

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 5:00 P.M. MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2012**

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, January 17, 2012, at Thomas Street Elementary School, 520 Thomas Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Staff Present:	Mr. David Meadows	Ms. Ahsaki Games
	Dr. Fred Hill	Mrs. Kimberly Foster
	Mrs. Kay Bishop	Mrs. Kay Collins
	Mrs. Julie Connolly	Mr. Danny Porter
	Ms. Lea Johnson	Mr. Jason Harris
	Mrs. Marisa Martin	Mr. Brock English
	Ms. Patrice Tate	Mr. Larry Harmon
	Mrs. Pamela Traylor	Mrs. Kimberly Britton
	Mrs. Mary Ann Plasencia	Dr. Denecise Salters
	Mrs. Dale Warriner	Mr. Travis Beard
	Mrs. Brenda Meriweather	Dr. Terry Harbin
	Ms. Delena Masley	Mr. Brad Moton
	Dr. Kristy Luse	

Mrs. Heyer announced a quorum and stated that the meeting was lawfully in session. School Board Attorney Guy Mitchell, III was also present. Members of the press were also present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved at the noon meeting. A copy of the agenda is marked EXHIBIT 1 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Prather, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously by all members present to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2011, regular meeting as presented. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Welcome

Mrs. Kay Collins, Principal of Thomas Street Elementary School, welcomed the Board of Trustees, parents, and staff to Thomas Street Elementary School.

B. Recognitions

1. 2012 TPSD Teachers of the Year from each school were recognized as listed below:

Carver	Kim Fandel
ECEC	Katherine (Katie) Pannell
Church HSAA	Antonio Magee
Joyner	Sherry Gravatt
Lawhon	Brenda Gilbert
Lawndale	Paulette Agnew
Milam	Patricia Griffin
Parkway	Donna Jones
Pierce	Dr. Jethlyn McCraw
Rankin	Chiquita Ivy
Thomas	Angela Bates
TMS	Lindsay Brett
THS	Bea Ford
SAM	Kristen Fondren

2. Carver Elementary Teacher Kim Fandel was named the 2012 TPSD Teacher of the Year
3. Ms. Delena Masley was presented the "Award of Excellence" for her commitment to the E-Rate funding process for Tupelo Public Schools.
4. Representatives from the Link Centre presented the Board of Trustees, Mr. David Meadows, Dr. Fred Hill, and Dr. Denecise Salters the Link Centre Partners Award for the District's School Aged Mothers Program.
5. Tupelo High School boys Cross Country 6A Champions
6. Tupelo High School girls Cross Country 6A Champions
7. Tupelo High School Boys and Girls Swim Team 6A Champions

COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. Superintendent Search Update

Board Member Eddie Prather reported that a Special Called Meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at the Hancock Leadership Center to meet with Dr. Michael Waldrop, Executive Director of the Mississippi School Boards Association regarding the Superintendent Search for Tupelo Public Schools.

B. Communication Reports

Interim Superintendent David Meadows summarized the below reports for the benefit of those not present at the noon meeting.

1. Proposed 2012-2013 School Year Calendar
2. SATP2 Tutoring and Retesting
3. Achievement Gap Information from First District Common Assessment

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Consent Agenda

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

1. Contracts for Rental of School Facilities #SFR1222 and #SFR1223
2. Donations #2011-2012-018 and #20-11-2012-019
3. Permission to Apply for TPSD Grants #1209 and #1210
4. Authorization to Accept TPSD Grants #1127 and #1128

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stone 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 2 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Student Transfer Report

Mr. Hudson moved to affirm the Student Transfer Report as presented:

- Approval of three (3) resident student transfers (in-district)
- Approval of seven (7) resident student transfer (in-district for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year)
- Approval of admission of three (3) non-resident students (tuition)

The motion was seconded by Mr. Prather 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 3 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Personnel Recommendations

