



### **CONSTRUCTION TO START SOON ON NEW THS VIDEO BOARD**

**TUPELO, Miss.** — When Tupelo High School football fans enter Renasant Field on Sept. 10 for the 2021 home opener against Corinth, they will undoubtedly notice a major enhancement.

*A new, multi-purpose, state-of-the-art video board.*

Tuesday afternoon during the March Tupelo Public School District board meeting, the \$557K project was unanimously approved. Construction will begin as soon as possible and should be completed in 130 working days.

The entire cost will come from district funds, and financing won't be necessary. In the long term, money generated from digital advertising will cover the entire expense.

“This will be a game changer for Tupelo athletics and Tupelo football,” second-year coach Ty Hardin said. “I’m so excited about the endless possibilities. We will have the best atmosphere in the state.”

The HD video board, which measures at 21.6 x 38.5 yards, was purchased from Ace Sports, located in Little Rock, Ark. It will replace the current scoreboard in the West end zone, but will be located several feet further back. It will also be used for soccer and track, along with other events held at the stadium.

The cost includes all the prep work, electrical and additional sidewalks, in addition to the control system that will be housed in the press box, software, two play clocks, a sound system (HD Sound Shockwave) and HD cameras.

“The game day experience will be electric,” TPSD activities director Jason Miller said. “The capabilities it has will make the game more like the next level. We are so excited about the possibilities this brings to the school, community and the district. A special thanks goes to our school board and administrators. Having a support system like theirs is why TPSD is second to none.”

This is one of several major projects the board of trustees has approved this academic year. Last fall, the district spent nearly \$500K on its fine arts programs, which resulted in musical instrument upgrades for the marching bands and classroom materials and curriculum for art and music classes. Moving forward, the science department is slated to receive substantial upgrades.

“It is good to see this upgrade to the Renasant field become a reality,” TPSD superintendent Dr. Rob Picou said. “The current scoreboard had met it’s life span and required constant maintenance. This facility upgrade is consistent with the TPSD tradition of maintaining high-quality programs. We continue to monitor all programs and search for ways to make improvements.”

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