

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2013**

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, November 19, 2013, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Rob Hudson who welcomed guests attending the meeting.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board members present during roll call were: Mr. Joseph Babb, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. Mr. Hudson announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in Session. Attorney Otis Tims was also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Babb, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda for November 19, 2013, with one addition as follows:

ADD: An addendum to the Personnel Report under Section VIII. Superintendent's Report, Item C. Office of Director of Human Resources, Number 1 (One) Personnel Report

The Vice President of the Board declared the motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

School Board Attorney Otis Tims announced that as the Board president position is vacant, the Board could at their discretion elect a new slate of officers.

On a motion Mr. Prather, seconded by Mr. Babb, the Board voted unanimously to elect a new slate of officers. Vice President Rob Hudson announced the motion passed.

Mr. Tims announced that the floor was open for nominations for president of the Board of Trustees.

Election of President

Mr. Babb nominated Mr. Rob Hudson for president of the School Board. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion. By general consent, nominations for president were closed and the matter was brought to a vote as follows:

Mr. Joe Babb	voted: Aye
Mr. Rob Hudson	voted: Aye
Mr. Eddie Prather	voted: Aye
Mr. Ken Wheeler	voted: Aye

By a vote of 4-0, Mr. Hudson was elected president of the Board of Trustees.

Election of Vice-President

Next, Mr. Tims announced that the floor was open for nominations for vice-president of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Babb nominated Mr. Kenneth Wheeler to serve as vice-president. Mr. Prather seconded the motion and by unanimous consent nominations for vice-president were closed and the matter was brought to vote as follows:

Mr. Joe Babb	voted: Aye
Mr. Rob Hudson	voted: Aye
Mr. Eddie Prather	voted: Aye
Mr. Ken Wheeler	voted: Aye

By a vote of 4-0, Mr. Kenneth Wheeler was elected vice-president of the Board of Trustees.

Election of Secretary

Next, Mr. Tims announced that the floor was open for nominations for secretary of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Wheeler nominated Mr. Joe Babb to serve as secretary. Mr. Prather seconded the motion and by unanimous consent nominations for secretary were closed and the matter was brought to vote as follows:

Mr. Joe Babb	voted: Aye
Mr. Rob Hudson	voted: Aye
Mr. Eddie Prather	voted: Aye
Mr. Ken Wheeler	voted: Aye

By a vote of 4-0, Mr. Joe Babb was elected secretary of the Board of Trustees.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the following meetings were presented for consideration for approval:

October 8, 2013	Regular Meeting, Noon, Hancock Leadership Center
October 8, 2013	Regular Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Carver Elementary School

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No requests for public comments were received for this meeting of the Board.

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Hudson announced that several recognitions were scheduled for the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board at Joyner Elementary School.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

The following reports were presented to the Board of Trustees as information:

- A. Mississippi School Boards Association Fall Conference Trip Report presented by Board members and Dr. Gearl Loden
- B. Bully Awareness Update presented by Dr. Diana Ezell (TPSD Goal #2)
- C. First Nine Weeks Discipline Report presented by Dr. Diana Ezell (TPSD Goal #2)
- D. ECEC Additional Classroom Funded by Toyota USA Foundation Grant (TPSD Goals #1 and #4) presented by Mrs. Anna Guntharp
- E. E-Book Project for Grades K-12 presented by Mrs. Mary Ann Plasencia (TPSD Goal #1)

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Consent Agenda items were presented for consideration for approval.

A. Office of Finance Director Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #4)

- 1. Contractual Agreements:
 - Contracts #CO1401 through #CO1403
 - Charter Bus Service Contract BC# 2013-2014-003 and BC# 2013-2014-004
 - Rental of School Facilities #SFR1409 through #SFR1413
- 2. Donations #2013-2014-010 through #2013-2014-015
- 3. Permission to Submit TPSD Grant #1403 through #1406
- 4. Permission to Accept TPSD Grant #1319
- 5. Permission to Add 3 Assets and Delete 62 items from the TPSD Asset List

B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Dillon

- 1. Student Transfer Report presented by Mrs. Pamela Traylor
- 2. Readmission of Student #06-02-2012-2013 and Student #25-02-2012-2013
- 3. Change Order Number One (1) for Tupelo High School Cafeteria Additions and Renovations Project (TPSD Goal #4)

This change order reconciles all allowances under the contract and results in a deduct to the total contract sum of \$11,0441.01 with a new contract sum of \$735,955.99.
- 4. Overnight Field Trip Requests:
 - a. THS Thespians to attend the Mississippi Thespian Conference, Pearl, MS
 - b. THS Show Choir to attend the FAME competition in Branson, MO
 - c. THS Show Choir to attend the Music City Show Shoppe Competition in Nashville, TN
 - d. THS Band to attend the Orlandofest Music Competition in Orlando, FL
 - e. THS Madrigals to attend the Orlandofest Music Competition in Orlando, FL (this trip takes the place of a previously approved trip to San Antonio, TX)

C. Office of Assistant Superintendent Kimberly Britton (TPSD Goal #1)

Title I, Part D, Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Federal Grant Program presented by Mrs. Anna Guntharp

Request that the Board review and consider approval of Title I, Part D Assurances and approval of submission of Title I, Part D ESEA Federal Grant Program Application.

