

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MAY 30, 2014**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a called meeting of the Board held in open session at noon on Tuesday, May 30, 2014, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Rob Hudson called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board members present during roll call were: Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. Mr. Joe Babb was absent. Mr. Hudson announced that all members were present constituting a quorum, therefore, the meeting is lawfully in session.

Tupelo Public School District Attorney Otis Tims was also present. Also in attendance were members of the press.

District administrators present included the following: Dr. Gearl Loden, Mrs. Kimberly Britton, Mr. Andy Cantrell, and Ms. Patrice Tate.

Board President Rob Hudson announced: "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 conducting a special called meeting to consider a personnel matter and acquisition of real property."

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President Rob Hudson suggested to the School Board a temporary executive session to determine the need for a permanent executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and possible acquisition of real property.

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted unanimously to enter temporary executive session for the purpose of determining a need for permanent executive session. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the temporary executive session was called to order by Mr. Hudson with the following people present: Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mr. Kenneth Wheeler, Dr. Gearl Loden, Mr. Otis Tims, Mrs. Kimberly Britton, Mr. Andy Cantrell, and Ms. Patrice Tate.

The executive session was called to order and the Board first considered the reason for entering executive session. Upon a motion by Mr. Prather, with a second by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted unanimously to remain in executive session for the purpose of discussing

a personnel matter and the possibility of acquisition of real property. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mr. Hudson reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into executive session was to discuss a personnel matter and the possibility of acquisition of real property.

Next, Mr. Andy Cantrell and Superintendent Gearl Loden led a discussion regarding a proposal to acquire real property. Following this discussion, Superintendent Gearl Loden discussed a personnel matter with the Board.

Mr. Prather moved to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Davis seconded the motion, and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed and the Board in Open Session.

Mr. Hudson reopened the meeting to tell all in attendance that the Board was back in Open Session. Everyone waiting re-entered the meeting, and Mr. Hudson stated that the Board was back in Open Session and no action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

IV. ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE AND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TPSD AND TOMBIGBEE ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION

On a motion by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the purchase and lease of the Tombigbee Electric Power Association property located on South Gloster Street pursuant to the terms and conditions stated in the Real Estate Purchase Contract and the Lease Agreement, and to grant authority to the superintendent to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the acquisition.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Real Estate Purchase Contract and Lease Agreement between TPSD and Tombigbee Electric Power Association is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

V. EMPLOYMENT OF DR. EDDIE J. PEASANT, III, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

On a motion by Mr. Prather seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to employ Dr. Eddie J. Peasant, III, in the capacity of assistant superintendent replacing Dr. Matthew Dillon, effective July 1, 2014. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hudson entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Rob Hudson, II, President

Kenneth Wheeler, Secretary