

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES  
August 10, 2010**

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 10, 2010, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, 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  
                             Mrs. Amy Heyer  
                             Mr. John Nail  
                             Mr. Eddie Prather  
                             Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present:	Dr. Randy Shaver	Mrs. Marissa Martin
	Mrs. Diana Ezell	Mrs. Jennifer Strunk
	Dr. Fred Hill	Mrs. Lynne Roberts
	Mrs. Julie Hinds	Mrs. Pamela Traylor
	Mr. David Meadows	Mr. Kenneth Roberts
	Mrs. Linda Pannell	Mr. Larry Harmon
	Mr. Jim Turner	Mrs. Glenda Scott
	Mrs. Dale Warriner	Mr. Terry Hatch
	Mrs. Brenda Meriweather	Mr. Jason Harris
	Mrs. Kay Bishop	Mrs. Rachel Murphree
	Mrs. Mary Ruth Wright	Mrs. Mary Ann Plasencia
	Ms. Patrice Tate	Dr. Derwood Tutor

Mr. Tucker announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Dr. Members of the press were also in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Dr. Shaver recommended that the agenda be approved as submitted. Upon a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

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. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve minutes from June 22, 2010, regular meeting with a noted correction. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, Mr. Tucker declared the motion passed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

### **A. Public Comments**

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

### **B. Recognitions**

Dr. Shaver reported that on July 27, 2010, notification was received from the State Auditor's Office recognizing the district's high standards of financial reporting. Dr. Shaver stated that the basis for this recognition is determined during the annual audit with the district receiving an unqualified opinion on its audited financial statements and having no material findings, weaknesses in internal controls or exceptions. In recognition of the achievement for financial reporting Dr. Shaver presented the Certificate of Recognition to Finance Director Linda Pannell.

## **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

### **A. Mariner's Education Group -- SeeChange™ Reference Site Program**

The Board heard a presentation from Mr. David Fitzgerald and Ms. Libby Prebble of the Charlotte, N.C. based Mariner's Education Group regarding an online data warehouse that would help the district better track information about students for continuous school improvement. Mariner's Education Group proposed two programs for the district with a cost of \$95,000 in the first year and approximately \$73,000 for each of the next two years. A copy of the above report is on file in the Superintendent's Office.

### **B. Accreditation Record Summary for 2009-2010 and Recommended Accreditation Status for School Year 2010-2011**

Superintendent Randy Shaver reported that the Mississippi Department of Education, Office of Educational Accountability, has formally assigned our district's accreditation status for school year 2010-2011 as "accredited." This Accreditation Record Summary will be presented to the Commission on School Accreditation on September 2, 2010, for assignment of our district's accreditation status for school year 2010-2011.

A copy of the above report is on file in the Superintendent's Office.

### **C. Trip Reports – ERDI and USDE Rural Technology Summit**

Dr. Shaver presented information on the following conferences:

1. Educational Research and Development Institute (ERDI), Nashville, TN  
July 10-14, 2010

2. US Department of Education Rural Technology Summit, July 27-28, 2010, Washington, D.C. (Participants included U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Council of Chief State School Officers and a panel of nine rural district superintendents).

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

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

1. Contractual Agreements #CO1112 through #CO1113  
Contract for Rental of School Facility #SFR133
2. Single Source Purchases #SS131, #SS132, and #SS133
3. Donations #2010-2011-06 and #2010-2011-07
4. Permission to Apply for TPSD Grants #1105 and #1106
5. Membership Dues for 2010-2011
  - a. PREPS (Program of Research and Evaluation for Public Schools)  
Membership Dues for 2010-2011 \$5,000.00
  - b. Mississippi School Boards Association 2010-2011 Annual membership  
Dues 2010-2011 \$4,000.00
6. Accept and acknowledge 2008-2009 Audit Report for Tupelo Public Schools

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer 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**

Following a report by Mrs. Pamela Traylor, and in accordance with Dr. Shaver's recommendations, Mrs. Heyer moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

- a. Approval of six (6) resident student transfers (in-district)
- b. Admission of sixteen (16) nonresident student transfers (tuition)
- e. Release of two (2) resident students

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail 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**

Following Mr. Jim Turner's presentation of the Personnel Report, Superintendent Randy Shaver recommended approval of the personnel changes. Mr. Prather moved to approve the Personnel Report as presented which included the following items:

- a. Licensed Personnel
- b. Classified Personnel
- c. Substitutes

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail 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. Prather reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and recommended approval of the Docket of Claims for the period July 1 through July 31, 2010, Docket of Claims #86209 through #86435, for Accounts Payable Checks #61256 through #61422 in the amount of \$2,217,310.40.

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

**E. Policy Changes**

The following School Board policies were presented for consideration for approval and adoption:

<b>DESCRIPTOR</b>	<b>DESCRIPTOR ITEM</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
BEA	Regular Board Meetings	Amend
BEB	Special Board Meetings	Amend
GCD	Licensed Staff Vacations and Holidays	Amend
IGA	Curriculum Development	Adopt

Mr. Nail moved to suspend the practice of a first reading on new policies before adoption and recommended adoption of recommended new Board Policy IGA Curriculum Development and also amend policies BEA, BEB and GCD as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. Copies of the above policies are marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of 2010-2011 School District Budget and Ad Valorem Tax Request**

Finance Director Linda Pannell recommended adoption of the Tax Levy Resolution requesting a tax levy for the support of the Tupelo Public School District for the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Pannell explained that adoption of the Resolution formally approves the FY11 Budget.

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Tax Levy Resolution for the support of the Tupelo Public School District for the 2010-2011 school year. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the Tax Levy Resolution for school year 2010-2011 is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **A. Future Agenda Items**

Board Member Amy Heyer reminded Dr. Shaver and board members that a scheduled Tupelo School District Learning Foundation board meeting was postponed, therefore, a meeting of the Learning Foundation Board needs to be scheduled in the near future.

### **B. Executive Session**

Board President Lee Tucker suggested to the School Board a temporary executive session to determine the need for a permanent executive session for the purpose of discussing student and personnel matters.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Prather, 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 President Lee Tucker with the following people present: Mr. Mike Clayborne, Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. John Nail, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mr. Lee Tucker, Dr. Randy Shaver, and Ms. Patrice Tate.

The Executive Session was called to order and the Board first considered the reason for entering executive session. Upon a motion by Mr. Nail with a second by Mr. Prather the

Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing student and personnel matters.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Nail with a second by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

## **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 2:25 p.m.

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

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Lee Tucker, President

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Eddie Prather, Secretary