

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 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, April 10, 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, and Mrs. Beth Stone. Mr. Prather announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in Session. Attorney Otis Tims was also present.

The District's next Superintendent, Dr. Gearl Loden, was also present and was recognized by Mr. Prather.

OATH OF OFFICE – MR. KENNETH WHEELER

Attorney Otis Tims of Mitchell, McNutt and Sams performed the Oath of Office ceremony for Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. A copy of the signed Oath of Office is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to confirm the agenda, amended as follows:

- Add Item C. Recommendation for the Position of Assistant Superintendent with the Tupelo Public School District effective July 1, 2012, under Section VII. Superintendent's Report.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed and the agenda amended as presented.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

The following minutes were presented by Board Clerk Patrice Tate for consideration for approval. No corrections were noted.

- February 17, 2012 Special Called Meeting
- February 21, 2012 Special Called Meeting
- February 28, 2012 Special Called Meeting
- March 6, 2012 Regular Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. Report on Moving Forward Together Component Four

Interim Superintendent David Meadows presented a report on the common themes identified by Board Members following their recent community and parent sharing meetings. Mr. Meadows stated that these themes will be utilized as a base on which to establish individual school “Councils of Excellence” as an inclusive structure and process for stakeholders to help move the Tupelo Public School District forward.

B. High Performing and Star School Visits

Assistant Superintendent Frederick Hill presented information on High Performing and Star school visits. The following schools were presented: Joyner Elementary, Pierce Street Elementary, Thomas Street Elementary, S.A.M., H.S.A.A, and Tupelo High School. Principals of the respective schools were also present and participated by providing further details upon questioning by the Board.

C. Ad Valorem Collection Comparison

Finance Director Linda Pannell presented an Ad Valorem Collection Comparison Report through March, 2012.

D. Security Cameras for THS, TMS, Fillmore, and Church Street Schools

Mrs. Julie Hinds and Mr. T. J. Higgins presented a proposal for consideration to add to the existing security cameras and associated infrastructure for campuses in the tupelo Public School District. This presentation focused on Tupelo High School and included a video of parking lot coverage, an aerial view showing exterior coverage, a floor plan to show typical placement, and a summary of cost estimates for the initial upgrade for the Tupelo High School campus.

E. Enrollment Projections for 2012-2013

Deputy Superintendent Diana Ezell presented preliminary enrollment projections for school year 2012-2013 based on a three-year cohort survival, which adjusts for retentions as well as transfers, enrollments, and withdrawals across the last three years.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were presented by Interim Superintendent David Meadows for discussion:

1. Donations #2011-2012-034 through #2011-2012-037
2. Single Source Purchase #SS1223
3. Approved Overnight Field Trip Requests:
 - Tupelo High School and Tupelo Middle School Bridge Builders Clubs, Traverse City, Michigan, May 16-19, 2012
 - Tupelo High School Speech and Debate Team, Baltimore, Maryland, May 24-29, 2012
 - Tupelo High School Thespians, Lincoln, Nebraska, June 24-July 1, 2012

B. Student Transfer Report

Mrs. Pamela Traylor, Director of Support Services, presented for review the following in-district transfers:

- Approval of one (1) resident student transfer (in-district)
- Approval of four (4) resident student transfers (in-district) for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year
- Approval of admission of two (2) non-resident student transfers (in-district) for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year
- Approval of admission of seven (7) non-resident students (tuition)

C. Personnel Recommendations

1. Interim Superintendent David Meadows and Human Resources Director Jim Turner presented Licensed Staff recommendations.
2. Mr. Turner updated the Board regarding 2011-2012 TPSD Staffing.
3. Mr. Meadows recommended for consideration by the Board of Trustees Dr. Matthew L. Dillon as an assistant superintendent with the Tupelo Public School District effective July 1, 2012, for the 2012-2013 school year.

D. Executive Session – Personnel Matters

Board President Eddie Prather suggested to the School Board a temporary Executive Session to determine the need for a permanent Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, 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, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the temporary Executive Session was called to order by Mr. Prather with the following people present: Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mrs. Beth Stone, Mr. Ken Wheeler, Mr. David Meadows, Dr. Gearl Loden, Mr. Jim Turner, Ms. Patrice Tate, Ms. Julie Connolly, and Mr. Otis Tims.

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

Mr. Prather reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into Executive Session was to discuss confidential and sensitive personnel matters.

Following the discussion, Mr. Hudson moved to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion, and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed and the Board in Open Session.

Mr. Prather reopened the meeting to tell all in attendance that the Board was back in Open Session. Everyone waiting re-entered the meeting, and Mr. Prather stated that the Board was back in Open Session. Mr. Prather also announced that the Board took no action.

E. Reemployment of TPSD Licensed Staff for 2012-2013 School Year/Reemployment of TPSD Licensed Staff Contingent Upon Receipt of Valid Endorsed License for 2012-2013 School Year and Reemployment of TPSD Administrative Personnel for 2012-2013 School Year

Interim Superintendent David Meadows recommended the reemployment of TPSD licensed staff for the 2012-2013 school year, reemployment of TPSD licensed staff contingent upon receipt of a valid endorsed license for the 2012-2013 school year, and reemployment of TPSD administrative personnel for the 2012-2013 school year.

F. Docket of Claims

Mr. Rob Hudson reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and recommended approval of the Docket of Claims as outlined below:

- Docket of Claims for the period March 20-31, 2012, Docket of Claims #488 through #748, Accounts Payable Checks #324 through #507 in the amount of \$527,245.79.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period March 2012, Checks #3507 through #3525 in the amount of \$3,639.40.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period March 2012, Checks #5268 through #5325 in the amount of \$3,639.40.

The grand total for all funds is \$535,118.95.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Awarding of Advertised Bid #BD1112 Uniform Bid

Mrs. Pannell recommended the Board of Trustees award Bid #BD1112 Uniform Bid to G & K Services who offered the lowest bid (\$5.02 per person per week).

Advertisement:	BD1112 Uniform Bid
Person Responsible:	Julie Hinds/Nancy McReynolds
Funding Source:	District Funds
Bid Amount:	\$5.02 per person per week for Maintenance, Custodians, and Transportation
Recommendation:	G & K Services

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration for Approval – AEE Grants Recommended for Funding in School Year 2012-2013

AEE President Brent Waldrop presented seventeen AEE Grants in the amount of \$66,213.97 recommended for funding by the Association of Excellence in Education in school year 2012-2013.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Future Agenda Topics

1. Discussion regarding dates for Board Work Session/Retreat.
2. Mr. Prather suggested that a process be established for Board Members to communicate with the community as was the practice in the past.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, 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 2:10 p.m.

April 10, 2012
Noon, Hancock Leadership Center

Tupelo Public School District
Board of Trustees – Meeting Minutes
PENDING MINUTES

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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ATTEST:

Eddie M, President

Rob Hudson, Secretary