

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOON MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2014**

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, May 13, 2014, at the Hancock Leadership Center, 1920 Briar Ridge, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board members present during roll call were: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis, 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 Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wheeler, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the agenda for May 13, 2014, with the following changes:

1. Addendum to the Licensed Personnel Report, Section VIII. Superintendent's Report, Item B. Number 1.
2. Delete Item A. Consideration of Awarding of Advertised Bid for Security Cameras under Section IX. Unfinished Business

The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

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

April 15, 2014	Work Session, 9:30am – Hancock Leadership Center
April 15, 2014	Regular Meeting, Noon, Hancock Leadership Center
April 15, 2014	Regular Meeting, 5:00pm – Lawndale Elementary School

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

RECOGNITIONS

Superintendent Gearl Loden and the Board of Trustees recognized a number of community and district staff members who contributed to the quick restoration of school for Joyner Elementary students following the April 28th tornado damage. Also recognized were Tupelo Mayor Jason Shelton, Tupelo Chief Operating Officer Don Lewis and city department heads

for their behind-the-scenes work during the recovery process. Joyner's kindergarten wing suffered the heaviest damage and will be repaired during the summer. First and second graders were able to return to Joyner on May 5, while kindergarteners were finishing the year at Church Street School.

Mr. Hudson announced that numerous staff and student recognitions were scheduled for the 5:00 p.m. meeting of the Board at Lawndale Elementary School.

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

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

- A. Curriculum Update presented by Mrs. Amy Ferguson and Ms. Lea Johnson (TPSD Goal #1)
- B. Update on Community Advisory Committee presented by Dr. Diana Ezell (TPSD Goal #1)
- C. Ad Valorem Report for Amount Received in April, 2014 presented by Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #4)

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 (TPSD Policy DJAAB Contract Signing Authority)
Contracts to be Acknowledged and Awarded: #CO1415 through #CO1417
- 2. Donations #2013-2014-051 through #2013-2014-064 (TPSD Policy DFAB Revenues for Non-Tax Sources)
- 3. Request Permission to Submit TPSD Grants #1428 through #1430
(TPSD Policy DEEG Grant Management)
- 4. Request Permission to Accept TPSD Grant #1429
(TPSD Policy DEEG Grant Management)
- 5. Permission to Advertise BD1500 Classroom/Office Supply Bid (TPSD Policy DJED)
- 6. Permission to Remove 43 Items from the District Asset List

B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Dillon

- 1. Student Transfer Report (TPSD Policy JBCD Transfers and Withdrawals of Students)
- 2. Overnight Field Trip Requests (TPSD Policy IFCB Field Trips and Excursions)
 - a. THS, Lady Wave Basketball, Tuscaloosa, AL
 - b. THS, Lady Wave Basketball, Huntsville, AL
 - c. THS Cross Country, Brevard, NC
 - d. THS, Career and Technical Center Early Childhood, San Antonio, TX
 - e. THS, Lady Wave Basketball, Delta State University

- f. THS, Career and Technical Center Welding Class, Kansas City, MO
- g. THS, Boys Basketball Team, Memphis, TN
- h. THS, Boys Basketball Team, Murfreesboro, TN
- i. TMS, Cheerleaders, MSU, Starkville, MS

C. Office of Superintendent Assistant Superintendent Kim Britton

Request Approval of Title I Consolidated Federal Programs Application and Assurances for 2014-2015 (TPSD Goal #1, Policy #JQN).....Mrs. Anna Guntharp

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. Docket of Claims and Check Registers

Board Member Joe Babb 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 April 5, 2014 through May 2, 2014, Docket of Claims #18616 through #19221, Accounts Payable Checks #11389 through #11808 in the amount of \$994,852.58.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period April 2014, Checks #1451 through #1479 in the amount of \$7,893.62.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period April 2014, Checks #1903 through #1989 in the amount of \$10,317.55.

The grand total for all funds is \$1,013,063.75.

