

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JUNE 30, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a special called meeting of the Board held in open session at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 30, 2017 at the Community Development Foundation, 398 East Main Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Eddie Prather called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board members present during roll call were: Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Joe Babb, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mr. Rob Hudson and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Gearl Loden, Mrs. Kimberly Britton, Mrs. Corlis Curry, Mrs. Anna Guntharp, Mr. Andy Cantrell, Mrs. Modesty Shumpert, and Attorney Otis Tims. Members of the press were also present.

Board President Eddie Prather announced: "Pursuant to the Mississippi Open Meetings Law, Sections 25-41-1 through 25-41-17 of the Mississippi Code, this meeting was called for the purpose of conducting a special called meeting to consider personnel recommendations."

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Davis, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda for the Special Called June 30, 2017, Board Meeting.

The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the agenda is marked **EXHIBIT 1** and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

III. CONSIDERATION OF LICENSED STAFF

Superintendent Gearl Loden recommended approval of the Licensed Staff Recommendations. Also, Dr. Loden introduced Mrs. Katie Pannell, Assistant Principal at Pierce Street Elementary, to the Board of Trustees.

Upon a motion by Mr. Babb, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Licensed Personnel Recommendations as presented. The Board President declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Personnel Report is marked **EXHIBIT 2** and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

IV. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 3 BUSES

Mrs. Rachel Murphree requested approval to purchase two (2) regular school buses, as identified on the Mississippi State Approved List of buses, and one (1) activity bus.

On a motion by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of 3 buses as requested by Mrs. Murphree. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

V. PERMISSION TO PAY INSURANCE PREMIUM FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Mrs. Rachel Murphree requested approval to pay the insurance premium for the 2017-2018 school year. The premium is \$496,834. Permission from the Board is required because the premium is over the minimum amount allowable for Board Policy if a budget has not been adopted.

On a motion by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the payment of the insurance premium as requested by Mrs. Murphree. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Prather entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was adopted unanimously by all members present, and the meeting stood adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Eddie Prather, President

Rob Hudson, Secretary