

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES
March 29, 2011**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a regular meeting of the Board held in open session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at Tupelo Middle School, 1009 Varsity Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Amy Heyer 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: Mrs. Amy Heyer
Mr. John Nail
Mr. Eddie Prather
Mrs. Beth Stone
Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present:	Dr. Randy Shaver	Mrs. Pamela Traylor
	Mrs. Diana Ezell	Mr. Terry Hatch
	Dr. Fred Hill	Mrs. Kelly Stimpson
	Mr. Billy Crews	Mr. Larry Harmon
	Mr. David Meadows	Mrs. Mary Ann Plasencia
	Mrs. Linda Pannell	Mr. Kenneth Roberts
	Mrs. Kay Bishop	Mrs. Glenda Scott
	Mrs. Marisa Martin	Ms. Patrice Tate
	Mrs. Julie Hinds	Mrs. Dale Warriner
	Dr. Denecise Salters	Mrs. Brenda Robinson

Mrs. Heyer announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Members of the press were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended at the noon briefing session. Upon a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve 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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2011, noon and 5:00 p.m. regular meetings as submitted. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Welcome

Tupelo Middle School Assistant Principal Kristy Luse welcomed the Board of Trustees, parents, and staff to Tupelo Middle School. Dr. Luse stated that Mrs. Linda Clifton was accompanying Tupelo Middle School students who are competing in the Bridge Builders Competition in Washington, D.C..

B. Public Comments

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

C. Recognitions

1. Dr. Shaver presented Superintendent Choice Awards to the Tupelo High School Boys Basketball Team for their character and citizenship throughout the season.
2. Appreciation was expressed to Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) officials Mike Armour and Sandra Perkins and Ms. Karen Cole of Three Rivers for the \$100,000 Advance Technology Grant.
3. Tupelo Middle School Teachers Natalie Harris, Stephanie Cayson, and Pam Cockrell were recently honored at PREPS for the receiving the Value Added Award.
4. Lawhon and Lawndale Elementary Students were recognized for winning several awards at the Regional Science Fair at Northeast Community College, Booneville, in March.
5. The Milam Boys Basketball Team was honored for two tournament wins and a 13-1 record for the season.
6. Tupelo High School students Wesley Bircham and Nathan Wallace received Superior in Monologue and students Holly Harrington and Zoe Kelly received Superior in Solo Musical Theatre Rating at the MS Educational Theatre Conference.
7. Members of the Tupelo Career-Technical Center Skills USA Club were acknowledged for placing in district competition. These students competed in eight different events and represented three vocational programs – Mississippi Cooperative Education, Automotive Service Technology, and Collision Repair Technology.

8. Tupelo High School Boys and Girls Bowling Teams were honored for winning the State Championship.
9. Tupelo Middle School Lady Wave Basketball Team won the Golden Triangle Athletic Competition with a record of 11-1.
10. The following 2011 Parents of the Year from each school were recognized:

Susan Davis	Carver
Posey McGraw	Church
Robin Maynard	ECEC
Lisa Campbell	Joyner
Kim Hopkins	Lawhon
Andi Hildenbrand	Lawndale
Lisa Sandroni	Milam
Anne Britt	Parkway
Jane Miller	Pierce Street
Deborah Kellett	Rankin
Cheryl Ware	Thomas
Diane Flowers	Tupelo Middle School
Stephanie Maxcy	Tupelo High School

11. Mrs. Andi Hildenbrand was named the 2011 Tupelo Public School District Parent of the Year.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. Quarterly Update Report – Tupelo High School Initiatives and Alternative Programs

At the noon meeting, Dr. Fred Hill provided update information on the following programs: Ombudsman, High School Advancement Academy, School Age Mothers Program and Tupelo High School Initiatives. A copy of the Quarterly Update Report on the Alternative Programs and Tupelo High School Initiatives is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Month 6 Attendance Report

At the noon meeting, Mr. David Meadows provided the Month 6 Student, Teacher, and Building Staff Attendance Report for review and discussion. A copy of Month 6 Attendance Report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. FY-12 Budget – 2011-2012 Enrollment Projections

At the noon meeting, the Board heard a report from Mr. David Meadows regarding 2011-2012 Enrollment Projections. Mr. Meadows stated that a school population of 7,270 is projected based on historical patterns and current information. This data was provided by grade and by school for the Board's information.

A copy of the 2011-2012 Enrollment Projections is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Revised Draft of Tupelo Public School District Comprehensive Discipline Matrix

At the noon meeting, Mrs. Kelly Stimpson, Dr. Fred Hill and Mrs. Diana Ezell presented a revised draft of the Tupelo Public School District Discipline Matrix. Mrs. Stimpson stated that the revised draft is a result of the Board's request to streamline the discipline matrix presented at the February 15, 2011, Board of Trustees meeting. A copy of the revised draft of the TPSD Comprehensive Discipline Matrix is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy Shaver summarized the above reports for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

E. Carver/Church Reorganization

At the noon meeting, the Board heard a report from Chief Operations Officer Billy Crews which outlined three options for the reorganization of Carver and Church Street Schools based on enrollment characteristics, facility space, and financial impact.

