

**TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
(BOARD RETREAT)
JUNE 30, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of the Tupelo Public School District convened in a special called meeting of the Board held in open session at 8 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2017, at the Community Development Foundation, 398 East Main Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Eddie Prather called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Board members present during roll call were: Mr. Eddie Prather, Mrs. Sherry Davis, Mr. Kenneth Wheeler and Mr. Joe Babb. Mr. Rob Hudson arrived shortly after the meeting started.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Gearl Loden and the core administrative team, and School Board Attorney Otis Tims. Other administrators participated as needed. Several members of the press and community leaders were also present.

III. PURPOSE OF CALLED MEETING

Board President Eddie Prather announced a quorum and stated that the Special Called meeting was called pursuant to Mississippi Open Meeting Law (MS Code Sections 25-41-1 through 25-41-17) to conduct the Annual Board Work Session Retreat. A copy of the agenda is marked **EXHIBIT 1** and held in the Exhibit Book of this meeting date and incorporated herein.

IV. MAYOR'S WELCOME AND REMARKS

Dr. Gearl Loden greeted the group and introduced several speakers that each shared information regarding the building of a FEMA shelter at Tupelo High School.

- Mayor Jason Shelton addressed all in attendance on the importance of partnerships between the Tupelo Public School District and the City.
- Mr. Will Lewis, of JBHM, presented a timeline of the process for grant submission from start to finish.
- Mr. Leo Wood of Broaddus & Associates spoke about receiving bids and the process that will eventually lead to breaking ground.
- Fire Chief Jason Cross spoke on the benefits of having a centralized meeting place in case of an emergency.

Mr. Eddie Prather closed this part of the meeting and thanked all the visitors for attending.

V. Board Goals and Measurable Indicators of Success

The Board had concerns about goal #3, which deals with attracting and retaining all stakeholders. Mr. Shane Hooper, Director of Development Services for the city of Tupelo, shared information regarding population trends and housing in the city.

In addition, Mrs. Kimberly Britton shared information regarding a population study for the city of Tupelo and how the city's population relates to enrollment of students at Tupelo Schools.

Mr. Joe Babb suggested that the Board revisit, in a future meeting, indicators for the success of goal #3. No action was taken by the Board.

VI. DISTRICT SURVEYS

Mrs. Kimberly Britton shared the district's Staff Climate Surveys. Mr. Babb asked for a report on the Parent Climate Surveys at a later meeting. No action was taken by the Board.

VII. Board Survey & Self Evaluation

Mrs. Sherry Davis shared presented several examples of surveys or self-evaluation instrument for the Board. This information came from a session at this year's National School Board Association Conference. Mrs. Davis suggested that the Board choose one of the surveys at a later meeting. No action was taken by the Board.

VIII. Concerns/Other

The Board then began a discussion on the financial stability of the District if choosing to fund classrooms at ECEC or more FEMA shelters. No action was taken by the Board.

XI. Adjournment

There being no more business, the Board decided to adjourn for the day.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Mr. Eddie Prather, President

Mr. Rob Hudson, Secretary