shumpert.

The Board first considered the reason for entering Executive Session. Upon a motion by Mr. Hudson, with a second by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. Mr. Babb went out into the hallway to let everyone know that the Board will remain in Executive Session

Mr. Babb reentered the room, and reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into Executive Session was to discuss a personnel matter.

Dr. Loden opened the discussion on the personnel matter.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Hudson made a motion to return to Open Session, which was seconded by Mrs. Davis and adopted unanimously.

Mr. Babb then left the room and announced that the Board had returned to Open Session. Upon returning to the meeting, Mr. Babb announced that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Babb entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hudson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was adopted unanimously by all members present, and the meeting stood adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Joe Babb, President

Sherry Davis, Secretary