Interim Superintendent David Meadows recommended approval of the Licensed Staff recommendations. Mr. Prather moved to approve the Licensed Staff recommendations as presented. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all members present. The President of the Board declared the motion passed. The Personnel Report is marked EXHIBIT 4 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

D. Docket of Claims

Mr. Prather reviewed the Docket of Claims and Check Registers prior to the meeting and recommended approval of the Docket of Claims and Check Registers as outlined below:

- Docket of Claims for the period December 6, 2011, through January 6, 2012, Docket of Claims #98958 through #99796, Accounts Payable Checks #69359 through #69871 in the amount of \$1,390,788.35.
- Tupelo High School Activity Check Register for the period December 2011, Checks #3458 through #3474 in the amount of \$3,288.55.
- Athletic Activity Check Register for the period December 2011, Checks #5149 through #5177 in the amount of \$2,743.40.

The grand total for all funds is \$1,396,820.30.

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 aforementioned Docket of Claims and Check Registers are marked EXHIBIT 5 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

E. November 30, 2011, Financial Statement

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Income and Expenditures through month ending November 30, 2011, for consideration of approval. Mrs. Pannell stated that a listing by fund is available for the Board's information.

On a motion by Mrs. Stone, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the November 30, 2011, Financial Statement as submitted. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The September 30, 2011, Financial Statement is marked EXHIBIT 6 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

F. Statement of Cash Flow for Month Ending October 31, 2011

Finance Director Linda Pannell submitted the Statement of Cash Flow for month ending October 31, 2011, for information and review (copy on file).

G. Policy Changes – TPSD Policy IKF Graduation Requirements and Exhibits IKF-E1, IKF-E2 and IKF-E3

Interim Superintendent David Meadows recommended amendment of TPSD Board Policy IKF Graduation and the addition of new exhibits IKF-E1, IKF-E2 and IKF-E3. Mr. Prather moved to amend TPSD Policy IKF Graduation Requirements and IKF-E1, IKF-E2, and IKF-E3 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and was approved unanimously. The President of the Board declared the motion passed.

The adoption of the amendment of TPSD Policy IKF will rescind Policy IKF dated 6/22/10.

A copy of TPSD Board Policy IKF Graduation Requirements and the corresponding Policy Exhibits IKF-1, IKF-2 and IKF-3 is marked EXHIBIT 7 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration for Approval of Tupelo High School Varsity Band Field Trip

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to approve request from THS Band Director Tim Matlock for an overnight field trip to San Antonio, Texas on April 11-15, 2012.

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

Additional information regarding the THS Varsity Band Field trip scheduled for April 11-15, 2012, is marked EXHIBIT 8 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

B. Consideration for Approval of Tupelo High School Cheerleaders National Competition Trip

On a motion by Mr. Hudson, seconded by Mr. Prather, the Board voted unanimously to approve request from Ms. Kama Alford, THS Cheerleader Coach, for THS cheerleaders to attend the National Competition scheduled for February 9-14, 2012, contingent on an administrator accompanying the group.

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

Additional information regarding the THS Cheerleaders National Competition trip scheduled for February 9-14, 2012, is marked EXHIBIT 9 and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

C. Consideration of Reimbursement to Tupelo School District Learning Foundation, Inc.

Board President Amy Heyer stated that the Tupelo School District Learning Foundation, Inc. has requested that the Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District reimburse it for expenses incurred in the 2010-2011 school year.

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to direct Interim Superintendent David Meadows to reimburse the Tupelo School District Learning Foundation, Inc. for expenses it incurred in the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years (approximately \$80,000.00) so that its funds are made available for payment of One D'Ville taxes and insurance.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A. Future Agenda Topics

Several topics were discussed at the noon meeting of the Board.

B. Executive Session – Personnel Matters

An Executive Session was held at the noon meeting to discuss personnel matters. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Tucker, seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The President of the Board declared the motion passed and the meeting in adjournment at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVED:
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATTEST:

Arlissa C. Heyer, President

Elizabeth Stone, Secretary