

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
WORK SESSION
MARCH 21, 2018**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a work session of the Board held in open session at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Eddie Prather called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The following School Board members were present during roll call:

Members Present: Mr. Joe Babb
Mrs. Sherry Davis
Mr. Rob Hudson
Mr. Eddie Prather

Mr. Kenneth Wheeler was absent at roll call. Mr. Prather declared a quorum, and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session.

Board Attorney Otis Tims of Mitchell, McNutt and School Board Clerk Patrice Tate were also present. Also in attendance was Dr. Michael W. Waldrop, Executive Director of the Mississippi School Boards Association. Mrs. Emma Crawford Kent was present representing the *Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal*,

Mr. Prather stated that pursuant to the Mississippi Open Meetings Law, Sections 25-41-1 through 25-14-17 of the Mississippi Code, this meeting was called for the purpose of continued discussion involving the sensitive and confidential personnel matter of employing a new superintendent of schools.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Noting that the topic of the meeting involves a highly sensitive and confidential personnel matter, Mr. Prather suggested to the School Board the need for a temporary executive session to determine the need for a permanent executive session.

On a motion by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Babb, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to enter temporary executive session for the purpose of determining a need for permanent executive session.

The room was cleared, leaving the following persons present: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Rob Hudson, and Mr. Eddie Prather. Mr. Otis Tims, Dr. Michael Waldrop and Ms. Patrice Tate were also present.

Mr. Prather called the temporary executive session to order and the Board first considered the reason for entering executive session. Upon a motion by Mrs. Davis, with a second by Mr. Babb, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to remain in executive session for the purpose of continued discussion involving the sensitive and confidential personnel matter of employing a new superintendent of schools. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mr. Prather announced to those outside the meeting that the Board had voted unanimously by all Board members present to go into executive session.

Mr. Prather called the executive session to order. Board Member Kenneth Wheeler entered the meeting at approximately 10:08 a.m. Mrs. Davis moved to come out of executive session. Mr. Babb seconded the motion and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed and the Board in open session.

IV. OPEN SESSION

Mr. Prather announced that the Board had met in executive session to consider a highly sensitive and confidential personnel matter of employing a new superintendent of schools. Mr. Prather further stated that no action was taken by the Board in executive session regarding this matter.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Mr. Eddie Prather, President

Mr. Rob Hudson, Secretary