

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES  
March 27, 2012**

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, March 27, 2012, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Eddie Prather who welcomed guests attending the meeting.

**ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Board members present during roll call were: Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, and Mrs. Beth Stone. Mr. Prather announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Attorneys Otis Tims and Kelly Stimpson were also present.

The District's next Superintendent, Dr. Gearl Loden, was also present and was recognized by Mr. Prather.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to confirm the agenda, amended as follows:

- Add Item B. Block Scheduling Update Report under Section VI. Communications to the Board. This report will be given by THS Principal Jason Harris

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

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 14, 2012, noon and 5:00 p.m. regular meetings were presented by Board Clerk Patrice Tate for consideration for approval. No corrections were noted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

School Board Attorney Otis Tims announced that a request for public comment was received in accordance with TPSD Policy BEDH Public Participation in Meeting and was scheduled to address the Board at the noon meeting of the Board, however, the request has been retracted.

## **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

### **A. Report on Moving Forward Together Component Four**

Interim Superintendent David Meadows provided a report on Moving Forward Together Component Four (copy on file). Mr. Meadows addressed the following general categories:

1. Template for collecting common themes
2. Time/task responsibility matrix
3. Suggested process for implementation

### **B. Update Report on THS Block Scheduling for 2012-2013 School Year**

Tupelo High School Principal Jason Harris presented an update report on the transition to block scheduling for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Harris stated that parent meetings for question and answer sessions will be held at Tupelo High School, St. James Catholic Church and Haven Acres.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. Consent Agenda**

The following Consent Agenda items were presented by Interim Superintendent David Meadows for discussion:

1. TPSD Contracts #CO1246 and #CO1247  
Bus Service Contracts #BC11-12-011 through #BC11-12-014 and  
Revision to #BC-12-008  
Contracts for Rental of School Facilities #SFR1225 through #SFR1228
2. Single Source Purchase #SS1222
3. Donations #2011-2012-030 through #20-11-2012-033
4. Approved Overnight Field Trip Request:
  - Tupelo Middle School Science Bowl Team, Washington, D.C., April 26-30, 2012, to compete in national competition

### **B. Student Transfer Report**

Mrs. Pamela Traylor, Director of Support Services, presented for review the following in-district transfers:

- Approval of eleven (11) resident student transfers (in-district) for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year
- Approval of admission of two (2) non-resident students (tuition)

### **C. Personnel Recommendations**

Interim Superintendent David Meadows and Human Resource Director Jim Turner presented Licensed Staff recommendations. Mr. Turner also updated the Board regarding 2011-2012 TPSD Staffing.

### **D. Docket of Claims**

Mrs. Amy Heyer reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and recommended approval of the Docket of Claims as outlined below:

- Docket of Claims for the period February 25, 2012, through March 19, 2012, Docket of Claims #1 through #487, Accounts Payable Checks #1 through #323 in the amount of \$505,176.73.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period February 2012, Checks #3494 through #3506 in the amount of \$1,634.84.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period February 2012, Checks #5226 through #5267 in the amount of \$6,182.28.

The grand total for all funds is \$512,993.85.

### **E. February 29, 2012, Financial Statements**

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month ending February 29, 2012, for consideration of approval. Mrs. Pannell stated that a listing by fund is available for the Board's information.

### **F. Statement of Cash Flow for Month Ending February 29, 2012**

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Cash Flow for month ending February 29, 2012, for information and review (copy on file).

### **G. Student Discipline Report – Case #31-2**

Mrs. Pamela Traylor presented for consideration for approval and ratification of administrative decision to expel Student #31-2 from the Structured Day Program for one calendar year (February 7, 2012, through February 7, 2013), for violation of TPSD Policy JK-E5.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. 2012-2013 Alternative Education Program Options and Cost Comparison**

Assistant Superintendent Frederick Hill provided information relative to continuing to contract with Ombudsman to serve students in grades 10-12 in the High School Advancement Academy Upper Level Program or funding, operating, and staffing the program by the Tupelo Public School District. A comparison was provided for both options which outlined the differences in cost between contracting with Ombudsman and TPSD funding and staffing the program.

### **B. Summer Opportunity Camp**

Deputy Superintendent Diana Ezell shared information on Summer 2012 Opportunity Camp for Tupelo Public School District students. Mrs. Ezell stated that the proposed week-long camps will be held in June, 2012, and will be offered for grades K-12 at a cost of \$80.00 for one camp and \$60 for each additional week a student attends.

### **C. Local Plan Updates for Fiscal Year and Program Change Form**

THS Vocational Director Evet Topp presented the proposed Local Plan Updates for Fiscal Year 2013 and Program Change Form for consideration for approval. Ms. Topp stated that an annual approval by the TPSD Board of Trustees is required by the Mississippi Department of Education in order for the District to expend State and/or Federal Carl Perkins funds.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

### **A. Future Agenda Topics**

1. Prepare a report for consideration, review and discussion on security cameras in the buildings on the campus and the parking lots of THS, TMS, Milam, Fillmore Center, and Church Street Schools.
2. Prepare a report consisting of a listing of school-based academic teams in grades 6-12 for the purpose of review, discussion, and consideration of what could be offered in the future based on district and school goals.
3. Prepare a grant summary report at the end of school year 2011-2012.
4. An update on the added support being provided for extra-curricular activities.
5. Scheduling of Board Work Session/Retreat.

### **B. Executive Session**

Board President Eddie Prather 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.

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mr. Hudson, 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, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the temporary executive session was called to order by Mr. Prather with the following people present: Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mrs. Beth Stone, Mr. Otis Tims, 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 Mrs. Heyer, with a second by Mr. Hudson, the Board voted unanimously to remain in executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mr. Prather reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into executive session was to discuss a personnel matter.

Discussion followed regarding a personnel matter, however, no action was taken in executive session.

Mrs. Heyer moved to come out of executive session. Mr. Hudson 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.

Mr. Prather announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED:  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

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Eddie M, President

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Rob Hudson, Secretary