

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
October 9, 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, October 9, 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: Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mrs. Beth Stone, and Mr. Ken Wheeler. Mr. Prather announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Attorney Otis Tims was also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Prather entertained a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda for October 9, 2012, with the following change:

- Delete request from Ms. Paula Coleman under Section V. Public Comments to appear before the Board. (Dr. Loden reported that Mrs. Coleman had called prior to the meeting and stated that she would not be able to attend).

On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as amended.

The 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**

The following minutes were presented for approval by Board Clerk Patrice Tate:

**September 25, 2012 – Noon Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to approve the minutes of the noon regular meeting of September 25, 2012, as submitted. Mrs. Heyer and Mr. Hudson abstained from voting. Mr. Prather announced that the motion carried.

### **September 25, 2012 – 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

Motion was made by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, to approve the minutes of the 5:00 p.m. regular meeting of September 25, 2012, as submitted. Mrs. Heyer and Mr. Hudson abstained from voting. Mr. Prather announced that the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

#### **A. Public Comments**

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

#### **B. Recognitions**

Tupelo Public School District principals were recognized for their contribution in Tupelo becoming a High Performing “B” district.

### **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

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

- A. Education Enhancement Funds (EEF) Update Report presented by Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goals #4 and #5)
- B. Early Beginnings Resource Center presented by Mrs. Dale Warriner (TPSD Goals #1 and #4)
- C. School Health Councils at Lawndale and Parkway Elementary Schools presented by Mrs. Janet Stratton and Mrs. Kathy Tucker (TPSD Goal #2)
- D. Federal Accountability Model presented by Ms. Lea Johnson (TPSD Goals #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, Mr. Wheeler moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as listed below with the stipulation that the amount referenced in Contractual Agreement #CO1312 Cleaning Services at HSAA/Church Street be corrected from \$3,500/month to \$2,800/month and the date of the contract be corrected from September 1, 2012, to June 30, 2013, to September 1, 2012, through December 19, 2012.

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

- 1. Contracts for Rental of School Facilities #SFR1313 through #SFR1318  
Revision to #SFR1309 (change of date only)
- 2. Donation #2012-2013-016
- 3. Single Source Purchases #SS1309 through #SS1311
- 4. Permission to Advertise for Sealed Bid (BD1302 Copy Paper)

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

Student Transfer Report presented by Mrs. Pamela Traylor

**C. Office of Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Kimberly Britton**

Budget Amendment Requests – FY12 Title III and Title X presented by Mrs. Dale Warriner

Amendments have been submitted to the Mississippi Department of Education Federal Programs to amend both the FY2012 Title III English Language and FY2012 Title X McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer and was approved unanimously. 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.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

**1. Docket of Claims**

Mrs. Beth Stone reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and recommended approval of the Docket of Claims as outlined below:

- The Docket of Claims for the period September 15, 2012, through September 30, 2012, Docket of Claims #5099 through #5372, Accounts Payable Checks #3047 through #3247 in the amount of \$1,063,034.53.

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

**2. July 31, 2012, Financial Statement (TPSD Goal #5)**

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 31, 2012, Financial Statement as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The July 31, 2012, Financial Statement is marked EXHIBIT 4 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. Wheeler, the Board voted to approve the Licensed Personnel Report as recommended:

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

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

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

**Student Discipline Report (Case #58-01-2012-2013)**

On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to approve and ratify the administrative decision to expel Student #58-01-2012-2013 from the Structured Day Program for one calendar year (August 27, 2012, through August 27, 2013), for violation of TPSD Policy JK-E5. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Detailed information regarding Student Discipline Report (Case #58-01-2012-2013) is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**D. Office of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gearl Loden (TPSD Goals #1 and #4)**

1. Highlights of the Regional Superintendent's Meeting held on October 2, 2012
2. Information regarding the following scheduled trips:
  - a. "What's Right in Education Conference," Nashville, TN, October 12-13, 2012
  - b. Pass Christian Tour, October 29, 2012
  - c. Common Core Institute, Jackson, MS, November 8-9, 2012
3. "Excellence for All" Grant Update
4. Enrollment/ADA Update Report (Month One) presented by Dr. Matthew Dillon

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **A. Future Agenda Topics**

Dr. Loden reported that Dr. Leigh Mobley will give a report on Classworks at the October 23, 2012, meeting of the Board. Also scheduled for review and consideration is approval of the 2013 Board Calendar.

### **B. Executive Session**

No “Executive Session” was required for this meeting of the Board.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 1:15 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