

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 PM MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2010**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a regular meeting of the Board held in open session at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at Lawhon Elementary School, 140 Lake Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Lee Tucker 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. Amy Heyer
Mr. John Nail
Mr. Eddie Prather
Mrs. Beth Stone
Mr. Lee Tucker

Staff Present:	Dr. Randy Shaver	Mrs. Glenda Scott
	Mrs. Diana Ezell	Mrs. Pamela Traylor
	Dr. Fred Hill	Mr. Kenneth Roberts
	Mr. David Meadows	Mr. Larry Harmon
	Mrs. Linda Pannell	Mr. Terry Hatch
	Mrs. Jennifer Strunk	Mrs. Mary Ruth Wright
	Mrs. Marisa Martin	
	Ms. Patrice Tate	
	Mrs. Julie Hinds	
	Mrs. Dale Warriner	

Mr. Tucker announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted.

Mr. Tucker 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. Prather, seconded by Mr. Nail, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2010, work session and regular meeting as presented. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Welcome

Lawhon Elementary School Principal Christy Carroll welcomed the Board of Trustees, parents, and staff to Lawhon Elementary School.

B. Public Comments

No requests for public comments were received for this board meeting.

C. Recognitions

The Tupelo High School Boy's Swim Team was recognized for winning their Fourth Consecutive State Championship

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. District Endowment

At the noon meeting, Mrs. Mary Ann Plasencia and CREATE Foundation representatives Jan Eastman and Juanita Floyd presented information regarding establishing a district endowment through the CREATE Foundation.

B. iCORE Presentation

At the noon meeting, the Board heard a report from Ms. Bonnie Loague regarding iCORE which is an educational tool for math and science.

C. Accountability Report – 2010-2011 Licensed Staff Attendance for Month 1 and New Program Updates

At the noon meeting, Mr. David Meadows provided Accountability reports in two areas: 2010-2011 Licensed Staff Attendance for Month 1 and New Program Updates for High School Advancement Academy, School Age Mothers, and Ombudsman.

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

At the 5:00 p.m. session, Superintendent Randy Shaver summarized the above reports for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

It was the consensus of the Board to table Single Source Purchase #SS137 – Educational Tools, Incisional hernia. (iCORE) until the next meeting.

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

1. Contractual Agreements #CO1122 through #CO1124
Contracts for Rental of School Facility #SFR150 through #SFR156
Contract for Charter Bus Service #BC10-11-004
2. Donations #2010-2011-25 through #2010-2011-30
3. Granted Permission to Apply for TPSD Grants #1109 and #1110
4. Accepted TPSD Grant #1111
5. Authorized the Removal of 17 Assets and the Addition of 1 Asset from the TPSD Asset Inventory

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

Mr. Nail moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regards to the following student transfer requests:

- Approval of one (1) resident student transfer request (in-district)
- Approval of one (1) nonresident student transfer request (in-district)
- Approval of one (1) nonresident student transfer request (tuition)

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Heyer 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

Superintendent Randy Shaver recommended approval of the Licensed Staff recommendations. Mr. Nail moved to approve the Licensed Staff recommendations as presented. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Later in the meeting, Dr. Shaver presented an amended Personnel Report for approval. Mrs. Heyer moved to approve the Personnel Report and Mr. Prather seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. 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 for the period October 16 through October 31, 2010, Docket of Claims #88022 through #88503, Accounts Payable Checks #62616 through #62896 in the amount of \$725,943.79.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone and approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. This affirms that the claims and 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 Report is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. Statement of Cash Flow for Month Ending September 30, 2010

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Cash Flow for Month Ending September 30, 2010, for the Board's review.

The Statement of Cash Flow Report for Month Ending September 30, 2010, is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. First Quarter Student Discipline Report

Student Services Director Pamela Traylor presented the First Quarter Student Discipline Report which included the following information:

- Tabulations of incidents from each school. These incidents include fights, drugs, weapons, profanity, bullying/harassment/threats, and proactive counseling (2010-2011 and (2009-2010).
- Discipline comparison (graph of incidents) of the First Nine Weeks (2010-2011 to 2009-2010) including a graph representing the 2010-2011 Incident Action Count Difference (increase/decrease).
- List of students placed at the Fillmore Center (Ombudsman Program), their demographic data, the reason and length of their placement.
- List of students placed at the Fillmore Center (Ombudsman Program) to complete assigned placement from previous school district, their demographic data, the reason and length of their placement.

Mrs. Heyer moved to ratify the administrative decisions in regard to Alternative School Placement for the first nine weeks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A copy of the First Quarter Student Discipline Report is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

G. Student Discipline Report – Case #19

Mr. Prather moved to ratify the administrative decision to expel Student #19 for one calendar year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nail and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The Student Discipline Report (Case #19) is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy Changes

The following policy amendments were tabled at the last board meeting and re-submitted for consideration for approval. Mrs. Kelly Stimpson participated in the noon board meeting via iChat and recommended amendment of the following TPSD Board Policies:

BEDH	Public Participation in Meetings
CC	Administrative Organization
EBCE	Emergency School Closings
KDB	Public Access to Records
KMA	Relations with Parent Organizations

Mrs. Heyer moved to approve the amended policies as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

Copies of the above policies are marked EXHIBIT 10 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Amendment to FY11 Budget for Federal Education Jobs Award

At the noon briefing session, Finance Director Linda Pannell reported that the district has received an award letter from the State Department of Education notifying us of additional funding for Federal Educations Jobs (Ed Jobs), and a budget amendment is needed to allow the placement of \$1,318,452 revenue in the 2010-11 budget. To comply with the regulations of the award and for maintaining required documentation for reporting and audits, Mrs. Pannell recommended that this funding be used to “retain existing employees”. By using the funds this way, we can release current obligated funds to increase the fund balance at the end of this school year; therefore, allowing more fund balance to be used for budgeting in the 2011-12 school year. With the uncertainty of the state’s economy and the predictions that the 2011-12 funding from the state will not improve, retaining a fund balance will be a wise use of this additional funding.

At the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board, on a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to amend the budget to add funding for Federal Education Jobs in the amount of \$1,318,452.00 to the FY11 Budget.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

B. Change Order Number Five (5) Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Phase II Project

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to approve Change Order Number Five (5) for the Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Phase II Project with JESCO, Inc. This change order reconciles all project allowances in Phase II and decreases the contract amount by \$5,034.00. The new contract sum is \$2,925,728.45.

The President of the Board declared the motion passed. A copy of Change Order Number Five (5) for the Tupelo High School Additions and Renovations Phase II Project is marked EXHIBIT 11 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

Mr. Prather requested information on what program (or programs) will not need to be renewed if iCORE is approved and the money saved by the district if not renewed.

B. Executive Session

An Executive Session was held during the noon meeting to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 5:25 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Lee Tucker, President

Eddie Prather, Secretary