

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES  
April 28, 2009**

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 31, 2009, at Tupelo Middle School, 1009 Varsity Drive, Tupelo, Mississippi.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Clayborne 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 McCoy  
Mrs. Diana Ezell  
Dr. George Noflin  
Mrs. Dale Warriner  
Mrs. Kay Bishop  
Mrs. Jennifer Strunk  
Ms. Patrice Tate

Mr. Clayborne announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Several members of the press were present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following addition:

- Add recommendation to employ Mr. Fred Hill as Assistant Superintendent to the Personnel Report

Mr. Clayborne 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 Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009, regular meeting as presented. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

## **WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

### **A. Welcome**

Principal Travis Beard welcomed the Board of Trustees and administrative staff to Milam Elementary School.

### **B. Public Comments**

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

### **C. Recognitions**

The following recognitions were held:

1. Tupelo High School Boys Bowling Team – State Championship
2. Tupelo High School and Tupelo Middle School Bridge Building Team State Winners and invited to Nationals
3. Mississippi Department of Education “On the Bus” Activity Competition Church Street Teacher Andrea Watson
4. Tupelo High School Mississippi Economics and Financial Literacy Challenge Winners
5. Tupelo High School Career Center – Ford AAA Certification
6. Tupelo Public School District Public Relations of Mississippi Award of Excellence for Future Excellence Plan
7. Duke Student TIP Program Recipients from TPSD
8. North Mississippi Medical Center Robot Contest Winner – Lawndale Student Shelby Green
9. Tupelo High School Student Alden Maxcy – Letters to the President Students’ Voices – The National Commission on Writing
10. TPSD 2009 Administrator of the Year – Mrs. Christy Lawhon, Principal of Lawhon Elementary School was recognized

## **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

### **A. TPSD FY10 Budget**

At the noon meeting Superintendent Randy McCoy presented for information and discussion the following FY10 Budget topics:

- Unofficial – FY2010 MAEP Allocation – If Fully Funded
- Comparison between FY09 and FY10 MAEP Allocations
- Attorney General's Opinion on National Board Certification Salary Supplements
- City of Tupelo Tax Levy and 3 Mil Money Available for FY10
- FY10 Budget Worksheet (new items included are funding cuts FY09, 3 mil money, new state funds, and assistant teacher reallocated funds)

At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy summarized the report for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting. A copy of the FY10 Budget Report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

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

1. Contractual Agreement #CO9038  
Contracts for Charter Bus Service #BC08-27 through #BC08-31  
Rental of School Facilities #SFR930 and #SFR931
2. Donations #2008-2009-943
3. Granted Permission to Advertise for Sealed Bids #BD575, #BC576, #BD577 and #BD578
4. Approved Request by Tupelo High School Class of 1959 Reunion to use two Golden Wave buses to tour Tupelo on May 16, 2009

The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather 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 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

### **B. Student Transfer Report**

In accordance with Dr. McCoy's recommendations, Mrs. Heyer moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

- a. Approval of ten (10) resident student transfers (in-district) for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year
- b. Approval of two (2) non-resident student transfers (tuition)

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

A detailed copy of the Student Transfer Report is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

### **C. Personnel Recommendations**

Mr. Nail moved to approve the Personnel Report which included the following items:

- a. Licensed Personnel
- b. Classified Personnel
- c. Substitutes
- d. Employment of Dr. Fred O'Neal Hill for the position of Assistant Superintendent effective July 1, 2009 (salary provided to Human Resources)

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Amy Heyer and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

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

### **D. Docket of Claims**

Mr. Tucker reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and recommended approval as listed below:

- Docket of Claims for the period April 4 through April 17, 2009, Docket of Claims #73355 through #73801, Accounts Payable Checks #53388 through #53654 in the amount of \$1,192,733.57.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

This affirms that the claims 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 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

### **E. March 31, 2009 Financial Statements**

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month-ending March 31, 2009, for consideration of approval. Mrs. Pannell stated that a listing by fund is available for the Board's information.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 31, 2009 Financial Statements as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the March 31, 2009 Financial Statements is marked EXHIBIT 17 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**F. Student Discipline Report (Student #72 and Student #4289)**

Dr. McCoy recommended ratification of the following student discipline issues as listed below:

1. Readmission of Student #72 to the TPSD with initial placement at the Fillmore Center
2. Expulsion of Student #4289 from the TPSD for one calendar year

Mrs. Heyer moved to ratify the above recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Additional information regarding the abovementioned Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 8 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**

**A. 2009-2010 Tupelo Public School District Consolidated Federal Program Application**

At the noon briefing session Mrs. Dale Warriner presented the 2009-2010 TPSD Consolidated Federal Program Application for review and consideration for approval. Mrs. Warriner reported that the Mississippi Department of Education deadline for submitting the 2009-2010 Program Application is May 29, 2009.

The following Program Application documents were included for information and review:

1. Statement of Assurances
2. Funding Allocation
3. Synopsis of Application Narrative

To date, 2009-2010 estimated budget allocations for Title 1, Title 11, and Title IV are as listed below:

Title I	\$1,574,118
Title II	326,678
Title IV	23,742
Total	\$1,924,515

At the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board, on a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2009-2010 TPSD Consolidated Federal Program Application as presented and authorized submission to the Mississippi Department of Education.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the 2009-2010 TPSD Consolidated Federal Program Application is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**B. Tupelo Middle School – 2009-2010 Student Handbook**

At the noon briefing session, Assistant Superintendent George Noflin presented for consideration for approval the Tupelo Middle School 2009-2010 Student Handbook as submitted and recommended by Tupelo Middle School Principal Linda Clifton.

At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy McCoy recommended approval of the proposed 2009-2010 Tupelo Middle School Student Handbook. Mr. Prather moved to approve the TMS Student Handbook as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the 2009-2010 TMS Student Handbook is marked Exhibit 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**C. AEE Large and Small Grants Recommended for Funding in School Year 2009-2010**

At the noon briefing session, Mr. Lee Tucker represented AEE and presented for consideration for approval the AEE Large and Small Grants recommended for funding and implementation in school year 2009-2010. Seventy-three (73) large and forty-two (42) small grant applications were submitted to AEE for the 2009-2010 school year. Following review of the grant applications, twenty (20) Large Grants and eleven (11) Small Grants have been recommended for consideration of approval for funding in the 2009-2010 school year.

At the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board, Mr. Nail moved to approve the twenty (20) Large Grants in the amount of \$132,800.01 in addition to eleven (11) Small Grants in the amount of \$12,287.39 for a combined Large and Small Grant total for funding of \$145,087.40. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather. (Mr. Tucker abstained from voting).

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. Copies of the AEE Large and Small Grants Recommended for Funding in School Year 2009-2010 are marked Exhibit 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

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

The following future agenda topics were discussed:

1. Review of TPSD Athletic Drug Policy.
2. Make sure that our community understands that the Board of Trustees and Administrators will not tolerate drugs on our school campuses.
2. Review of salaries of administrators other than principals.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Nail, 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 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

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Mike Clayborne, President

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Arlissa Heyer, Secretary