

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES
March 25, 2008**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a regular meeting of the Board held in open session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at Thomas Street Elementary School, 520 Thomas Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Shawn Brevard 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. Shawn Brevard
Mr. Mike Clayborne
Mrs. Amy Heyer
Mr. John Nail
Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy
Mr. David Meadows
Mr. George Noflin, Jr.
Mr. Jim Turner
Mrs. Linda Pannell
Mrs. Kay Bishop
Ms. Patrice Tate

Mrs. Brevard announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Members of the press and several guests were also present.

OATH OF OFFICE

At the noon meeting, Attorney Otis Tims of Mitchell, McNutt and Sams performed the Oath of Office ceremony for Mrs. Amy Heyer.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Mrs. Brevard 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 Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2008 Special Called Meeting and March 4, 2008 noon and 5:00 p.m. regular meetings as presented. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Welcome

Principal Brenda Robinson welcomed the Board of Trustees and administrative staff to Thomas Street Elementary School.

B. Public Comments

No requests for Public Comments were received at this meeting of the Board.

C. Recognitions

The following recognitions were held:

- A. The Board adopted a Resolution in honor of former Board Member Steve Ludt's service to the Tupelo Public Schools.
- B. Golden Apple Awards – Robin McGraw and Richard Tucker
- C. Ross Waycaster – TPSD Car Tag Design
- D. Dr. Terry Harbin – TPSD Administrator of the Year
- E. 2008 Parent of the Year from Schools:
 - Diane Craig Carver
 - Mary Thomas Church Street
 - Anne Haire Joyner
 - Becky Whitenton Lawhon
 - Donnie Peterson Lawndale
 - Donna Clayton Milam
 - Lisa Sandroni Parkway
 - Cheryl Ware Pierce Street
 - Shannon Ray Rankin
 - Andi Hildenbrand Thomas
 - Crystal Wilson Tupelo Middle School
 - Amy McFerrin Tupelo High School
- F. Church Street Parent of the Year Mary Thomas was named the 2008 TPSD Parent of the Year.
- G. Hannah Lippard – was absent from the meeting, but was recognized for

for earning 6th Place in the recent Mid South Spelling Bee

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. TPSD Strategic Planning Survey Results

At the noon meeting Dr. Randy McCoy, Mrs. Diana Ezell and Mrs. Kay Bishop presented a summary of the recent Strategic Plan Survey. At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

A copy of the TPSD Strategic Planning Survey Executive Summary and raw data is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Dropout Prevention Summit Report

At the noon meeting Dr. McCoy reported on the Destination Graduation Adult Summit held on February 28, 2008, in Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. McCoy reported that hundreds of state and local leaders from all sectors – business, faith-based, economic, community, government and education – attended the Summit to focus on the critical issue of reducing our dropout rate by 50% over the next five to seven years.

At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Donations
Donations: #2007-2008-839 through #2007-2008-842
3. Permission to Apply for TPSD Grants #819
4. Authorized the Operation of Summer 2008 Food Service Program at the following sites:
 - Christ the King Lutheran Church (satellite site) for the Family Resource Center
 - Joyner Elementary School
 - Lawhon Elementary School
 - Lawndale Elementary School
 - M. L. King Early Childhood Center

The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker 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 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Student Transfer Report

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

- a. Approval of two (2) resident student transfers (in-district) for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year.
- b. Approval of one (1) non-resident student transfers (tuition)

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer and was approved unanimously by all members present.

A detailed copy of the Student Transfer Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Clayborne moved to approve the Personnel Report which included the following items:

- a. Licensed Personnel
- b. Classified Personnel
- c. Substitutes

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

A detailed copy of the Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Docket of Claims/Tupelo High School Activity Check Register and Athletic Activity Check Register

Mr. Nail reviewed the Docket of Claims and Check Registers prior to the meeting and recommended approval as listed below:

- Docket of Claims for the period February 23 through March 7, 2008, Docket of Claim #61374 through #61854 for Accounts Payable Checks #45452 through #45780 in the amount of \$632,124.42.

- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period February 1-29, 2008, Checks #2739 through #2757 in the amount of \$2,613.48.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period February 1-29, 2008, Checks #3414 through #3487 in the amount of \$7,195.84.

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

This affirms that the claims check registers 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 and Check Registers are marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. February 29, 2008 Financial Statements

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month-ending February 29, 2008, for consideration of approval. Mrs. Pannell stated that a listing by fund is available for the Board's information.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 29, 2008 Financial Statements as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the February 29, 2008 Financial Statements is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Amendment to TPSD Policy IKC and Policy Exhibits IKA-E and IKE-E

At the noon meeting Superintendent Randy McCoy Dr. McCoy recommended that enrollment in college courses at either community colleges or 4-year institutions of higher learning not be approved as a reason for granting "part-time status" to Tupelo High School students and presented for review and consideration for approval an amendment to TPSD Policy IKA-E and Policy Exhibits IKC and IKE-E. At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

Mr. Clayborne moved to approve the following policy amendments as recommended:

- IKA-E Grading/Evaluation of Students: Grades 9-12
- IKC Class Rankings/Grade Point Averages
- IKE-E Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration of Students: Grades 9-12

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

Copies of TPSD Policy IKA-E and IKC and Policy Exhibit IKE-E are marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held during the noon meeting to discuss a personnel matter. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board unanimously chose Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd. to lead the superintendent search to replace Dr. Randy McCoy upon his retirement in June, 2009.

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 5:40 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Shawn Brevard, President

Lee Tucker, Secretary