2. Approval of 2012-2013 Audit Report (TPSD Goal #4, Policy DA)

Mrs. Pannell requests approval of the State Approved Final Audit Report for year ended June 30, 2013. This audit report has been presented to the Board Audit Committee (Mrs. Sherry Davis and Mr. Joe Babb) during the audit exit meeting with Auditor Amy Greer of J. E. Vance & Company, P.A., Finance Director Linda Pannell and Superintendent Gearl Loden on Wednesday, May 7, 2014.

3. Monthly Financial Reports required by MS Code 37-9-18 (Month Ending 3-31-14)

In accordance with MS Code 37-9-18 the following Financial Reports for month ending March 31, 2014, were reviewed:

- Bank Reconciliation Report
- Revenue and Expenditure Report with Budget Status
- TPSD Cash Flow Statement
- Combined Balance Sheet
- March 31, 2014 Financial Statements

(TPSD Goal #4, TPSD Policy Section D – Fiscal Management)

B. Office of Director of Human Resources Mr. Jim Turner/Dr. Gearl Loden

1. Licensed Personnel Recommendations (includes Addendum) (TPSD Goal #3)

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

2. Recruiting Update Report (TPSD Goal #3, TPSD Policy GBC)

Mr. Turner presented the annual Recruiting Report which summarized the universities visited and a cost analysis of each visit.

C. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Diana Ezell (TPSD Policy BDC)

First Reading of TPSD Policy EDAJH Bus Idling

In order to reduce pollution and health concerns and prevent the premature wear on engines created by idling school buses, the District will eliminate all unnecessary idling of all District-owned and/or contracted school buses such that idling is minimized in all aspects of school bus operation. This is the first reading of Policy EDAH for the Board of Trustees to consider.

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

Information Items

Information was provided regarding the following items:

1. THS Graduation, May 16, BancorpSouth Arena, Ceremony begins at 7:00pm
2. End of the Year Celebration, May 27, 8:00am, THS, Performing Arts Center
3. School Board Retreat, Noon, June 26 and June 27
4. Installation of Field Turf Update (Mr. Andy Schoggin)
5. SATP/MCT2/Accountability Model Update
6. Summer Activities Report by Mrs. Kimberly Britton

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No Unfinished Business items were presented at this meeting of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration for Approval of 2014-2015 School Handbooks, District Guidelines and Athletic Handbook Changes

Dr. Diana Ezell recommended approval of 2014-2015 School Handbooks, District Guidelines, and Athletic Handbook changes.

B. Consideration for Approval of Resolution Declaring an Emergency and Authorizing Emergency Purchases and Related Construction Expenses

Finance Director Linda Pannell presented the following Resolution for review and consideration for approval:

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY PURCHASES AND RELATED CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES FOR REBUILDING AND REPAIRING JOYNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS RESULTING FROM THE TORNADO OF APRIL 28, 2014.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics – Superintendent Gearl Loden

June 10, 2014 Board Meeting

1. Annual Grant Report
2. Year-End Discipline Report
3. Senior Class Update
4. Marketing and Communication Report
5. ECEC Update Report

B. Future Agenda Topics – Board Members

No items were requested by Board Members.

C. 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 personnel matter.

On a motion by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Prather, 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. Hudson with the following people present: Mr. Joe Babb, Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Rob

Hudson, Mr. Eddie Prather, Mr. Kenneth Wheeler, Dr. Gearl Loden, Ms. Patrice Tate 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 Mr. Wheeler, with a second by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to remain in executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and the possible negotiation of land purchase. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously by all members present, 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 personnel matter and the possible negotiation of land purchase.

Thereafter, the Board discussed the aforementioned matters in Executive Session and after discussion Mr. Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Prather, to go back into Open Session, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hudson announced that the Board was now in Open Session.

OPEN SESSION

AMENDMENT TO SUPERINTENDENT GEARL LODEN'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Mrs. Sherry Davis moved to approve a Resolution which amends Superintendent Gearl Loden's employment contract effective July 1, 2014. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion, and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried unanimously, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

A complete copy of the text of the Resolution and accompanying Third Amendment to Superintendent Loden's Contract is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Davis, 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 3:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Robert L. Hudson, II, President

Joseph Babb, Secretary