At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy Shaver summarized the report and recommended that Option 1 – Merge school population and use Carver as K-2 school be implemented for the 2011-2012 school year. On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve Option 1 for school organization of Carver and Church for the 2011-2012 school year. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the written report regarding the reorganization of Carver and Church Street Schools is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contractual Agreement #CO1132
Contracts for Charter Bus Service #BC10-11-016 and #BC10-11-017
2. Single Source Purchase #SS146
3. Donation #2010-2011-46
4. Granted Permission to Apply for TPSD Grants #1121 and #1122
5. Acknowledged and Accepted TPSD Grants #1109 and #1115
6. Acknowledged and Approved the Removal of Three (3) Assets from the TPSD Capital Assets Listing

6. Ratified the Student Transfer Report
 - a. Approval of three (3) resident student transfer request (in-district)
 - b. Approval of one (1) non-resident student transfer (in-district) for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year
 - c. Approval of admission of one (1) non-resident student (tuition)

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the Consent Agenda report is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Personnel Recommendations

Superintendent Randy Shaver recommended approval of the Licensed Staff recommendations which included an amendment added at the noon meeting recommending Mr. Christopher Barnes as principal at Tupelo High School replacing Raymond L. Stratton beginning July 1, 2011, and Dr. Kristy Luse as principal at Tupelo Middle School replacing Mrs. Linda Clifton beginning July 1, 2011.

Mr. Prather moved to approve the Licensed Staff recommendations as presented. Mr. Nail seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. The Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Docket of Claims

Mr. Nail reviewed the Docket of Claims and Check Registers prior to the meeting and recommended approval of the Docket of Claims and Check Registers as outlined below:

- Docket of Claims for the period March 1, through March 11, 2011, Docket of Claims #91129 through #91656 for Accounts Payable Checks #64555 through #64853 in the amount of \$581,763.49.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for February, 2011, Checks #3307 through #3322 in the amount of \$4,302.41.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for February, 2011, Checks #4762 through #4795 in the amount of \$4,302.41.

The grand total for all funds is \$588,643.92.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone 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 and Check Registers are marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. February 28, 2011 Financial Statements

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month ending February 28, 2011, for consideration of approval. Mrs. Pannell stated that a listing by fund is available for the Board's information.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 28, 2011, Financial Statements as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The February 28, 2011, Financial Statements are marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. Policy Changes

Mrs. Kelly Stimpson recommended amendment of the following TPSD Board Policies:

EBCG	Automated External Defibrillator
GDBA	Classified Staff Salary Schedule
IFKA	Early Graduation
IHBHA	Alternative Schools
JQ	Student Fees, Fines and Charges

Mr. Prather moved to adopt the amended policies as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Copies of the above policies are marked EXHIBIT 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consideration for Approval of Proposed 2011-2012 TPSD Attendance Calendar

At the noon meeting, Chief Operations Officer Billy Crews presented for review and consideration for approval a proposed 2011-2012 TPSD Attendance Calendar.

At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy Shaver summarized the report and recommended approval of the proposed 2011-2012 TPSD Attendance Calendar as presented. On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2011-2012 TPSD Attendance Calendar. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the 2011-2012 TPSD Attendance Calendar is marked EXHIBIT 12 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Summer Opportunity Camp

At the noon meeting, Deputy Superintendent Diana Ezell presented information regarding Summer 2011 Opportunity Camp and requested permission to plan and schedule week-long summer camps to be held June 6 through July , 2011, at Lawndale Elementary School.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed Summer 2011 Opportunity Camp as submitted. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. Additional information regarding Summer 2011 Opportunity Camp is marked EXHIBIT 13 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Tupelo Career-Technical Center Vocational Local Plan Update for FY-12

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Tupelo Career-Technical Center Vocational Local Plan Update for FY-12 as presented by Ms. Evet Topp at the noon briefing session.

The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the Tupelo Career-Technical Center Vocational Local Plan Update for FY-12 is marked EXHIBIT 14 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Three Mill Note Resolution

At the noon briefing session, Mr. Jim Young of Young Law Group, Jackson, Mississippi, provided information on the Three Mill Note in the amount of \$2,275,000. Mr. Young and Mrs. Pannell reported that the repayment of this note will be from millage levied in the 2010-2011 school year and subsequent years for debt service. This millage maintains the debt millage rate at the same rate as previous years.

At the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board, Dr. Randy Shaver recommended adoption of the Three Mill Note Resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF A NOTE OF THE TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,275,000.00) TO RAISE MONEY TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, IMPROVING, CONSTRUCTING, RENOVATING, REPAIRING, HEATING, COOLING AND EQUIPPING SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND RELATED FACILITIES, PERFORMING SITE WORK, PURCHASING SCHOOL BUSES AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT AND TO PAY THE COSTS OF SUCH BORROWING.

Mr. Nail moved to adopt the foregoing Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker, and was approved unanimously. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the above Resolution is marked EXHIBIT 15 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Qualified School Construction Bond Number Two

At the noon briefing session, Mr. Jim Young and Finance Director Linda Pannell also provided information on the Qualified School Construction Bond (Number Two).

At the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board, Dr. Randy Shaver recommended adoption of the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES OF THE TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THREE MILLION AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$3,000,000.00); PROVIDING FOR THE SAME AND DELIVERY THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A NOTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS REGARDING THE NOTE.

Mr. Nail moved to adopt the foregoing Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather, and was approved unanimously. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the Qualified School Construction Bond (Number Two) Resolution is marked EXHIBIT 16 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

No "Future Agenda Topics" were requested at this meeting of the board.

B. Executive Session

An Executive Session was held at the noon meeting to discuss student and personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Arlissa C. Heyer, President

Elizabeth Stone, Secretary