

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 12 NOON MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2008**

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 4, 2008, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Shawn Brevard.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The following School Board members were present during roll call:

Members Present: Ms. Shawn Brevard
 Mr. Mike Clayborne
 Mr. Steve Ludt
 Mr. John Nail
 Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy
 Mr. David Meadows
 Dr. George Noflin, Jr.
 Mr. Jim Turner
 Mrs. Linda Pannell
 Mrs. Dale Warriner
 Mrs. Julie Hinds
 Mrs. Kay Bishop
 Mr. Bob Monroe
 Mr. Mac Curlee
 Ms. Patrice Tate

Mrs. Brevard announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. Members of the press were also present.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Superintendent Randy McCoy announced that School Board Policy #BDB stipulates that "the officers of the Board shall be a president, vice-president and secretary and shall be elected at the first meeting of the board following the first Saturday of March of each calendar year." Dr. McCoy next announced that the floor was open for nomination for president of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Ludt placed Mrs. Shawn Brevard's name before the Board for president of the School Board. Mr. Clayborne seconded the motion. As no other nominations were offered, Mr. Clayborne moved that nominations be closed and Mrs. Brevard be elected president by acclamation. Mr. Nail seconded the motion. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the motion passed.

Next, Mrs. Brevard announced that the floor was open for nominations for vice-president of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Clayborne placed Mr. John Nail's name before the Board to serve as vice-president. Mr. Tucker seconded this motion and Mr. Clayborne moved that nominations be closed and Mr. Nail be elected vice president by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and was approved unanimously. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Mrs. Brevard announced that the floor was now open for nomination for secretary of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Ludt placed Mr. Lee Tucker's name before the Board to serve as secretary. Mr. Clayborne seconded this motion and Mr. Clayborne moved that nominations be closed and Mr. Tucker be elected secretary by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

IV. REVIEW OF AGENDA TOPICS

Board Members and Tupelo Public School District staff members reviewed agenda topics and heard reports in a work session type format for the January 29, 2008, meeting of the Board of Trustees as follows:

- **TPSD Strategic Planning Survey**

Mrs. Kay Bishop and Dr. Randy McCoy reported that a Strategic Planning Survey was sent home with all students on Friday, February 29. The *Daily Journal* and the *Lee County Courier* were contacted about publishing an article to inform the public about the survey. Mrs. Bishop also stated that hopefully segments will be broadcast on WCBI and WTVA prior to March 7.

- **TPSD Car Tag Program**

Dr. Randy McCoy and Mrs. Kay Bishop presented a proposed final design of the TPSD Car Tag and reported that now that the design is finalized plans will be made to extensively publicize the TPSD Car Tag Program.

- **2008-2009 Pre-Registration Schedule**

Dr. McCoy presented the 2008-2009 TPSD Pre-Registration Schedule. Dr. McCoy reported that the ad will be a quarter of a page and run three times (the two Sundays before and the Wednesday before in the local section of the *Daily Journal*). Posters will also be placed at each school.

- **2006-2007 School Year Board Audit Committee Report**

Board Members Steve Ludt and John Nail reported on their recent meeting with auditors during the 2006-2007 Audit Exit Interview. The meeting was conducted by auditors from J. E. Vance and Company and was also attended by Superintendent Randy McCoy and Finance Director Linda Pannell.

- **Proposed Policy Changes**

Discussion continued from earlier board meetings regarding part-time students at Tupelo High School. Dr. McCoy reported that at this point, college credit is available to students through Tupelo High School's Advanced Placement course offerings. In addition to college English and history, students have the opportunity to receive other college level credit for Advanced Placement courses successfully completed and validated by earning the required score on the Advanced Placement examination.

Dr. McCoy recommended that enrollment in college courses at either community colleges or 4-year institutions of high learning not be approved as a reason for granting "Part-Time Status" to Tupelo High School students.

Dr. McCoy reported that revisions to the following TPSD Policy and Exhibits have been made since the Board's last review on January 29, 2008:

- IKA-E Grading/Evaluation of Students: Grades 9-12
- IKC Class Rankings/Grade Point Averages
- IKE-E Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration of Students: Grades 9-12

The following agenda items were also reviewed:

- Consent Agenda
- Student Transfers
- Personnel Changes
- Docket of Claims
- Financial Statements Month-Ending January 31, 2008
- 2008-2009 School Calendar
- Proposed Reallocation of Title I Funds
- Parkway Elementary Canopy
- Appointment of Board Audit Committee to Review TPSD 2007-2008 Audit

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Brevard 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 Mr. Ludt, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to enter temporary executive session for the purpose of determining a need for permanent executive session. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The room was cleared and the temporary executive session was called to order by President Shawn Brevard with the following people present: Mrs. Shawn Brevard, Mr. Mike Clayborne, Mr. Steve Ludt, Mr. John Nail, Mr. Lee Tucker, and Dr. Randy McCoy.

The Board first considered the reason for entering executive session. Upon a motion by Mr. Ludt with a second by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to remain in executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Ludt with a second by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to come out of executive session. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Mr. Clayborne and duly seconded by Mr. Tucker that the Board adjourn. Mrs. Brevard declared the meeting in adjournment at 4:10 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Shawn Brevard, President

Lee Tucker, Secretary