

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
APRIL 7, 2016**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a special called meeting of the Board held in open session at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Joe Babb called the meeting to order.

Board members present during roll call were: Mr. Eddie Prather, Mr. Rob Hudson, and Mr. Kenneth Wheeler. Mrs. Sherry Davis was absent. Mr. Babb announced that four members were present constituting a quorum.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Gearl Loden, Dr. Diana Ezell, Mrs. Kimberly Britton, Dr. Eddie Peasant, Mrs. Modesty Shumpert, and Attorney Otis Tims. Members of the press were also present.

Board President Joe Babb announced: ""Pursuant to the Mississippi Open Meetings Law, Sections 25-41-1 through 25-14-17 of the Mississippi Code, this meeting was called for the purpose of conducting a special called meeting to consider personnel recommendations and to approve the Career and Technical Center FY17 Local Plan Update."

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda. Mr. Babb declared the motion passed.

III. CONSIDERATION OF LICENSED STAFF

Superintendent Gearl Loden recommended approval of the following licensed personnel:

CHANGE OF STATUS:

- Mr. Leslie Vaughn McNeal, from Assistant Principal at Milam to Assistant Principal at THS, replacing Mr. Jeffery Credille. Effective July 1, 2016. Rate of pay will be Step 93 on the 240 Day Administrative Salary Guide. Position #40-021001.
- Mr. Mark Enis, from Assistant Principal at Lawndale to Assistant Principal at THS, replacing Ms. Betsy Grubbs. Effective July 1, 2016. Rate of pay will be Step 93 on the 240 Day Administrative Salary Guide. Position #40-021002.
- Ms. Summer Allen, from Secondary Science Teacher at TMS to Assistant Principal at Milam, replacing Mr. Leslie Vaughn McNeal. Effective July 1, 2016. Rate of pay will be Step 83 on the 240 Day Administrative Salary Guide. Position #23-021001.

- Ms. Heather Cartwright, from Elementary Teacher/Media Specialist at Parkway to Assistant Principal at Lawndale, replacing Mr. Mark Enis. Effective July 1, 2016. Rate of pay will be Step 92 on the 203 Day Administrative Salary Guide. Position #21-021001.
- Dr. Loretta Hartfield, from Pierce Street Elementary Teacher to District Math Curriculum Specialist. Effective July 1, 2016. Rate of pay will be Step 20 (AAAA) of the TSG at 218 days. Position # TBD.
- Ms. LaTonya Slater, from Part-time Certified Tutor at Lawhon Elementary replacing Susan Duran. Effective July 1, 2016. Rate of pay will be Step 12 (AAA) of the TSG at 218 days upon verification. Position # 93-017002.

NEW PERSONNEL:

- Ms. Candi Moore-Robertson, Assistant Principal at THS replacing Mr. Adam Lindsey, effective July 1, 2016. Rate of pay will be Step 103 on the 240 Day Administrative Salary Guide. Position #40-021003.
- Dr. Tanisha Smith, Director of Innovative & Alternative Programs at Fillmore, replacing Mr. Willie Harmon. Effective July 1, 2016. Rate of pay will be Step 113 on the 240 Day Administrative Salary Guide. Position #35-008001.

Dr. Loden introduced the new staff members to the Board of Trustees.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Licensed Personnel Recommendations as presented. The Board President declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Babb entertained a motion to enter temporary Executive Session for the purpose of determining the need to enter permanent Executive Session. Mr. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prather, that the Board enter temporary 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. Babb with the following people present: Mr. Rob Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mr. Kenneth Wheeler, Mr. Otis Tims, Mrs. Kimberly Britton, Dr. Gearl Loden, Dr. Eddie Peasant, Ms. Patrice Tate and Mrs. Modesty Shumpert.

The Board first considered the reason for entering Executive Session. Upon a motion by Mr. Wheeler, with a second by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to remain in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed. Mr. Babb went out into the hallway to let everyone know that the Board will remain in Executive Session

Mr. Babb reentered the room, and reopened the meeting to tell all those in attendance the reason for going into Executive Session was to discuss personnel matters.

Dr. Loden opened the discussion on the first personnel matter. At the conclusion of this discussion, Dr. Peasant and Mrs. Britton left the room.

Dr. Loden then began the discussion on the second personnel matter.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to return to Open Session, which was seconded by Mr. Prather and adopted unanimously by all members present.

Mr. Babb then left the room and announced that the Board had returned to Open Session. Upon returning to the meeting, Mr. Babb announced that no action had been taken in Executive Session.

V. APPROVAL OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER FY17 LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Prather motioned that the Board approved the FY17 Local Plan Update for the Career and Technical Center. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and was adopted unanimously by all members present. Mr. Babb declared the motion passed.

A copy of the Career and Technical Center FY17 Local Plan Update is marked EXHIBIT 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Babb entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hudson, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was adopted unanimously by all members present, and the meeting stood adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Joe Babb, President

Sherry Davis, Secretary