

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES  
May 10, 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, May 10, 2011, at Parkway Elementary School, 628 Rutherford Road, 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. Rob Hudson  
Mr. Eddie Prather  
Mrs. Beth Stone

Members Absent: Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present:	Mr. David Meadows	Ms. Glenda Scott
	Mrs. Diana Ezell	Ms. Patrice Tate
	Dr. Fred Hill	Mrs. Pamela Traylor
	Mrs. Kay Bishop	Mr. Jim Turner
	Mr. Larry Harmon	Mrs. Mary Ruth Wright
	Mr. Terry Hatch	Ms. Joan Dozier
	Mrs. Marissa Martin	Mrs. Kim Britton
	Mrs. Brenda Meriweather	Mr. Travis Beard
	Mr. Marvin Nickels	Dr. Terry Harbin
	Mrs. Linda Pannell	Dr. Deborah Davis
	Mrs. Mary Ann Plasencia	Mrs. Linda Clifton
	Mr. Kenneth Roberts	Dr. Denecise Salters

Mrs. Heyer announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. School Board Attorney Guy Mitchell, III was also present. Members of the press were also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was amended at the noon meeting. 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 Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2011, special called meeting and April 5, 2011, special called meeting as submitted. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

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

### **A. Welcome**

Parkway Elementary School Principal Joan Dozier welcomed the Board of Trustees, parents, and staff to Parkway Elementary School.

### **B. Public Comments**

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

### **C. Recognitions**

1. Dr. Ed Hill represented Blue Cross/Blue Shield in awarding Lawndale, Lawhon and Pierce Street Elementary Schools the Project Fit America Grant.
2. Tupelo High School Student Gulshan Jubaed Prince earned Honorable Mention in the Mississippi High School Film competition.
3. Tupelo High School Speech and Debate Team qualified to represent Mississippi in the National Catholic Forensic League Championship finishing 5<sup>th</sup> place in the MHSAA State Championship. Mrs. Julie Henderson is the team coach.
4. TPSD School-Aged Mother's Program was one of 114 highly scored programs selected for recognition for the National School Boards Association Magna Best Practice Award.
5. Milam Elementary School Stock Market Challenge Winners in the Mid-South Regional of the Tennessee Stock Market Game were recognized.
6. Tupelo Middle School Bridge Building team won First Place at the National Bridge Building Competition.
7. Tupelo High School Student Emily Haven earned the prestigious U.S. History Award presented by Woodmen of the World to high school juniors and seniors.
8. Tupelo Middle School Student James Grant received Grand Recognition in the Duke University Talent Identification Program
9. Lawndale and Rankin Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who participated in the Duke Identification Program were recognized.

10. Thomas Street Elementary School was recognized for earning the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education School of Excellence Award

11. Tupelo Middle School students competed in the Alabama-Louisiana-Mississippi Math League Contest. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade team won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the state. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the State. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team also won 9<sup>th</sup> place in the League.

## **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

### **A. Overview of the Common Core Standards**

At the noon meeting, Deputy Superintendent Diana Ezell presented information regarding the status of Mississippi's efforts to move from the Mississippi Curriculum Frameworks to the Common Core Standards (copy on file).

### **B. Cash Flow Statement Month Ending March 31, 2011**

At the noon meeting, Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Cash Flow for month ending March 31, 2011, for information and review. A copy of the Cash Flow Report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

### **C. Superintendent Search Proposal**

At the noon meeting, the Board heard a report from Board Vice President Eddie Prather regarding the possibility of contracting with Mississippi School Boards Association (MSBA) to conduct the district's superintendent search. The Board requested that Mr. Prather contact MSBA Executive Director Michael Waldrop regarding attending the next Board meeting to provide additional information regarding MSBA's Superintendent Search Service.

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

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

1. Donation #2010-2011-52
2. Granted Permission to Accept TPSD Grant #1108
3. Contractual Agreements
  - Contract #CO1133 – Novell Renewal
  - Charter Bus Service Contract #BD10-11-021
4. Acknowledged and Approved the Removal of Five (5) Assets from the TPSD Capital Assets Listing
5. Ratified the Student Transfer Report

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone 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. Personnel Recommendations**

Interim Superintendent David Meadows recommended approval of the Licensed Staff recommendations. Mr. Hudson moved to approve the Licensed Staff recommendations as presented. Mr. Prather seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. The Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

## **C. Docket of Claims**

Board President Amy Heyer reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting. Mrs. Heyer passed the gavel to Vice President Eddie Prather and recommended approval of the Docket of Claims for the period April 16 through April 30, 2011, Docket of Claims #92742 through #92994 for Accounts Payable Checks #65416 through #65580 in the amount of \$908,969.05.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Summer food Service Programs for 2011**

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the following Summer food Service Programs for June and July, 2011 as recommended:

Pierce Street Elementary – Special Education – Breakfast and Lunch  
King Early Childhood Center – Breakfast and Lunch  
Tupelo Middle School – Breakfast and Lunch  
Joyner Elementary – Lunch Only  
Lawndale Elementary – Snack Program Only

The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

**B. Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Phase II Change Order Number One (1)**

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve Change Order Number One (1) with Century Construction and Realty, Inc. for the Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Phase II Project. This change order approves an addition of \$313,500.00 to the original contract for the renovation of classrooms 103, 104, and 105 into a kitchen and classroom for the Culinary Arts Vocational Program.

A copy of Change Order Number One (1) for the Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Phase II Project is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**C. Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Phase II Change Order Number Two (2)**

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve Change Order Number Two (2) with Century Construction and Realty, Inc. for the Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Phase II Project. Change Order Number Two adds \$57,053.60 to the contract for the replacement of rubber flooring in the practice gym at Tupelo High School.

A copy of Change Order Number Two (2) for the Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Phase II Project is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**D. TPSD Summer 2011 Curriculum Writing Project**

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the proposed Summer 2011 Curriculum Writing Project at an estimated cost of approximately \$350,000.00 primarily to reimburse teachers selected to serve on the various writing teams.

Detailed information regarding the TPSD Summer 2011 Curriculum Writing Project is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**E. Consultant Services to be Provided by Dr. Charles Harrison**

Interim Superintendent David Meadows requested permission to contract with Dr. Charles Harrison to provide consultant services to the Tupelo Public School District. Mr. Meadows stated that, if approved, Dr. Harrison will work directly with the Interim Superintendent to review various initiatives started during the 2010-2011 school year. Additionally, Dr. Harrison will assist the Superintendent in data analysis and review. Dr. Harrison's rate is \$1,200.00 per day plus travel costs for any out-of-district travel. Permission is requested to contract with Dr. Charles Harrison for up to 15 days at a total cost of \$18,000 plus any out-of-district travel. The contract will also include the clause "for up to 15 days" meaning that only the number of days that Dr. Harrison actually provides services to the TPSD will be paid. In other words if Dr. Harrison's services are needed only 5 days, the district will not be obligated to pay the additional 10 days.

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to contract with Dr. Charles Harrison for up to 15 days at a total cost of \$18,000 plus any out-of-district travel.

**F. TPSD Policy GCBC-E Supplementary Pay Plan for Licensed Staff**

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve TPSD Policy GCBC-E Supplementary Pay Plan for Licensed Staff as recommended.

A copy of TPSD Policy GCBC-E Supplementary Pay Plan for Licensed Staff is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**A. Future Agenda Topics**

Mr. Hudson requested that a comprehensive communication plan report be presented at a future board meeting.

**B. Executive Session**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Prather, 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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Arlissa C. Heyer, President

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Elizabeth Stone, Secretary