

**REGULAR -- ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
TUPELO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
12:00 PM - Hancock Leadership Center, 5:00 PM Lawhon Elementary School  
March 18, 2014**

**MISSION**

**The Tupelo Public School District serves the community by engaging each student in an excellent education that develops skills and citizenship needed for success in a global society.**

**DISTRICT GOALS FOR 2013-2014**

- 1. Increase student achievement across the District.**
- 2. Provide a safe, secure and orderly environment in all schools.**
- 3. Attract and retain all stakeholders.**
- 4. Maintain sound financial stability.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Presenter: Mr. Rob Hudson

**III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**IV. Oath of Office -- Mr. Eddie Prather**

Presenter: Mr. Otis Tims

**V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ITEMS**

Presenter: Mr. Otis Tims

**A. Election of Board Officers**

Presenter: Mr. Otis Tims

**B. Appointment of Legal Counsel**

Presenter: Board President

**C. Posting of Public Notices**

Presenter: Mr. Otis Tims

**D. Appointment of Recording Secretary**

Presenter: Mr. Otis Tims

**E. Authorization of District Signatures for District Financial Accounts**

Presenter: Mr. Otis Tims

**F. Consideration to Adopt Previously Approved Policies, Administrative Regulations, and Exhibits**

Presenter: Mr. Otis Tims

**G. Appointment of Board Audit Review Committee**

Presenter: Mr. Otis Tims

**VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Presenter: Ms. Patrice Tate, Recording Secretary

**A. February 11, 2014 Noon Meeting**

Presenter: Ms. Patrice Tate

**VII. WELCOME, PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Welcome**

Presenter: Mrs. Corlis Curry, Principal, Lawhon Elementary School

**B. Public Comments**

**C. Recognitions (TPSD Goal #3)**

1. School Board Recognition

2. Military Service Academy Appointments

3. Student Maria Kaltchenko -- TPSD, Lee County and Mid-South Spelling Bee Winner

4. Mississippi All State Lions Band

5. The Week of the Family Contest Winners

6. National Board Certified Teachers

7. THS Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams -- State Champions

8. TPSD District Reading Fair Winners
9. 2014 TPSD Teachers of the Year
10. Announcement of 2014 TPSD Teacher of the Year

#### VIII. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- A. Assistant Principal Training Program  
Presenter: Mr. Art Dobbs, Mrs. Amy Barnett, Dr. Diana Ezell
- B. New Accountability Model Update  
Presenter: Ms. Lea Johnson
- C. Milam Elementary School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Update  
Presenter: Mrs. Kimberly Britton/Mrs. Niki Peel
- D. Secondary Curriculum Update  
Presenter: Dr. Matthew Dillon/Dr. Kristy Luse/Mr. Jason Harris/Mr. Travis Beard
- E. Ad Valorem Reports for Amount Received in February, 2014  
Presenter: Mrs. Linda Pannell
- F. 2012-2013 Audit Progress Update  
Presenter: Mrs. Linda Pannell

#### IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Office of Director of Finance Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD GOAL #5)
  1. Contractual Agreements
    - a. Contracts #CO1405, #CO1407, and #CO1408
    - b. Contracts for Rental of School Facilities #SFR1427 through #SFR1433
  2. Donations #2012-2013-032 through #2012-2013-034
  3. Permission to Submit TPSD Grants #1420 through #1424
  4. Permission to Add One Item to the Asset List and Permission to Remove 47 Items from the Asset List
- B. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matthew Dillon
  1. Permission to Advertise for THS Turf/Track
  2. Student Transfer Report
  3. Readmission of Student #43-02-2012-2013
  4. Overnight Field Trip Request (TPSD Goals #2 and #4)
    - a. Tupelo High School Band to Pearl, MS, for MHSAA Concert Band State Evaluation, March 25-26, 2014
    - b. Tupelo High School Thespians to Lincoln, NE, for International Thespian Conference, June 22-29, 2014
    - c. Tupelo High School Technical Students Association, Olive Branch, MS, TSA State Conference, March 26-28, 2014
- C. Office of Superintendent Dr. Gearl Loden
  1. Request Approval of Appropriate Travel Expenses for Four Board members to attend the annual NSBA Conference, April 4-7, 2014, New Orleans, LA
  2. Approval of Dues for 2014-2015 National School Boards Association (April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015) in the amount of \$4,165.00

#### X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Office of Director of Finance Mrs. Linda Pannell (TPSD Goal #5)
  1. Docket of Claims for the period February 1, 2014, through February 28, 2014, in the amount of \$1,026,923.56; THS Activity Check Register for February 2014, in the amount of \$4,836.41; and Athletic Check Register in the amount of \$8,908.81; for a grand total of \$1,040,668.78.  
Presenter: Mr. Kenneth Wheeler
  2. Financial Reports for Month-Ending January 31, 2014  
Presenter: Mrs. Linda Pannell
    - a. Summary Report of Reconciled Bank Statements with Certification
    - b. Statement of Revenue and Expenditures with Current Budget Status

- c. Cash Flow Statement for District Maintenance Fund
- d. Combined Balance Sheet for all General and Special Revenue Funds
- e. Monthly Financial Statement

B. Office of Director of Human Resources Mr. Jim Turner (TPSD Goal #3)

- 1. Approval of Licensed Staff
- 2. Job Description -- Coordinator of Instructional Technology  
Presenter: Dr. Gearl Loden

C. Office of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Diana Ezell (TPSD Goal #1)

- 1. Consideration for Approval of Camp Opportunity, Summer 2014  
Presenter: Dr. Diana Ezell
- 2. Proposed TPSD Policy Changes
  - a. Second Reading of New TPSD Policy IGA Student Religious Liberties
  - b. Second Reading of New TPSD Policy GBKA Reduction in Professional Staff

D. Office of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gearl Loden (TPSD Goal #4)

- 1. Employment of 2014-2015 School Administrative Personnel, Licensed District Administrators and District-Wide Positions-No License Required  
Presenter: Dr. Gearl Loden
  - a. Employment of 2014-2015 School Administrative Personnel
  - b. Employment of 2014-2015 Licensed District Administrators
  - c. Employment of 2014-2015 District-Wide Positions/No License Required
- 2. Information Items  
Presenter: Dr. Gearl Loden
  - a. Marketing Update (Mrs. Kay Bishop)
  - b. THS Turf/Track Update (Mr. Andy Schoggin)
  - c. Discipline Review Committee (Dr. Matthew Dillon)
  - d. Potential Adjustment to School Calendar (Dr. Diana Ezell)
  - e. National School Boards Association (NSBA) Annual Convention, April 4-7, 2014

3. Miscellaneous

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Amendment to 2014 Board Meeting Schedule  
Presenter: Dr. Gearl Loden

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- A. Future Agenda Topics -- Superintendent
  - 1. 2014 Parent of the Year
  - 2. Approval of Licensed Teachers for 2014-2015 School Year
  - 3. Potential Handbook Changes
  - 4. Summer Projects Report (Dr. Dillon/Julie Hinds)
- B. Future Agenda Topics -- Board Members
- C. Executive Session

XIV. ADJOURNMENT