

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 1, 2011**

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, February 1, 2011, 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: Mrs. Amy Heyer
 Mr. John Nail
 Mr. Eddie Prather
 Mrs. Beth Stone
 Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present:

Dr. Randy Shaver	Mr. Larry Harmon
Mrs. Diana Ezell	Mrs. Kay Bishop
Dr. Fred Hill	Mrs. Marissa Martin
Mr. Billy Crews	Ms. Patrice Tate
Mrs. Linda Pannell	Mr. Terry Hatch
Mr. David Meadows	Mr. Kenneth Roberts
Mrs. Julie Hinds	Mr. Danny Porter
Mrs. Glenda Scott	Dr. Derwood Tutor
Mr. Jim Turner	Mr. Marvin Nickels
Mrs. Kelly Stimpson	Mr. Lee Stratton
Ms. Nikki Logan	

Mr. Tucker 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 as submitted. 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 Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011, noon and 5:00 p.m. regular meetings as presented. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Public Comments

No requests for public comments were received for this meeting of the Board.

B. Recognitions

No recognitions were held at this meeting of the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

A. Differentiated Instruction in Tupelo Public Schools

Joyner Teacher Nikki Logan is a graduate student at the University of Mississippi and presented information regarding her upcoming research project entitled “An Examination of the Attitudes and Actions of Regular and Gifted Teachers toward Differentiating for Gifted Learners involved in a Pull-Out Gifted Program.”

B. Annual FY-12 Budget Calendar of Board Action and Oversight

Chief Operating Officer Billy Crews presented the following FY-12 Budget Calendar of Board Action and Oversight.

February 15, 2011	Licensed principals recommended for approval (required by this date)
March 8, 2011	Budget development discussion including review of projected enrollment and projected revenue
March 29, 2011	Budget development discussion including projected staffing levels/costs and capital improvement needs
April 14, 2011	Licensed teachers, administrators, and other professional educators recommended for approval (required by April 15)
May 24, 2011	Licensed and classified salary schedules presented for adoption.
June 28, 2011	Budget development discussion of 1 st draft of budget, identify issues and priorities
July 19, 2011	Budget development discussion and refinement of 2 nd draft of budget, if needed

August 1, 2011	Public Hearing on proposed Fiscal Year 2012 budget (required two weeks prior to budget adoption)
August 15, 2011	Budget presented for Board adoption (required by August 15)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contractual Agreements
 - Contracts #CO1125 through #CO1127
 - Rental of School Facilities #SFR157 and #SFR158
 - Bus Contracts #BC10-11-005 through #BC10-11-013
2. Donations #2010-2011-38 and #2010-2011-39
3. Granted Permission to Accept TPSD Grants #1028, #1104, #1107, and #1116
4. Authorized the Removal of Two (2) Assets from the TPSD Capital Assets listing
5. Granted Permission to Purchase Four (4) Buses at a cost of \$79,975.00 each.
6. Student Transfer Report
7. Second Nine Weeks Discipline Report

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 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Personnel Recommendations

Mrs. Heyer moved to approve the Licensed Personnel Report as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A detailed copy of the Licensed Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Docket of Claims for January 2 through January 21, 2011, and Tupelo High School Activity Check Register and Athletic Activity Check Register for December, 2010

Mr. Prather 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 January 2 through January 21, 2011, Docket of Claims #90067 through #90415 for Accounts Payable Checks #63834 through #64048 in the amount of \$327,546.80.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for December, 2010, Checks #3288 through #3295 in the amount of \$2,630.10.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for December, 2010, Checks #4694 through #4716 in the amount of \$1,765.00.

The grand total for all funds is \$331,941.90.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone and approved unanimously. Mr. Tucker 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 abovementioned Docket of Claims and Check Registers are marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Policy Changes

Dr. Shaver recommended amendment of the following Tupelo Public School District Board Policies:

Descriptor	
AC	Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
BBBB	Oath of Office
BEC	Executive Sessions
BEDB	Agenda
BEDG	Minutes
BF	School Board Work Sessions and Retreats
BGD	Board Review of Procedures/Regulations
BHA	School District Logo and/or Motto

Mr. Nail moved to approve the amended policies as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Copies of the above policies are marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Awarding of Advertised Request for Proposal #RFP1015 and Bid #BD1101

Following the recommendation of Superintendent Randy Shaver, Mrs. Stone moved to approve Advertised Request for Proposal #RFP1015 and Bid #BD1101 as presented:

#RFP1015	Waste Disposal Services
Recommendation:	Waste Management
#BD1101	THS Additions and Renovations, Phase II
Recommendation:	Century Construction
Funding Source:	Construction Funds
Total Award:	\$2,039,500.00 (Base Bid + Alt 1 & 2)

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

Detailed information regarding #RFP1015 and #BD1101 is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Advanced Placement Academy for Tupelo High School

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the implementation of an AP Academy at Tupelo High School during the 2011-2011 school year. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

(Additional information regarding the Advanced Placement Academy Report is marked Exhibit 1 and attached to the February 1, 2011, Work Session Minutes).

B. Block Scheduling at Tupelo High School

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to approve the implementation of Block Scheduling at Tupelo High School for the 2011-2012 school year. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

(Additional information regarding the Block Scheduling Report is marked Exhibit 2 and attached to the February 1, 2011, Work Session Minutes).

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

Mr. Eddie Prather requested the following items:

1. Number of new positions added since the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year
2. Implementation schedule of AP Academy and Block Scheduling at THS

B. Executive Session – Student and Personnel Matters

Board President Lee Tucker suggested to the School Board an 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 executive session for the purpose of discussing student and personnel matters. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the executive session was called to order by Mr. Tucker with the following people present: Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. John Nail, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mrs. Beth Stone, Mr. Lee Tucker, Dr. Randy Shaver, Mrs. Diana Ezell, Dr. Fred Hill, Mr. Billy Crews, and Ms. Patrice Tate.

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.

Toward the end of the closed session, Mrs. Ezell, Dr. Hill, Mr. Crews and Ms. Tate left the meeting. Dr. Shaver and the board members continued discussion on a personnel matter.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

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, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, 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 2:35 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Lee Tucker, President

Eddie Prather, Secretary