

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
August 28, 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, August 28, 2012, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Beth Stone, who welcomed guests attending the meeting.

**ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Board members present during roll call were: Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mrs. Beth Stone, and Mr. Ken Wheeler. Mr. Prather was absent. Mrs. Stone announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Attorney Otis Tims was also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Stone entertained a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda for August 28, 2012, as submitted. On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to adopt the agenda.

The Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the agenda is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES**

On a motion made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2012 regular meeting as submitted. Mrs. Stone announced that the motion passed unanimously by all members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Public Comments**

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

**B. Recognitions**

No recognitions were held at this meeting of the Board.

## **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

**The following reports were presented to the Board of Trustees as information:**

- A. Enrollment Report presented by Dr. Matthew Dillon (TPSD Goal #4)
- B. Preliminary Graduation Rate Report for School Year 2011-2012 presented by Ms. Lea Johnson (TPSD Goals #1 and #4)
- C. District Report Cards presented by Mrs. Mary Ann Plasencia (TPSD Goal #1 and #4)

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

In accordance with Dr. Loden's recommendations, Mrs. Heyer moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as listed below with the stipulation that the date referenced in Contractual Agreement #1306 for the rental of the BancorpSouth Arena for Tupelo High School's graduation be corrected from May 18, 2012, to May 17, 2013.

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

- 1. Contractual Agreements #CO1305 through #CO1311
- 2. Donations #2012-2013-004 and #2012-2013-005
- 3. Single Source Purchases #SS1303 through #SS1305
- 4. Accepted TPSD Grant #1305

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

Student Transfer Report presented by Mrs. Pamela Traylor

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and was approved unanimously by all members present. The Vice 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.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

Docket of Claims

Having reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting, Mr. Wheeler recommended approval of the Docket of Claims for the period August 4 through August 17, 2012, Docket of Claims #4267 through #4420, Accounts Payable Checks #2506 through #2632 in the amount of \$269,691.45.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and approved unanimously by all members present. Mrs. Stone declared the motion passed.

This affirms that the claims are legal and proper and 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 aforementioned Docket of Claims is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein

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

Personnel Report

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the Licensed Personnel Report as recommended:

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**C. Office of Superintendent Dr. Gearl Loden (TPSD Goal #4)**

Dr. Loden shared the following information items:

1. Beginning with the second meeting in September, the Board packages will include monthly reports in this section of the agenda for the following areas: ADA Report, Enrollment Report and Free and Reduced Lunch Report (TPSD Goal #4)
2. To honor our employees' birthdays, on the last working day of each month beginning Friday August 31, birthday cakes will be delivered to each school site and support department by our Food Service Department. This is one way to express appreciation for the hard work of our employees. Also, during the months of July and August, 231 employees who celebrated their birthdays received cards personally signed by the Superintendent.
3. As of August 22, 2012, we have distributed 2,450 TPSD Pride yard signs throughout Tupelo.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Approval of 2012-2013 Tupelo Public School District Goals**

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to adopt the proposed 2012-2013 TPSD Goals. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the 2012-2013 TPSD Goals is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of “Revised” Tax Levy Resolution for School Year 2012**

Finance Director Linda Pannell explained that the final assessed valuation has been given to the school district by the City of Tupelo, and a revision to the original resolution is necessary. This resolution lowers the request to coincide with the calculations of the City. The total reduction of \$104,819.00 for Operations reduces the original request of \$26,223,079 to \$26,118,260. The Revised Resolution requests the following ad valorem needs for the 2012-2013 school year.

General Operating (includes Homestead Reimbursement) --	\$ 26,118.260 (lowered)
Tupelo/Lee County Vocational Career Center-----	\$ 210,000 (unchanged)
Short-term Indebtedness-----	\$ 1,449,294 (unchanged)
Shortfall Note-----	\$ 177,997 (unchanged)
Bonded Indebtedness-----	\$ 3,065,495 (unchanged)

Dr. Loden recommended adoption of the “Revised” Tax Levy Resolution requesting a tax levy for the support of the Tupelo Public School District for the 2012-2013 school year.

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to adopt the “Revised” Tax Levy Resolution for the support of the Tupelo Public School District for the 2012-2013 school year. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Tax Levy Resolution for school year 2012-2013 is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **Future Agenda Topics**

1. During the discussion on approval of the 2012-2013 TPSD Goals, Mr. Hudson suggested that the Board revisit the goals throughout the year to assess progress.
3. Mr. Hudson also requested an update on the Councils of Excellence at a future meeting.
4. Dr. Loden reported that the following topics will be discussed during upcoming meetings:  
Test Security Plan and District Safety Plan.

Mrs. Stone also asked Board Members to email Mr. Prather should they have any future agenda topics.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth Stone, Vice President

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Rob Hudson, Secretary