

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
July 29, 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, July 29, 2008, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Shawn Brevard who welcomed guests attending the meeting.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The following School Board members were present during roll call:

Members Present: Mrs. Shawn Brevard
 Mr. Mike Clayborne
 Mr. John Nail
 Mr. Lee Tucker

Members Absent: Mrs. Amy Heyer

Staff Present: Dr. Randy McCoy
 Mr. David Meadows
 Mr. George Noflin, Jr.
 Mrs. Diana Ezell
 Mrs. Linda Pannell
 Mrs. Dale Warriner
 Mrs. Julie Hinds
 Mrs. Kay Bishop
 Mrs. Jennifer Strunk
 Ms. Patrice Tate

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted. Mrs. Brevard announced that the motion passed. The agenda is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2008 special called meeting and June 24, 2008 regular meeting subject to the noted changes. Mrs. Brevard declared the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Public Comments

No requests for public comments were received for this Board Meeting.

B. Recognitions

No recognitions were scheduled for this meeting of the Board.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. Japan Foundation Group Tour Report

Superintendent Randy McCoy reported on his recent trip to Japan sponsored by the Japan Foundation Group Tour Program for Educators.

B. FY09 Budget

Superintendent Randy McCoy led a discussion regarding FY09 Budget items in preparation for the FY09 Budget Hearing scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

A copy of the FY09 Budget Report is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

In accordance with Dr. McCoy's recommendations, Mr. Clayborne moved to approve and ratify the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Contractual Agreements #CO9000 through #CO9009
2. Single Source Purchases #SS900 and #SS901
3. Donations #2008-2009-900 and #2008-2009-901
4. Acceptance of TPSD Grant #819 and #900

5. Permission to Advertise for Sealed Bids #BD570 and #BD563 (#BD563 for Tupelo High School 9th Grade Lockers is a Re-Bid.
6. Renewal of Menu Choice Procedure “Offer vs. Serve” for all sites for the breakfast and lunch programs for school year 2008-2009.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of the Consent Agenda report is marked EXHIBIT 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Student Transfer Report

In accordance with Dr. McCoy’s recommendations, Mr. Tucker moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to the following student transfer requests:

- a. Approval of sixteen (16) resident student transfers (in-district)
- b. Approval of six (6) nonresident student transfers (in-district)
- c. Denial of four (4) resident student transfers (in-district)
- d. Approval of thirty-six (36) nonresident students (tuition)
- e. Denial of one (1) nonresident student (tuition)
- f. Release of three (3) resident student transfers

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Student Transfer Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Nail moved to approve the Personnel Report which included the following items:

- a. Licensed Personnel
- b. Classified Personnel
- c. Substitutes
- d. Request for One Year License (Spanish Teacher at Tupelo Middle School)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A detailed copy of the Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Docket of Claims

Mr. Tucker reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and recommended approval as listed below:

- Docket of Claims for the period June 14 through June 30, 2008, Docket of Claim #64785 through #65536 for Accounts Payable Checks #47616 through #48254 in the amount of \$1,510,657.15.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for June 2008, Checks #2828 through #2833 in the amount of \$3,154.60.
- Docket of Claims for the period July 1 through July 18, 2008, Docket of Claim #65537 through #65637 for Accounts Payable Checks #48255 through #48332 in the amount of \$623,869.17.

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The motion was seconded by Mr. Clayborne and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

This affirms that the claims check registers are legal and proper and they should be allowed and ratified as paid by the Superintendent or his designee pursuant to Section 37-9-14 (7) of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated.

The Docket of Claims and Check Registers are marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. June 30, 2008 Financial Statements

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month-ending June 30, 2008, for consideration of approval. Mrs. Pannell stated that a listing by fund is available for the Board's information.

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the June 30, 2008 Financial Statements as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the June 30, 2008 Financial Statements is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. Amendment to TPSD Policy Exhibit KF-E Community Use of School Facilities and Policy Regulation KF-R Operation of the THS Performing Arts Center

Superintendent Randy McCoy recommended that TPSD Policy Exhibit KF-E Community Use of School Facilities be amended to define the length of day when a person rents a TPSD facility (12 hours is considered one day).

