

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2010**

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, September 28, 2010, at Church Street Elementary School, 445 Church Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Lee Tucker 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
Mr. John Nail
Mr. Eddie Prather
Mr. Lee Tucker

Members Absent: Mrs. Amy Heyer

Staff Present:	Dr. Randy Shaver	Mrs. Glenda Scott
	Mrs. Diana Ezell	Mrs. Pamela Traylor
	Dr. Fred Hill	Mr. Kenneth Roberts
	Mr. David Meadows	Mrs. Kelly Stimpson
	Mrs. Linda Pannell	Mrs. Linda Clifton
	Mrs. Kay Bishop	Mrs. Kimberly Britton
	Mrs. Jennifer Strunk	Mr. Larry Harmon
	Mrs. Marisa Martin	Mr. Terry Hatch
	Ms. Patrice Tate	Mrs. Mary Ruth Wright
	Mrs. Julie Hinds	Mrs. Brenda Meriweather
	Mrs. Dale Warriner	

Mr. Tucker announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Mr. Tucker 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 August 24, 2010, regular meeting as presented. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Welcome

Church Street Elementary School Principal Kay Collins welcomed the Board of Trustees, parents, and staff to Church Street Elementary School. Board members were presented “Church Street Champion” certificates in appreciation of service to the district.

B. National Scout Jamboree – Tupelo High and Middle School Students

Scout Leader Ty Robinson and several Tupelo High and Middle School students who attended the recent National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia reported on their trip.

C. Recognitions

The following recognitions were held at this meeting of the Board:

1. THS Students Elise Friloux and Camille Walker – Perfect Score on English II Writing
2. TMS Students – Perfect Score on Algebra I Test

Alex Cayson	Matthew Clayton
David Craig	Nicholas Kaltcher
Breana McDonald	Kelly Nabors
Lesley Stegall	James Stone
Rachel Walden	Ashton Wedel
3. THS Student Nathan Oakes – National Merit Semifinalist
4. THS and TMS Teachers – classes had 100% passing rate on SATP (Subject Area Testing Program) for spring, 2010.
 - TMS Algebra I teacher: Stephanie Cayson.
 - THS Biology I Teacher Adelia Wright and U.S. History Teacher Anthony Bryant
5. Dr. Harry Rayburn and Billy Crews – volunteer work with the Committee of 200
6. In Appreciation for Successful “Fill the Bus Campaign”

Michael Storey – Kroger West Main
Kenneth Norwood – Kroger, Barnes Crossing
Chris Gannon – Walmart, West Main
Carolyn Jones – Walmart, Barnes Crossing

Mayor Jack Reed and the Mayor's Education Task Force as listed below:

Dr. David Cole	Margaret Anne Murphy
Paul "Buzzy" Mize	Sharon Rogers
Shelia Nabors	Tyler D. Low
Dr. Jim Pate	Dr. Derwood Tutor
Carolyn Shaver	Charlie Langford
Pat Rasberry	Patricia Neely-Dorsey
Lisa Reed	Dr. Roy Ryan
Lisa Schwenk	James Williams
Sally Gray	Dr. Fred Hill

7. The Board adopted a Resolution in honor of Board Member Mike Clayborne's service to the Tupelo Public Schools. Mr. Clayborne was appointed to the TPSD Board of Trustees in July, 2005, and served as president of the Board from 2003 until 2005, and also held the office of president from 2009 until 2010.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. TPSD Assigned Accreditation Status for School Year 2010-2011

At the noon meeting, Dr. Shaver reported on correspondence dated September 13, 2010, from the Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Accreditation, which stated that the Commission on School Accreditation has assigned our district "Accredited" status for school year 2010-2011. This decision was approved by the State Board of Education on September 10, 2010 (copy on file).

B. Leadership/Share Conference Report

At the noon meeting, the Board heard a report from Mr. Kenneth Griswold and Mrs. Jamie Baker regarding the district's participation in the Leader/Share Conference held in Memphis, Tennessee, on September 9-11, 2010.

C. TPSD: Tradition of Excellence Video

At the noon meeting, Communications Director Kay Bishop previewed the *Tradition of Excellence* recruiting and marketing video produced by Anne and Jason Palmer with Palmtree Productions (copy on file).

