

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 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 Thursday, November 15, 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, Mrs. Beth Stone, and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. Mr. Prather announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in Session. Attorney Otis Tims was also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to confirm the agenda.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed and the agenda approved.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the October 23, 2012, noon regular meeting and 5:00 P.M. regular meeting were presented for consideration for approval. A correction to remove item C.3. under "Superintendent's Report" was noted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were requested for this meeting.

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Prather announced that several recognitions were scheduled for the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Office of Finance Director Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #5)

1. Contracts for Rental of School Facilities #SFR1319 through #SFR1321
2. Donations #2012-2013-018 through #2012-2013-021
3. Permission to Submit TPSD Grants #1307 and #1309
4. Approval of Add One (1) Asset and Remove 30 Assets from the District's Asset Inventory

B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Dillon

Student Transfer Report presented by Mrs. Pamela Traylor.

C. Office of Superintendent Dr. Gearl Loden

Consideration of approval of appropriate School Board expenses to attend the NSBA Annual Conference in San Diego, CA, April, 2013.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Office of Director of Finance Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #5)

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 October 13-31, 2012, Docket of Claims #5726 through #6169, Accounts Payable Checks #3475 through #3738 in the amount of \$3,667,655.17
- The Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period September 2012, Checks #1077 through #1093 in the amount of \$4,357.81
- The Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period October 2012, Checks #1094 through #1125 in the amount of \$7,479.99
- The Athletic Activity Check Register for the period September 2012, Checks #10148 through #1199 in the amount of \$4,568.53
- The Athletic Activity Check Register for the period October 2012, Checks #1200 through #1236 in the amount of \$3,715.78

The grand total for all funds is \$3,687,777.28.

Financial Statements for the Months Ending August 31, 2012, and September 30, 2012

Mrs. Linda Pannell presented the Statements of Income and Expenditures for the months ending August 31, 2012, and September 30, 2012, for approval. A listing by find type is available for the Board's information and review.

B. Office of Director of Human Resources Mr. Jim Turner (TPSD Goal #3)

Consideration of Licensed Staff

Human Resources Director Jim Turner presented Consideration of Licensed Staff for approval.

C. Office of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gearl Loden (TPSD Goals #1, #4 and #5)

First Nine-Weeks Discipline Overview was presented by Assistant Superintendent Diana Ezell.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Awarding of Advertised Bid #BD 1302 Copy Paper

Mrs. Pannell recommended that the Board of Trustees award Advertised Bid #BD1302 Copy Paper to Unisource Worldwide, who was the lowest and best bidder.

NEW BUSINESS

No “New Business” items were presented at this meeting of the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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 sensitive and confidential student and personnel matters.

On a motion by Mrs. Heyer, seconded by Mrs. Stone, 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. Kenneth Wheeler, and Mr. Otis Tims.

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 Mrs. Stone, 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 confidential student and personnel matters.

Discussion followed regarding student and personnel matters, however, no action was taken in executive session.

Mrs. Heyer moved to come out of executive session. Mrs. Stone 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 Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present 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:

Eddie M, Prather, President

Rob Hudson, Secretary