

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2014**

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, October 14, 2014, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Rob Hudson who welcomed guests attending the meeting.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board members present during roll call were: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Rob Hudson, and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. Mr. Eddie Prather was absent. Mr. Rob Hudson announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in Session. Attorney Otis Tims was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the agenda for the regular October 14, 2014, Board meeting as presented

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the following meetings were presented for consideration for approval:

September 9, 2014	Regular Meeting, Noon, Hancock Leadership Center
September 9, 2014	Regular Meeting, 5:00pm – Tupelo Middle School

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No requests for public comments were received for this meeting of the Board.

RECOGNITIONS

Executive Director of Operations Mr. Andy Cantrell recognized Ms. Sherry Childers and Maintenance Director Robbie Johansen for facilitating the move of the TPSD maintenance department from its facility near Joyner Elementary to their new facility in the former Tombigbee building on South Gloster.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

The following informational reports were presented to the Board of Trustees:

- A. Dr. Eddie Peasant presented a report on the 63% Rule (TPSD Goals #1 and #3)
- B. Mr. Jason Harris provided a report on SAT Scores and the National Merit Semi Finalists (TPSD Goal #1)
- C. Dr. Mitzi Moore and Dr. Leigh Mobley on their trip to the Edviation Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah (TPSD Goal #1)
- D. Mr. Andy Cantrell gave an update on Buildings and Grounds, Safe Rooms, and Long Range Plans (TPSD Goals #2 and #4)
- E. Mrs. Linda Pannell gave an update on Ad Valorem Collections, Closing of FY14, and FY14 Audit (TPSD Goal #4)

Copies of the above reports are on file in the Superintendent's Office.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for consideration for approval.

A. Office of Finance Director Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #4)

1. Contractual Agreements
 - Contracts for Rental of School Facilities #SFR1502 through #SFR1510
 - Ratification of Contract #CO1510 through #CO1514 and #CO1520
2. Accepted Donations #2014-2015-004 through #2014-2015-010
3. Permission to Accept TPSD Grant #1432
 - Fender Music Foundation Grant, \$3,689.55
4. Permission to Award Bid BD1504 Tablet Charging Carts
5. Addition of 2 Items and Deletion of 38 Items from TPSD Asset Listing

B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Eddie Peasant

1. Student Transfer Report (TPSD Policy JBCD Transfers and Withdrawals of Students)
2. Readmission of Student #45-2013-2014
3. Overnight Field Trip Request
 - Vocal Jazz & Madrigals to San Antonio, TX March 25-29, 2015
 - Vocal Jazz & Madrigals & Varsity Choir to Atlanta, GA May 1-2, 2015
 - DECA to Gulfport, MS November 8-10, 2014
 - Varsity Girls Basketball to Montgomery, AL December 29-31, 2014

C. Office of Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Kimberly Britton

- TPSD 2014-2015 Test Security Plan

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Office of Director of Finance Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #4)

1. Docket of Claims

Board Member Sherry Davis reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and advised that at the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board she will recommend approval of the following:

- Docket of Claims for the period August 30, 2014 through September 30, 2014, Docket of Claims #21928 through #22777, Accounts Payable Checks #13694 through #14239 in the amount of \$4,305,985.54
- The Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period September 2014, Checks #1529 through #1545 in the amount of \$4,526.25
- Athletic Activity check Register for the period September 2014, Checks #2055 through #2142 in the amount of \$7,802.04

The grand total for all funds is \$4,318,313.83.

2. Required Monthly Financial Reports – Month Ending August 31, 2014

In accordance with MS Code 37-9-18 the following Financial Reports for month ending August 31, 2014, were reviewed:

- Bank Reconciliation Report
- Revenue and Expenditure Report with Budget Status
- TPSD Cash Flow Statement
- Combined Balance Sheet
- August 31, 2014 Financial Statements

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

Licensed Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Jim Turner presented the Licensed Personnel Recommendations for consideration of approval

C. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Diana Ezell (TPSD Policy E)

1. Second Reading of New TPSD Policies

Dr. Ezell presented the following new policies for a second reading:

EBBAA	Staff Identification Procedures
EBBCA	Bomb Threats
EBC	Security
EEA	Free/Reduced Meal Services
EF	Data Management

2. Revision to TPSD Policy KJA School Volunteers Policy

Dr. Ezell recommended that TPSD Policy KJA School Volunteers Policy be amended.

