

**MINUTES  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**July 30, 2019  
FY20 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in open session in a duly called special meeting held as the District's FY 2020 Budget Public Hearing at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge Road, Tupelo, Mississippi. A copy of the public notice of the meeting as published in the Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal is marked **EXHIBIT 1** and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Sherry Davis who welcomed guests to the Tupelo Public School District Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget Hearing.

**II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Board members present during roll call were: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Paul Mize, and Mr. Eddie Prather. Mr. Kenneth Wheeler was absent. Staff present included: Dr. Rob Picou, Mrs. Kimberly Britton, Mr. Andy Cantrell, Dr. Brock English, Mrs. Rachel Murphree, Mr. Gregg Ellis, Mr. Charles Laney, Mrs. Stewart McMillan, Ms. Patrice Tate and Mrs. Modesty Shumpert.

President Sherry Davis announced a quorum and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to receive public comment on the proposed Tupelo Public School District Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. School Board Attorney Otis Tims of Mitchell, McNutt and Sams was also present.

**III. FY 2020 BUDGET HEARING**

As moderator, Mr. Tims explained the rules for the Budget Hearing to ensure orderly conduct and to allow everyone an opportunity to speak to budget issues during the hearing.

Finance Director Rachel Murphree presented the proposed 2019-2020 Tupelo Public School District Budget and reported that no new taxes were being requested.

A copy of the proposed budget is marked **EXHIBIT 2** and included in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date.

Finance Director Rachel Murphree answered several questions from Board members regarding various areas of the proposed FY 20 Budget.

At this point, Mr. Tims opened the meeting for questions from the floor.

**PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT ROSTER**

1. Dr. Cathy Grace

Dr. Cathy Grace did not have specific questions regarding the District's proposed FY20 Budget, however, she asked several questions relating to administrative costs; teacher raises; underfunding by MAEP; and local ad valorem taxes.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

As the purpose of the FY20 Budget Hearing was fulfilled, and the Board adjourned from the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**Sherry S. Davis, President**

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**Joseph B. Babb, Secretary**