Dr. McCoy further recommended that TPSD Policy Regulation KF-R Operation of the THS Performing Arts Center be revised to ensure consistency with our practice regarding the operation of the THS Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Nail moved to approve the changes to TPSD Policies KF-E and KF-R subject to a correction to Policy #KF-R as noted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tucker and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of TPSD Policies KF-E and KF-R are marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Awarding of Advertised Bids (BD563 and BD569)

Dr. McCoy recommended awarding of the following advertised bids:

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| BD563 | Adding Lockers at THS 9 th Grade
Recommendation: Reject All Bids
Specifications were confusing and we did not receive bids for the same size lockers. Bids were submitted by Factory Select, MISSCO, and Weatherall's, Inc. |
| BD569 | BD569 King ECEC Playground Benches and Surface
Recommendation: Wilco Services, LLC
Cost: \$73,734.38
Funding Source: Federal Funds |

Mr. Clayborne moved to award BD569 and re-bid BD563 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Detailed information regarding BD563 and BD569 is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

A FY09 Title III Grant Application for English Language Acquisition for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students

Ms. Dale Warriner, Federal Programs Coordinator, requested consideration for approval of the FY09 Title III Grant Application for English Language Acquisition for Limited English Proficient (LEP) and Immigrant Students. This grant is not considered part of the Consolidated Federal Programs Grant and therefore requires separate action. The Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 ensures that limited English proficient students, including immigrant children and youth, develop English proficiency and meet the same academic content and achievement standards required by all children.

It was recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the 2008-2009 Title III English Language Acquisition for Limited English Proficient Students and Immigrant Children and Youth Grant Application in the amount of \$33,206.32.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY09 Title III Grant Application for English Language Acquisition for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students as recommended. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the FY09 Title III English Language Acquisition for Limited English Proficient Students Grant Application is marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. 2008 K-5 Mathematics Textbook Program for Purchase and Use Beginning in the 2008-2009 School Year

Dr. Randy McCoy and Mr. David Meadows reported that following additional review and discussion by the TPSD K-5 Textbook Adoption Team, the Scott Foresman-Pearson EnVision Mathematics 2009 Textbook Program is recommended for adoption and use beginning in the 2008-2009 school year.

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Scott-Foresman-Pearson EnVision Mathematics 2009 Textbook Program for use beginning in the 2008-2009 school year. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the 2008 K-5 Mathematics Textbook Program for Purchase and Use Beginning in the 2008-2009 School Year is marked EXHIBIT 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2007

Superintendent Randy McCoy presented correspondence dated June 30, 2008, from State Auditor Stacey Pickering which stated that the audit report on the Tupelo Public School District for fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, prepared by J. E. Vance & Company is unqualified and that no findings were reported.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Tucker, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Audit Report for FY07 as presented. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Audit Report for FY07 prepared by J. E. Vance & Company is marked EXHIBIT 12 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. 2008-2009 Board Liaisons

Discussion regarding assigning 2008-2009 Board Liaisons was tabled until a later board meeting.

B. Executive Session – Student Matter and Student Discipline Case #7298

Board President Shawn 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 student matter.

On a motion by Mr. Clayborne, seconded by Mr. Nail, 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 President Shawn Brevard with the following people present: Mrs. Shawn Brevard, Mr. Mike Clayborne, Mr. John Nail, Mr. Lee Tucker, Dr. Randy McCoy, Dr. George Noflin, Mrs. Diana Ezell, Mrs. Mary Ruth Wright, Mr. Jason Harris, and Mrs. Pam Alford.

The Executive Session was called to order and the Board first considered the reason for entering executive session. Upon a motion by Mr. Clayborne with a second by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a student matter.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, 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 student matter.

Next, Student #7298 and his/her parents entered the Executive Session and addressed the Board regarding a discipline matter. After these remarks, Student #7298 and his/her parents left the meeting.

Dr. George Noflin, Mrs. Diana Ezell, Mrs. Mary Ruth Wright, Mr. Jason Harris and Mrs. Pam Alford also left the meeting. The four board members and Superintendent Randy McCoy remained in Executive Session.

Following a lengthy discussion, on a motion by Mr. Clayborne seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to place Student #7298 at the Fillmore Center for only the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

Additional information regarding Student Case #8309 is marked EXHIBIT 13 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mr. Clayborne, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 2:50 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Shawn Brevard, President

Lee Tucker, Secretary