D. Office of Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Eddie Peasant (TPSD Goals #2)

1. Student Discipline Report Case #01-2014-2015

Ratification of administrative decision to expel Student #01-2014-2015 from TPSD for one calendar year (September 3, 2014 – September 2, 2015) for violation of TPSD Policy JCB #30.

2. Student Discipline Report Case #05-2014-2015

Ratification of administrative decision to expel Student #05-2014-2015 from TPSD for one calendar year (August 12, 2014 – August 11, 2015) for violation of TPSD Policy JD-E5 #5.

3. Student Discipline Report Case #13-2014-2015

Ratification of administrative decision to expel Student #13-2014-2015 from TPSD for one calendar year (September 3, 2014 – September 2, 2015) for violation of TPSD Policy JCB #30.

E. Office of Superintendent Dr. Gearl Loden (TPSD Goals #3)

1. Information Items:

- Fall Athletic Update by Mr. Andy Schoggin
- Employee of the Month Program
- Healthy Kids Campaign
- Lamar University Superintendent's Academy New York Field Trip Report

2. Dates to Remember

- MSBA Fall Conference—November 10-11, 2014
- NSBA, March 21-24, 2015—Nashville, TN (Registration Opens October 15)
- November 18, 2014 Work Session 9:30 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Patrice Tate presented the 2015 School Board Meeting Dates for initial review.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics – Superintendent Gearl Loden

Tentative Agenda for November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting

- Approval of School Board Meeting Dates for 2015
- District Report Card Update Report
- Test Scores
- Title III English Language Acquisition Program
- Application and Title I-Part D
- PLC Update
- ABC Mouse
- Snap Shot
- Engrade
- Farm to School
- Food Packs
- Employee of the Month

B. Future Agenda Topics – Board Members

Board Member Sherry Davis suggested that Handwriting be added to TPSD Curriculum. Board Member Joe Babb requested an update report on school climate, and Dr. Loden stated that an update report on recent teacher and parent surveys will be placed on the agenda for the November Board meeting.

C. Executive Session

Board President Rob Hudson suggested to the School Board a temporary Executive Session to determine the need for a permanent Executive Session for the purpose of discussing several matters.

On a motion by Mr. Babb, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to enter temporary Executive Session for the purpose of determining a need for permanent Executive Session. 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 temporary Executive Session was called to order by Mr. Hudson with the following people present: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Rob Hudson, Dr. Gearl Loden, Mr. Kenneth Wheeler, Mr. Otis Tims, Ms. Patrice Tate, Mrs. Modesty Shumpert, and Mrs. Kelly Stimpson (via Google Hangout).

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

Mr. Hudson reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into Executive Session was litigation and personnel and student matters.

First, Ms. Kelly Stimpson was present via Google Talk and a discussion was held regarding the litigation matters. After this discussion, Mrs. Stimpson signed off from Google Talk.

Next, Mrs. Kimberly Britton, Officer Jon Bramble, Dr. Eddie Peasant, Mr. Tim Carter, Mr. Tyrone Catledge, Mr. Jay Cossey, and Mr. Jason Harris entered the meeting, and the first student matter was discussed.

Mr. Jay Cossey and Mr. Tyrone Catledge left the meeting and the second student matter was discussed.

Following the discussion, Mr. Tim Carter, Dr. Eddie Peasant, Officer Jon Bramble, Mr. Jason Harris, and Mrs. Kimberly Britton left the meeting.

A third student matter was discussed with the Board of Trustees.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Babb moved to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion, and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed and the Board in Open Session.

Mr. Hudson reopened the meeting to tell all in attendance that the Board was back in Open Session. Everyone waiting re-entered the meeting, and Mr. Hudson stated that the Board was back in Open Session and no action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Babb, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, 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 4:00 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Robert L. Hudson, II, President

Joseph Babb, Secretary