

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES  
September 25, 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, September 25, 2012, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Eddie Prather who welcomed guests attending the meeting.

**ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Board members present during roll call were: Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mrs. Beth Stone, and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. Mrs. Amy Heyer was absent. Mr. Prather announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in Session. Attorneys Otis Tims and Kelly Stimpson were also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

- Reschedule the recognition of Lawhon Student Day Jonea Walker to the October 23, 2012, Board meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed and the agenda approved as amended.

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 11, 2012, regular meeting were presented for consideration for approval. No corrections were noted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A request was received by Mr. Scott Reed to address the Board regarding the formation of the Tupelo High School Alumni Association. Mr. Reed is scheduled to address the Board at the 5:00 p.m. meeting.

## **RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. Prather announced that several recognitions were scheduled for the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board.

## **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

### **District Accountability Results Report (TPSD Goals #1 and #4)**

District Test Coordinator Lea Johnson presented a report on the District's Accountability Ratings. Following Ms. Johnson's report, Mr. Prather and the Board recognized and applauded the students, teachers and administrators for their performance on last year's state tests.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Office of Finance Director Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #5)**

1. Contracts for Rental of School Facilities #SFR1310 through #SFR1312
2. Donations #2012-2013-013 through #2012-2013-015
3. Single Source Purchase #SS1308
4. Permission to Submit TPSD Grant #1307

### **B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Dillon**

1. Request Approval of Out-of-State and Overnight Field Trips (TPSD Goal #2)
  - Out-of-State Field Trip (THS Cross Country Track Team, Moulton, AL on October 6, 2012)
  - Overnight Field Trip (THS Cross Country Track Team, Pensacola, FL, September 21-22, 2012)
2. Student Transfer Report presented by Mrs. Pamela Traylor
3. Admission and Readmission Recommendations presented by Mrs. Pamela Traylor (TPSD Goal #2)
  - a. Admission Recommendation – Student 01-2012-2013
  - b. Admission Recommendation – Student 01-2012-2013
  - c. Readmission Recommendation – Case #14-2

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. Office of Director of Finance Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #5)**

#### **Docket of Claims**

Board President Eddie 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 September 5-14, 2012, Docket of Claims #4724 through #5098, Accounts Payable Checks #2815 through #3046 in the amount of \$764,495.78.

**B. Office of Director of Human Resources Mr. Jim Turner (TPSD Goal #3)**

**Personnel Recommendations**

Human Resources Director Jim Turner presented Licensed Staff recommendations for consideration for approval.

**C. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Dillon (TPSD Goal #2)**

**Student Discipline Report (Case #12)**

Mrs. Pamela Traylor and Dr. Matthew Dillon presented information regarding Student Discipline Case #12.

**D. Office of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gearl Loden (TPSD Goals #3 and #4)**

1. Information regarding Industry/Education Day – October 31, 2012 presented by Assistant Superintendent Diana Ezell
2. Notification that the Mississippi Department of Education has received and approved our Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) Application in the amount of \$4,435,377.00.
4. Preliminary discussion of agenda topics for the October 9, 2012, work session scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at the Hancock Leadership Center

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Awarding of Advertised Proposals RFP 1302 THS Yearbook and RFP 1303 School Day Pictures**

Mrs. Pannell recommended that the Board of Trustees award Advertised Proposal RFP 1302 THS Yearbook to Balfour Publishing Company who met the specifications for all items listed on this proposal.

Mrs. Pannell also recommended that the Board of Trustees award Advertised Proposal RFP 1303 School Day Pictures to L. M. Shelley Co. who was the low bidder meeting specifications for all items listed on RFP 1303.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration for Approval of TPSD Test Security Plan 2012-2013 (TPSD Goals #1, #4 and #5)**

Testing Coordinator Lea Johnson presented the TPSD 2012-2013 Test Security Plan for consideration for approval.

**B. Consideration for Approval of TPSD School Safety and Crisis Management Guide**

Mrs. Julie Hinds, Executive Director of Operations, presented for consideration for approval a comprehensive school district safety plan.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**Future Agenda Topics**

The following future agenda topics were suggested:

1. Follow-up Report regarding June Board Retreat
2. Procurement Cards Update Report by Mrs. Linda Pannell in October

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 12:45 p.m.

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

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Eddie M, Prather, President

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Rob Hudson, Secretary