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contractual Agreements #CO1117 through #CO1120
Contracts for Rental of School Facility #SFR135 through #SFR147
Contract for Charter Bus Service #BC10-11-002
2. Single Source Purchase #SS137
3. Donations #2010-2011-12 through #2010-2011-16
4. Granted Permission to Apply for TPSD Grant #1108

The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather 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 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Student Transfer Report

Mr. Prather moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regards to the following student transfer requests:

Admission of two (2) nonresident student transfer requests (tuition)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne 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 3 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. Prather and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Docket of Claims

Mr. Nail reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and recommended approval for the period September 4 through September 17, 2010, Docket of Claims #86984 through #87270, Accounts Payable Checks #61824 through #62007 in the amount of 1,318,047.16. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. This affirms that the claims and 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 Report is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. Financial Statements for Month Ending August 31, 2010

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month ending August 31, 2010, 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. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the August 31, 2010 Financial Statements as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The Financial Statement Report is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. Policy Changes

Mrs. Kelly Stimpson recommended the amendment of several School Board Policies. Follow review, Mr. Prather moved that the following policies be amended as submitted:

ADD	Safe Schools
BBA	Board Powers and Responsibilities
BBAA	Board Member Authority and Responsibilities
GCCA	Licensed Staff Leaves and Absences
JFAA	Admission of Resident Students
JFAB	Admission of Nonresident Students
JFABA	Nonresident Tuition Charges

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

Copies of the above policies are marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

G. Student Discipline Report

Mr. Clayborne moved to ratify the below administrative recommendations regarding Student #9281, Student #9282, and Student #7:

1. Admission of Student #9281
2. Admission of Student #9282
3. Expulsion of Student #7 from August 31, 2010, until December 17, 2010

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

The Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No "Unfinished Business" agenda topics were presented at this meeting of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Tupelo High School Canopy Addition Project

At the noon briefing session Executive Director of Operations Julie Hinds presented for consideration for approval three options for a proposed Tupelo High School Canopy Addition Project with JBHM Architects. Mrs. Hinds reported that, if possible, Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) funds will be used to finance the proposed project.

At the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board, on a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to table approval of the THS Canopy Addition, and requested that this project be included in the listing of total projects to be funded by the Qualified School Construction Bond.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the proposed THS Canopy Addition Project is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Tupelo Public School District Marketing and Communication Plan 2010-2013

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the TPSD Marketing and Communication Plan 2010-2013 as presented by Communication Director Kay Bishop. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the TPSD Marketing and Communication Plan 2010-2013 is marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Tupelo Public School District Comprehensive Staff Development Plan

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the TPSD Comprehensive Staff Development Plan as recommended by Deputy Superintendent Diana. Ezell. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the TPSD Comprehensive Staff Development Plan is marked EXHIBIT 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Change Order Number One (1) Carver and Lawhon Renovations Project

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve Change Order Number One (1) for the Carver and Lawhon Renovations Project with D. Carroll Construction. The total amount to be deducted from the contract sum for

Change Order One is \$3,839.33 which decreases the contract sum from \$681,700.00 to \$677,860.67. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of Change Order Number One (1) for the Carver and Lawhon Renovations Project is marked EXHIBIT 12 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. Tupelo Public School District 2010-2011 Test Security Plan and Assurances

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the TPSD 2010-2011 Test Security Plan and Assurances as presented by Federal Programs Director and Testing Coordinator Dale Warriner. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the TPSD 2010-2011 Test Security Plan and Assurances is marked EXHIBIT 13 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. Second \$3 Million Qualified School Construction Bond Application

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to accept the second \$3 Million Qualified Construction Bond and certify the B-4 Assurances of the QSCB Application. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the B-4 Assurances for the \$3 Million Qualified School Construction Bond is marked EXHIBIT 14 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

G. Shortfall Note Sale Resolution

Finance Director Linda Pannell presented for consideration for adoption a Resolution authorizing and directing the issuance of two hundred fifty-eight thousand, five hundred sixty-eight and no/100 dollars (\$258,568.00) principal amount shortfall note of the Tupelo Public School District.

Mr. Prather moved to adopt the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Shortfall Note Sale Resolution is marked EXHIBIT 15 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

Board members requested a quarterly report of the new programs implemented during the 2010-2011 school year such as Ombudsman, School Aged Mothers, and Tupelo High School Advancement Academy. Mr. Prather also requested a future report regarding 2010-2011 enrollment and teacher absenteeism.

B. Executive Session

An Executive Session was held during the noon meeting to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Lee Tucker, President

Eddie Prather, Secretary