Title I, Part D provides funding for the education program for delinquent youth at the Lee County Tupelo Juvenile Detention Center.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. Docket of Claims and Check Registers

Board Member Kenneth Wheeler reviewed the Docket of Claims prior to the meeting and advised that at the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board he will recommend approval of the following:

- Docket of Claims for the period September 28, 2013, through November 10, 2013, Docket of Claims #14173 through #15191, Accounts Payable Checks #8700 through #9349 in the amount of \$2,177,440.88 will be presented by Finance Director Linda Pannell.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period September 2013, Checks #1322 through #1336 in the amount of \$5,147.42 will also be presented by Finance Director Linda Pannell.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period October 2013, Checks #1337 through #1357 in the amount of \$6,575.48 will also be presented by Finance Director Linda Pannell.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period September 2013, Checks #1554 through #1608 in the amount of \$6,097.47 will also be presented by Finance Director Linda Pannell.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period October 2013, Checks #1609 through #1681 in the amount of \$8,732.92 will also be presented by Finance Director Linda Pannell.

2. Financial Statement for the Month Ending September 30, 2013

Finance Director Linda Pannell presented the Financial Statement for the month ending September 30, 2013 for consideration for approval.

B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Dillon (TPSD Goal #2)

Student Discipline Report

1. Case #27-2-2013-2014

Recommendation to ratify administrative decision to expel Student #27-2-2013-2014 from TPSD for one calendar year (October 3, 2013, until October 2, 2014) for violation of TPSD Policy JK-E5, #05.

2. Case #44-2013-2014

Recommendation to ratify administrative decision to expel Student #44-2013-2014 from TPSD for one calendar year (October 1, 2013, until September 30, 2014) for violation of TPSD Policy JK-E5, #05.

3. Case #45-2013-2014

Recommendation to ratify administrative decision to expel Student #45-2013-2014 From TPSD for one calendar year (October 1, 2013, until September 30, 2014) for Violation of TPSD Policy JK-E5, #13.

C. Office of Director of Human Resources Mr. Jim Turner

Personnel Recommendations and Addendum (TPSD Goal #3)

Mr. Turner presented Licensed Staff recommendations for consideration for approval.

D. Office of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gearl Loden (TPSD Goals #3 and #4)

Information Items

Information was provided regarding the following items:

1. NSBA Annual Conference (April 4-7, 2014), New Orleans, LA
2. Retiree Luncheon, Tuesday, December 3, 2013, 11:30am, HLC
3. Full-Time Substitutes
4. TPSD Video (Anna Beth Wyatt)
5. December 18, 2013 (last day before holidays for students – this is a full day for students – not a 60% day)
6. December 19, 2013 (last day before holidays for teachers – full day)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed 2014 Board Meeting Calendar

Dr. Loden presented the proposed 2014 Board Meeting Schedule for consideration for approval. It was the consensus of the Board to add an additional day for the Summer Board Retreat (June 24 & 25, 2014). The calendar includes regular meetings and tentative dates for work sessions and Board retreat.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business items were presented at this meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

1. ECEC Update Report (Anna Guntharp)
2. Student Enrollment/Withdrawals/ADA Report (Dr. Dillon)
3. NMMC Portal Update (Mary Ann Plasencia)
4. 1st Draft of 2014-2015 School Calendar (Dr. Ezell)
5. Wellness Center Update
6. Superintendent Evaluation

B. Executive Session

Board President Rob Hudson 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. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Babb, the Board voted unanimously by all members present 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. Hudson with the following people present: Mr. Joe Babb, Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mr. Kenneth Wheeler, Dr. Gearl Loden, Mr. Otis Tims, Dr. Matthew Dillon, Mrs. Pamela Traylor, 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 Mr. Wheeler, with a second by Mr. Babb, 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, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

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

Next, Tupelo High School Principal Jason Harris and Assistant Principal Tim Carter entered the meeting and in Mrs. Kimberly Britton's absence Dr. Matthew Dillon presented summary information regarding Student Appeal #43-2013-2014. Dr. Dillon stated that the parents of Student #43-2013-2014 requested an appeal regarding the District Disciplinary Hearing Committee's (DDHC) recommendation and Mrs. Britton's decision was to uphold the DDHC's recommendation of 180 school days to the Structured Day Program. On

November 3, 2013, the parents of Student #43-2013-2014 requested an appeal to the TPSD Board of Trustees of the decision to assign the student to the Structured Day Program 180 days.

At this point, Student #43-2013-2014 and his/her parents entered the meeting and addressed the Board. After that, the parents and student left the meeting.

Thereafter, the Board deliberated on the matters presented at the appeal.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Wheeler moved to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Babb seconded the motion, and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed and the Board in Open Session.

Mr. Hudson reopened the meeting to tell all in attendance that the Board was back in Open Session. Everyone waiting re-entered the meeting, and Mr. Hudson stated that the Board was back in Open Session and that no action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

ACTION BY THE BOARD – APPEAL OF STUDENT #43-2013-2014

On a motion by Mr. Babb, seconded by Mr. Prather the Board voted unanimously to deny the appeal of Student #43-2013-2014. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Detailed information regarding Student Discipline Case #43-2013-2014 is marked Exhibit 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Babb, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, 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:

Rob Hudson, President

Joseph Babb, Secretary