

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JUNE 16, 2009**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a duly called special meeting of the Board held in open session at Noon on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Clayborne.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The following School Board members were present during roll call:

Members Present: Mr. Mike Clayborne
 Mr. Steve Ludt
 Mr. John Nail
 Mr. Eddie Prather

Members Absent: Mr. Lee Tucker

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

Dr. Randy Shaver was also present at the meeting. Members of the press also attended the meeting.

Mr. Clayborne announced a quorum and stated that the special called meeting was called pursuant to Mississippi Open Meetings Law Sections 25-41-1 through 25-41-17.

III. CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REORGANIZATION

Superintendent Randy McCoy presented for consideration and discussion the following personnel recommendations for school year 2009-2010 which would be funded by district funds:

- A. Addition of three (3) assistant principals to be located at Lawhon, Rankin and Pierce Street.
- B. Addition of three (3) reading specialists (one fulltime at Lawhon, one fulltime at Rankin and one halftime at Pierce Street)
- C. Addition of three (3) custodians at Pierce Street.
- D. Authorized contracting with GAC Services Group, Inc. for cleaning services at Tupelo High School (pending review by School Board Attorney Kelly Stimpson). The contract will be brought to the Board of Trustees at the June 23, 2009 regular board meeting.

Mr. Nail moved to approve the above recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

IV. CAPITAL PROJECTS NEEDS – 3 MIL MONEY

Superintendent Randy McCoy discussed the possibility of borrowing money and the issuance of notes not to exceed three (3) mills for the purpose of purchasing buses, equipping buildings and construction/renovations.

Dr. McCoy recommended that the Board adopt a Resolution to assess millage this year, but decide later specifically how to use the money. For example: this year – buses/technology and next year – construction bonds. Dr. McCoy also stated that currently we use 5 buses to transport special education students. We can use SPED stimulus money to purchase 5 buses for SPED and put the other 5 into our fleet. The same is done for ECEC with 3 buses. The district could possibly use Title Stimulus dollars to replace the 3 buses and move others into our fleet.

Discussion was also held regarding capital needs at Tupelo High School. A report was distributed by Dr. McCoy which prioritized the needs. Mr. Clayborne indicated that he would like further information on the Tupelo High School capital needs plan and suggested a tour of Tupelo High School at a later date.

V. QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS APPLICATION (AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009)

Superintendent Randy McCoy reported that a Resolution will be presented at the June 23, 2009, regular board meeting to allow the superintendent, board president and secretary to take all actions necessary to submit an application to the Mississippi Department of Education for school construction bonds pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – STUDENT MATTERS

Board President Mike Clayborne suggested to the School Board a temporary executive session to determine the need for a permanent executive session for the purpose of discussing student matters.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, 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 Mike Clayborne with the following people present: Mr. Mike Clayborne, Mrs. Amy Heyer, Mr. John Nail, Mr. Eddie Prather, Dr. Randy McCoy, Dr. Randy Shaver, Mrs. Diana Ezell, Mr. David Meadows and Dr. George Noflin.

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

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

Mr. Clayborne reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into Executive Session was to discuss student matters.

Upon a motion by Mr. Nail with a second by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

On a motion by Mr. Nail, seconded by Mrs. Heyer, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this meeting of the Board of Trustees, it was moved by Mr. Nail and duly seconded by Mr. Prather that the Board adjourn. Mr. Clayborne declared the meeting in adjournment at 2:15 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Mike Clayborne, President

Amy Heyer, Secretary